



Tritlington Church of England First School

'Let your light shine'

16th July 2021

Newsletter Summer 9

Dear Parents,

The summer break is almost upon us. We would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a rollercoaster of a year!

On behalf of all the staff, we would like to thank all our parents and carers for their overwhelmingly positive support this year. We have faced many challenges together, including two Ofsted visits! but have made it to the end of the school year. Covid 19 still continues to have an impact on our daily lives, but working together and supporting each other, we have helped our children to feel safe, courageous and empowered.

Despite so much change to their lives, both at home and in school, the pupils have coped amazingly well. They have handled periods of self-isolation and working inside "bubbles" without complaining. They have had to deal with the disappointment of events being cancelled or changed, sometimes at very short notice, and they have worked very hard in school to make the best academic progress they can. We think our children are fantastic!

Active Northumberland Vouchers

We are delighted to share with you the summer vouchers from Active Northumberland if you need any inspiration on days out during the summer break! These are attached with this email.

Raffle

Our summer raffle raised an impressive £642! Thank you to all our families and friends who gave donations and sold tickets.

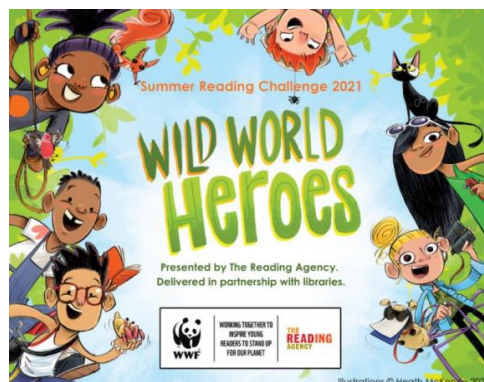
Parish Council

Our local Parish Council has received a Community Foundation grant to enable them to purchase spring flowering bulbs and planters to display in the parish. These will need to be planted from September onwards and the parish council would be delighted if parents and children would like to be involved in planting these up for the community to enjoy. If you would like to help, please contact school on vanessa.gray@tritlington.northumberland.sch.uk

Summer Reading Challenge

Northumberland Libraries are offering a free summer reading challenge - **Wild World Heroes**. To get involved, visit your local library and your child can select some books and collect stickers throughout the summer to complete a special Wild Heroes poster. It's fun and **FREE** to take part. Your local library can give you all the information that you need.

summerreadingchallenge.org.uk



Year 4 Leavers



It is with sadness that we have said goodbye to our wonderful Year 4 children this afternoon. We have enjoyed leavers service and presentation this afternoon with their parents in attendance. We will miss them all very much but wish them well on the next stage of their learning journey at Chantry Middle School. Good luck to all Year 4! You will be amazing!

Dfe Guidance

For those returning or joining us in September, we are planning for this return - regarding the covid situation - over the summer. Hopefully we will receive more detailed guidance before September, but essentially, we are keeping the one way system for drop off and pick up of children. Bubbles in school will cease. We will also continue to focus on maintaining good hand and face hygiene, ensuring rooms are well ventilated and continuing with our usual high standards of cleaning.

If your child has a positive PCR test between now and Sunday, please inform school via email at vanessa.gray@tritlington.northumberland.sch.uk we still have the responsibility to inform close contacts of positive cases. From Monday 19th July, the country will move to Step 4 of the roadmap and the NHS will take over all test and trace responsibilities. We will share any updated information with you before school returns in September if this is necessary. We will be keeping a watchful eye on the local and national situation as it develops. Essentially, schools are expected to remain open next academic year and can only close, even at a year group level, with DfE permission and following Public Health England advice. If DfE were to allow closure, we would have a contingency plan in place that would reinstate many of the control measures we are currently used to.

Thank you

We would like to thank all members of our PTA for their hard work this year and especially the committee who have been extremely proactive in securing funding for projects in school to benefit all of our children. The current committee is moving on at the end of this academic year. When we return to school in September there will be an AGM where a new committee will be chosen. We will notify you of the date of this in September. We would like to say a special thank you to Michelle Brooks, Mick Robertson and Chrissie Havis who have worked tirelessly for Tritlington this year.

We would say how appreciative we are here at Tritlington School for your ongoing support and generosity that you as parents show us on a daily basis. Please know how much a thoughtful email or kind word means to us. A sincere thank you from all of the Tritlington Team for your generous end of year gifts and kind wishes.

We hope you all have a fantastic summer break.

We will see you all on **Tuesday 7th September**.

Best wishes

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