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### DATES FOR DIARY TERMS

#### Spring Term 2009

Monday 5 January -  
Friday 3 April

#### Summer Term 2009

Monday 20 April -  
Thursday 16 July.

### CURRICULUM DAYS

#### Please note:

There will be no school for  
pupils/students on the  
following days:

Friday 17 July 2009

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

#### Easter Holidays 2009

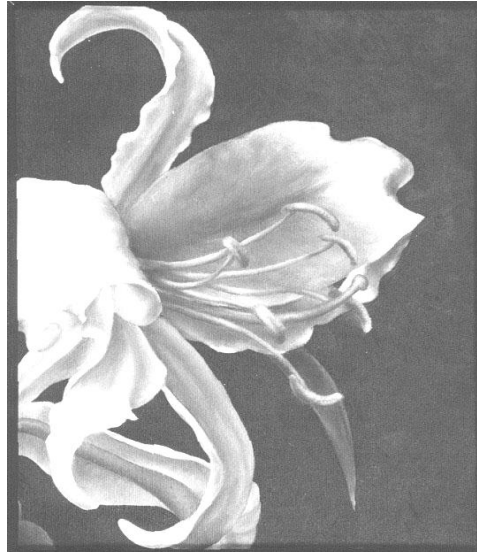
Monday 6 April -  
Friday 17 April (Inclusive)

#### May Bank Holiday 2009

Monday 4 May

#### Summer Half Term 2009

Monday 25 May -  
Friday 29 May (inclusive)



# Trinity School Newsletter

*April 2009*

### *Dear Parents/Carers*

As we arrive at the end of another very busy term I reflect again on some of the exciting events that have taken place in school. I do hope that you enjoy reading about some of the work which has taken place. I have also taken time to remember the meaning and importance of Easter to the Christian community of Barking and Dagenham.

On Tuesday, Jonathan Ross and his wife Jane Goldman presented a new minibus to the school on behalf of The Variety Club of Great Britain. Jonathan and Jane, who personally sponsored the bus, listened to a school choir and a drumming band and then spent the morning meeting and talking to all the staff and pupils. This was a tremendous event which was really enjoyed by all. Jonathan has promised to give us a mention on his radio or television programme. On behalf of all the pupils and staff at Trinity, I would like to say a big Thank You to Jane and Jonathan for the kindness and generosity that they have shown to Trinity School. It was a very special day for us all. The press have covered the event and I understand that Trinity has even made the Hello Magazine.

May I remind all parents who have pupils in the Upper and Middle School that the Annual Prize Giving is being held on the 19 May 2009 at the Goresbrook Leisure Centre.

Finally, as I am sure you know, there has been some disruption to the school over the past weeks. I can assure all of our parents and families that my support staff remain as committed and caring as ever to ensuring that the pupils get the best possible service from the school.

I wish you a safe and enjoyable Easter Holiday.

*Peter McPartland*  
*Headteacher*

### *The Lower School*

We have had a hardworking term in Lower School. Having settled the children so well in the Autumn, it was time to see how far we could move the children on this term. We hope you like the targets that we are working on in the Home School diaries. I know they really help us to get to know how your child is learning and we do see some success with this personalised approach. As always your comments enable us to work together to support your child's development, so thank you for working with us!

I have just come back from our Rewards Assembly for this term. It was great to see so many children achieving Silver Awards and we are already seeing our first Gold Awards for the year.



PLEASE NOTE THAT  
THE LAST DAY OF  
SCHOOL FOR PUPILS  
WILL BE FRIDAY 3  
APRIL 2009

TRINITY SCHOOL  
RE-OPENS FOR  
PUPILS ON MONDAY  
20 APRIL 2009

IF YOUR CHILD IS  
ABSENT YOU MUST  
LET THE SCHOOL  
KNOW ON THE  
FIRST DAY, GIVING  
THE REASON FOR  
ABSENCE E.G.  
ILLNESS,  
APPOINTMENTS ETC.  
YOU MUST ALSO  
INFORM  
TRANSPORT.

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I hope you all feel really proud of your children's achievements so far and that they all enjoyed their prizes when they got home.

The children have recently enjoyed two special days in school. Lower School really enjoyed all the activities led by the Middle and Upper school on Red Nose day, including face painting, football and the FEC café. St Patrick's day was also a great success and I know that all our children loved the musician who played traditional Irish music to them.

The children have really enjoyed their learning through our topics on Transport and Play this term. Books used included The Journey Home from Grandpas, The Train Ride, Pass the Parcel, Mrs Honey's Hat, and Dragon on the Doorstep. We are already preparing for our next topic on Farm Animals. So that we all have had some close encounters with farm animals, Katrina has organised a visit to the school by Wellgate Farm again which will take place on 1 May.

We are also looking forward to our Road Safety Roadshow which will be coming to Trinity on April 22 to help our children begin to develop some early road safety awareness.

We all continue to enjoy our visits to the sensory room with Erna and her Speech and Language Team. We had a lovely Spring and Easter journey which was very popular and Erna tells me that all the children are becoming very good at responding appropriately at their own level in these sessions.

We wish you all a great Easter and look forward to seeing the children after the holiday.

*Sue Ball –  
Assistant Headteacher for Lower School*

#### *Class Y5/6JL*

We have had a very busy half term. We have been out visiting lots of different places in the local areas



including Oxlow Lane, The Heathway, Morrisons and Dagenham Leisure Park. We have had lots of practice crossing the road with our grown ups. Zayn had his birthday on the first day back after half term and we had McDonalds for lunch which was a special treat.

We are all looking forward to having a rest over the Easter holidays and cannot wait to eat lots of chocolate.

Wishing everyone a Happy Easter,

*Billy, Andre, Japhet, James, Thomas and  
Zayn*

#### *Class Y9WS*

We have been going canoeing at Fairlop Waters for six weeks during this Spring Term. We have been in the launch, steering and paddling the bell boat.

*Ziyet Hunn  
Class Teacher*

#### *The Upper Phase*

The Upper Phase has continued to be very busy. The Year 11 students are working hard to achieve accreditation in all their subjects before they move on in July.

The students who have been following the Mini Enterprise Scheme this term have produced some wonderful clocks. The demand has been great, so staff and students have been kept very busy.

The Upper Phase garden is beginning to take shape for this year. As with all gardens in the Winter, it has been difficult to maintain, but now as Spring is upon us we are gradually seeing things happen!!



Bulbs and some shrubs have been planted and more have been purchased for planting after the holidays. After Easter the process of growing vegetables will begin. The students and staff are becoming very keen gardeners!

The Home Management Room is being used on a regular basis and is proving to be a brilliant resource for developing life skills with some of our students.

In the Upper Phase we have a successful Cricket Team who practice every Friday after school and as a result have won matches against William Morris School in Waltham Forest.

We are in the process of purchasing an appropriate kit for them to wear.

Red Nose Day was a brilliant day. The Upper Phase put on some really good activities for the students in order to raise money. The FEC Café was hugely popular.

The Easter holidays are upon us and once we are back it will be our final term for this year. There will be a number of special events during the Summer Term of which you will be notified in due course. We do plan to have a phase outing towards the end of the Summer Term.

*From all the staff and students we wish you a very Happy Easter Holiday*

### *Work Experience*

This continues to be very successful. J Sainsbury and The Parks Department, both new to our present students have now joined our list of Work Experience employers. Three students have now accessed these placements very successfully. Another student spent eight days independently with The Disablement Association of Barking & Dagenham Transport Division. Again, a very good report received.

### *Investors in Careers*

The Investors in Careers Assessor will be visiting Trinity on 29 April 2009. This assessment is revised every three years, with students and staff being involved in the assessment.

### *Seen & Heard Conferences*

On Monday 2 March, forty eight Year 9-14 students took part in a health conference which took place in our Sports Hall.

The students visited different workshops, looked at healthy eating, bullying and fitness. Most students used the very popular Wii Fit.

Guest Speaker - Danny Crates spoke about his sporting achievements, including the Beijing Paralympic Games where he was the flag bearer for the Team UK. A very successful day was had by all.

Well Done

Eight students accompanied by two members of staff attended the Seen & Heard conference at Castle Green. The students joined in the two workshops - Teeth Hygiene and Sports Clubs in the Borough.

This was another successful day. The students really enjoyed themselves.

The Guest Speaker was Dr Alison Mowbray the silver medallist for rowing in the 2004 Olympics.

Due to the success of our students attendance at both conferences we were presented with a Wii and Wii Fit which we have given to the FEC.

*Heather Trundle - School Co-ordinator of Careers/ Citizenship/PHSE*



## *The Really Good School Campaign*

During the last week of January 2009, we asked pupils to donate 10p for each dinner that they eat, whether it be a school dinner or their own packed lunch.

All the money raised will be used by the UN World Food Programme to provide children in countries including Kenya

Cambodia and Guatemala with a school meal, often their only meal of the day. A total of £27 was raised providing 270 meals for children in other countries.

Thank you for your continued support.

## *Morrisons Lets Grow*

Just a short note to say a big thank you for sending in the Morrisons Lets Grow vouchers. Your continued support in helping the school is very much appreciated and without it we would not have exceeded our target. A total of 2881 was collected and we have now placed our order for new equipment that will be put to good use in the Upper Phase garden.

Once again, a BIG thank you for your continued support.

*Ken Payne –  
Teacher in Upper Phase*

## *Inclusion*

At present we have ten students from Lower, Middle and Upper School attending a wide variety of mainstream links at various schools throughout the Borough. The links range from PE to accredited ASDAN courses. The ASDAN course students, along with students from The Jo Richardson Community School (JRCS) are looking forward to going on trips to Rainham Marshes and Westminster Abbey at the end of term. They will plan travel arrangements for the trips and write reports of their visits as part of their coursework.

All of the students have started to form friendships with their mainstream peers and when the opportunity arises enjoy socialising with them in an informal setting such as the café at JRCS and making and sharing pancakes on Pancake Day.

Recently a group of students from JRCS visited the school and took part in a multi-sensory story session and have used ideas from the session to help them create a multi-sensory display.

We hope to be able to take part in more group links next term and look forward to students and staff from other schools visiting Trinity.

## *The Jack Petchey Award Scheme*

The Jack Petchey Award Scheme continues to play an important role within the school community, motivating students and rewarding their achievements. So far this year, award money has been spent on Home Management equipment, celebration lunches, trips out, gardening equipment for students and choose time resources. Several prize winners have earmarked their prize money to be spent on a class trip to The London Eye early next term.

Recently award winners attended a Borough presentation evening at Castle Green where they received a medal and had their photo taken with the Mayor of Barking & Dagenham. The event was a great success and achievements with family, friends and members of Trinity and mainstream schools. We are very proud of all the award winners and hope many students continue to benefit from the scheme. Photos of the event are on The Jack Petchey Foundation website.

*Yvonne Johnson -  
Inclusion*



## *The FEC Tuckshop*

We are open from 10.30am - 10.45am (breaktime). Our FEC students prepare, package and label healthy fresh food daily (fruit, wholemeal/white rolls, homemade pizza, toasted muffins plus more). It enables them to experience work skills in catering/retail. How to handle food following hygiene, health and safety rules. Students are supported by staff to serve customers.

It gives the students an opportunity to choose a healthy snack and handle money independently.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and thank you for your custom.

*FEC*

*Glynis Wadey and team*

## *FEC1*

What a great term we have had. We now really feel part of the FEC. We have our own room with work stations, but we take part in all the other FEC activities. We have taken part in DIY and gardening, gone shopping, made meals and used the Catering Room. We have really enjoyed going out of school to ELHAP, bowling, The Chase and a Harvester restaurant. We have made our own picnics for the walks and bowling and we eat our lunch in the dining room. We have walked out to Morrisons and also used the red buses. We are really learning to be independent.

*David, Jack, Lucy, Sophie, Steven & Luqman*

## *Red Nose Day*

Yet another successful Red Nose Day at Trinity. Everyone took part, much fun was had and the fantastic total of £890.08 was raised.

The structure of the day was slightly different this year. Pupils and staff came to school dressed in pyjamas, fancy dress or wore red. Lower school made 'red nose' cakes and biscuits and then went around the school joining in with all the activities. Middle and Upper School classes ran different fund raising activities in the morning. These included: penalty prize, a hot dog stall, pedicure and make up, a sponsored swim, a colouring competition, a café run by FEC students and much much more. It was generally agreed that this format was better than other years and that the quality of the activities was the best yet. Red noses were sold and a coin collection was held. In the afternoon the older students joined in a disco and prizes were awarded for the best fancy dress.

Thanks again to staff, parents and students for their hard work and generosity.

*Steve Withers  
Teacher*

## *Speech & Language Therapy Department*

Spring is in the air and unbelievably we are getting ready for the Easter Holiday!

This term we presented a Spring/Easter journey in the multi-sensory room to all students. Both adults and students enjoyed the experience and we think we have tickled the chocolate taste buds slightly earlier this year.





The Lower School students enjoyed a 'Magic Train Ride' in the sensory journey. They have explored different places including space, fairy land and the land of cakes. Middle and Upper School students have experienced the life of the 'Plains Indians of North America' and had the experience of dressing up and participating in rain dances and sharing their hunting experiences around the camp fire.

We are very proud of the sensory journeys and work closely with Lynne Kelly to develop more sensory experiences for the whole school.

The Speech & Language Therapy Team have been busy developing differentiated curriculum resources and supporting students and class teams with language and communication.

Once again a special Thank You to all the parents who support us in what we are doing. We are honoured to be part of your children's education.

We wish you a Happy Easter with your families and loved ones. Let's all cross fingers for nice spring weather!

*Speech & Language Therapy Team –  
Erna O'Neil, Alison Mitchell,  
Heather Rushton, & Katy Wraight*







