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THE LAST DAY OF  
SPRING TERM FOR  
PUPILS WILL BE  
THURSDAY  
1 APRIL 2010

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### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

#### Easter Holidays 2010

Friday 2 April -  
Friday 16 April (inclusive)

#### May Day 2010

Monday 3 May 2010

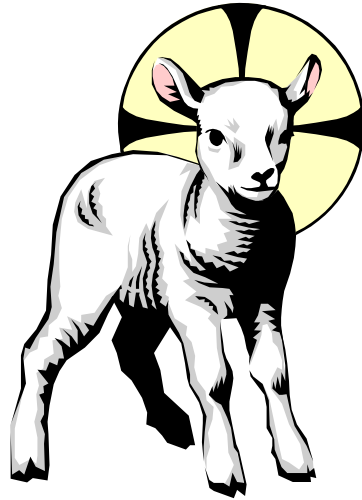
#### Summer Half Term 2010

Monday 31 May (Bank Holiday)-  
Friday 4 June (inclusive)

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THE LAST DAY OF  
SUMMER TERM FOR  
PUPILS WILL BE  
WEDNESDAY  
21 JULY 2010

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# Trinity School Newsletter

*April 2010*

## *Dear Parents/Carers*

Our newsletter this term is rather shorter than previous issues. Whilst school events and pupils' achievements continue at apace, as I have mentioned previously much of our work will now be shared via our new website at [www.trinityschooldagenham.org.uk](http://www.trinityschooldagenham.org.uk).

However I would like to take this opportunity to share with you all two exciting events which have recently taken place. Our 'Street Dance Club' were invited to open the show at the Jack Petchey Awards evening at Castle Green, whilst our Year 10 pupils, in partnership with students from Dagenham Park Church of England School, took part in a presentation on Healthy Eating in support of a Diploma in Performing Arts. These were two great evenings, two great sets of pupils and staff and two great opportunities for the pupils at Trinity.

I really hope that you have a good Easter holiday. My best wishes to you all.

*Peter McPartland  
Headteacher*

## *The Lower School*

Another busy and energetic term in Lower School. Nine new children were welcomed into the Lower School between November and January, all aged five or above. We have opened a new classroom to admit four new Year 3/4 pupils on the Autistic Spectrum. All the children are settling well now and the admissions process has helped us prepare for the large new

intake expected to arrive in our new classrooms in the Summer and Autumn terms. It will be great to meet the needs of many more young children and we are all looking forward to the new classrooms being finished!

We have also been exploring the new outdoor classroom. It was like a very special Christmas morning when we took the first groups out to see it. The children's faces showed delight and excitement. They think it is wonderful and we are looking forward to more visits now the weather is improving. The outdoor classroom provides a very natural setting with sand, plants, grass, safe water channels, wooden structures and furniture for the children to explore. It also has a small staged area for use as a classroom/performance area.

Our Lower School pupils have enjoyed and achieved across all areas of learning through the exciting, well-matched thematic topic work on Colours and Patterns during November and December 2009, and Forces since January 2010, with exciting, developmentally appropriate stories such as The Big Red Bath, A Squash and a Squeeze and The Blue Balloon. The latest topic on Plants has been incredibly interesting and has included work on books such as In Wibble's Garden, Fran's Flowers and Handa's Surprise.



We are busy noting all their achievements as we are starting to prepare for annual reports and more importantly, Lower School Prizegiving which will take place on Friday July 16 at 1pm! We hope to see as many of you there as can make it. It is always a special occasion.

We hope you have a good holiday and see you all in the Summer Term.

*Sue Ball*  
*Assistant Headteacher*  
*Lower School*

### *The Middle School*

This has been a very full term for everyone in Middle School with lots of great activities going on. We are really beginning to enjoy using our outdoor classroom now that the weather is improving. The whole phase took part in our Chinese New Year celebrations with activities carrying on throughout that week. We are now looking forward to The Rainbow Theatre Company visit to tell us the story of Easter and also our Easter Assembly for parents on the last day of term.

Year 9 students have been extremely busy throughout the term. Two of our Year 9 groups have been out every week on outdoor education trips to Fairlop Waters, an activity which they have thoroughly enjoyed. Our Year 9PMLD group will be undertaking outdoor education activities later on in the year when the weather gets warmer. Year 9 students have also been practicing the arts of manicure, pedicure and hair styling in preparation for running a beauty salon early next term to raise funds for charity. Year 9 students have also been busy learning and practising road safety skills as part of their travel competency programme. All Year 9 students have attended their Transition Reviews for which they each prepared their own portfolio about themselves and their wishes for the future.

Year 7 and 8 students have enjoyed topics this term in lots of exciting and different ways. They have built castles, learned all about how Knights used to live and taken part in a tournament testing their archery, spear throwing and sword fighting skills. We had several champions who were presented with their trophies by the 'King'. Recently they have been learning about Africa, making bead jewellery, taking part in drumming activities and compiling a book about African wild animals as well as comparing schools in England and Africa.

Year 5 and 6 students are currently learning all about what it was like to be a child in World War II, coping with air raids and rations and are currently digging for victory and growing their own vegetables.

Earlier this term all Year 5/6 students took part in an assembly for their parents in which each student had a part in retelling the story of the Gruffalo.

May we take this opportunity to say well done to all the staff and students in Middle Phase who have worked so hard to make this such a successful term and to wish all of them and you a very Happy Easter and safe holiday.

*Lynne Kelly, Abby Town &*  
*Denny Brackenbury*  
*Middle School Managers*

### *The Upper School*

Another busy term is almost over. The Year 11 students have been completing coursework for their accreditation, as the Year 10 students are working hard towards the completion of their work next year.

After the bad weather, work in the Key Stage 4 garden was delayed. However, Mr Payne and the students have begun the process of tidying up ready for the planting season. The area looks beautiful with the spring bulbs.

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### CURRICULUM DAYS

Please note:

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

Thursday 22 July 2010  
Friday 23 July 2010

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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.



A group in the FEC did a work experience in catering when they provided lunches for the TEACCH training back in February. It was a complete success. They were highly commended for such outstanding food. The FEC now has a new Home Management room which is gradually taking shape. More work will be done during the Easter holidays.

Other notable events have been in the Seen and Heard Conference, Leisure Theme Day, Sport Relief Day, Chinese New Year, Sporting events and a trip to the Royal Albert Hall to see Cirque du Soleil.

*Sandra Burns*  
Assistant Headteacher  
Upper School

### *Living & Learning Centre*

At the start of 2010 we set new targets for the students. We are very pleased that this is going very well and the boys have achieved most of their targets. The students continue to progress in learning new skills and abilities.

Wishing everyone a lovely Easter from all the staff in the Living & Learning Centre.

*Hazel Tanfield/ Sylvia Angee*

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