



### Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

What a brilliant start to the new academic year! Although the summer feels like a very long time ago, it really does feel like we have packed a lot in to a few short weeks. And despite some delightfully warm weather to start, it is now starting to feel distinctly more autumnal; now that October is here, it's time to put the ties back on and start preparing for darker mornings and chilly evenings! A little reminder that children need to start bringing in coats, too (there's no such thing as bad weather – only inappropriate clothes!)

It has been a delight welcoming in our new Reception children, and they have already become familiar faces as they play and learn alongside us all. As always, the older children in the school have taken great care and delight in guiding and supporting them at lunchtime and in the playground.

The term started with class welcome sessions for all parents – these have received very positive feedback, and I hope it was a useful opportunity to meet the teacher, gather important information and to gain a little insight into what the year has in store for your child. Don't forget to sign up to our Parent Consultations, which will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October.

It seemed that in the blink of an eye, we were waving off our Year 6's as they embarked on their residential adventure last week – what has become a rite of passage for children in their final year of Primary school. All went well and they arrived back just that little bit more sure of themselves – just as it should be.

Please enjoy reading about some of the other events coming up as well as the fantastic learning that has been going on throughout the school.

Yours,

**Mrs Price**



### Hair things

As hard as it is to define which hair accessories are 'too much' and which are 'just right', there do seem to be a number of bows and clips that would be better suited to party-wear. Think small and school colours...and save the rest for the weekend, please!

### No clubs Wednesday on 1<sup>st</sup> November

Every member of staff is taking part in vital training after school on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November. There will therefore be NO CLUBS running after school on this day, this INCLUDES Extended Day. Sorry for any inconvenience, but it is unavoidable on this occasion.

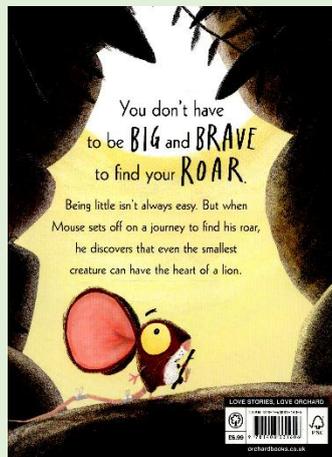
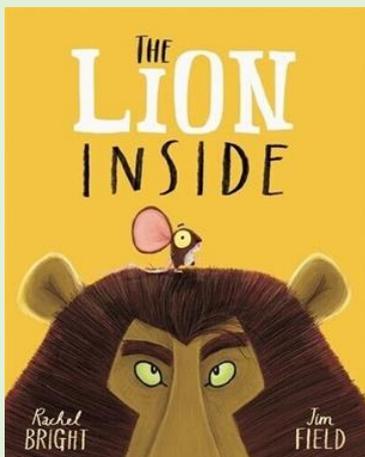
### Holidays in term-time

There has been an unusually high number of requests for holiday during term-time already. I understand all of the reasons why, and I empathise, but I must ask that the implications for children missing chunks of learning are taken into consideration before booking holidays – the curriculum is designed so that knowledge and concepts are revisited, of course – but sometimes not for months or even years. It really does matter.

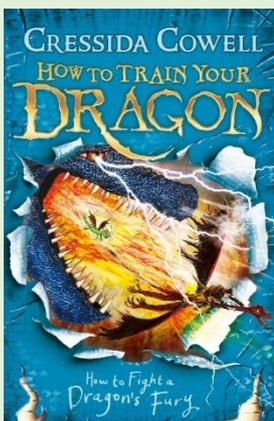
## Book Recommendations

### The Lion Inside by Rachel Bright (recommended by Mrs Price)

This is a delightful picture book that holds a powerful message for readers of all ages. The story follows a timid mouse who dreams of roaring like a lion. In his quest for courage, he discovers that true strength comes from within, not from physical size. Themes of self-esteem, friendship, and finding one's inner strength run through, as the mouse finds his voice and inner courage; showing that anyone can overcome their fears and obstacles. "The Lion Inside" is not just a children's book; it's a timeless tale that encourages confidence and self-belief, offering profound lessons about courage and self-identity that will resonate with readers young and old!



### How to Train your Dragon by Cressida Cowell (recommended by Emily in Year 6)



Hiccup is in a race against time to capture a dragon, train it and get to know it in time for the dragon initiation. Will he make it?

Unfortunately, the Green Death (a sea dragon) decides to lay on the beach of the Isle of Berk at Death's Head headland. So now, not only does he have to get through the dragon initiation course but he has to get this dragon off the beach before he eats all of the Vikings in Berk!

Hiccup wouldn't strike you as a natural hero or leader but now is his time to prove everybody wrong.

This is a great story for children 8+, it is filled with funny jokes.

## Class 2

So far this term, Class 2's topic has meant they have been busy having fun whilst they learn - getting messy, mucky and making mixtures in the process! As scientists, they have explored everyday materials - not only widening their vocabulary by describing what they see and feel, but also discovering the reasoning behind why certain materials are suitable for specific purposes. When scientifically investigating the materials, one child declared that 'it is my best day ever'. Class 2 are looking forward to more science experiments later in the year.



## Class 4

Class 4 started their Deep Abyss topic by combing through some flotsam! Lots of items were found washed up and we had to decide where and who they had come from. We then put together some freeze frames of what we thought had happened. There were lots of interesting ideas and characters created!



## School Council Elections

This is always an exciting time of the year, as children campaign to represent their classmates on the School Council. But just as important as ushering in our new school councillors, which we did on Friday in our Celebration Worship, is acknowledging the work and achievement of our councillors of the previous year. Mary and Val, our Chair and Vice-Chair of Governors, were able to come in and express their gratitude alongside mine at their last meeting. They have been such a brilliant team, and have worked so hard for the good of the school – gaining a merit with our Green Eco Flag award this year, as well as achieving the Wilder Award. Well done to all!

And of course, a huge congratulations to our new School Councillors for 2023-24. I can't wait to hear about their thoughts and opinions regarding what comes next for Ramsgate Holy Trinity!



## An invitation from the Parent Prayer Group

We are a group of parents who meet to pray for the needs on the school on Monday mornings after drop-off time for half an hour. We would love you to join us. Please contact the school office for more information.

## Black History Month

Throughout October and November here at Holy Trinity we are celebrating the achievements and contributions of Black people both in the UK and around the world. We will be exploring these contributions through drama, music, art and by further developing the links we have already made with Black History and our curriculum.



Our celebrations will begin with a whole school art project inspired by the work of Betye Saar, an African American assemblage artist. The children will be encouraged to bring in small objects to represent our chosen theme which will then be used to create our own pieces of assemblage art.

In drama we will be focussing on musical theatre using the Lion King as a basis for exploring the story, its origins and its characters. Whilst in music, we will be exploring varying styles of music and artists that are 'famous' for their contributions for bringing what was once seen as alternative music into the mainstream. Think blues, reggae, gospel.

And last but not least, across the school as we continue to further diversify our curriculum, each year group will be celebrating the contributions of historical people linked through their topics, using their achievements to influence and inspire the learning.

We look forward to sharing all the fun and learning with you as we go. Watch this space for more Info!

## BBC Chorister of the year!

This year, we entered one of our choir members, Liam C, into the BBC Chorister of the Year Competition. It is a national competition and sees choristers from across the UK sing and compete for this prestigious title.

Many of the choristers come from Cathedral schools who rehearse, sing and support services every day - so you can imagine how delighted we were to find out that Liam is one of five junior finalists! It is highly unusual for a chorister to be selected that isn't from a choral foundation school (singing in a cathedral) and we are incredibly proud of him for the work he has already put in!

This week, Liam and Mr Darrock will be heading up to Manchester to film for the finals - and we aren't quite sure who is more nervous or more excited. In a quick chat with Liam about why he entered, he said 'singing makes me happy' which was echoed by Mr Darrock who also noted that you can't help but enjoy listening to someone who sings with happiness - it also helps when they sound as incredible as Liam does!

We wish him the best of luck - and you will be able to watch his performances on BBC1 and the grand final is due to be aired on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

# News from the PTFA



Dear Parents and carers,

At our PTFA meeting last week, we shared details of how much we raised and what school projects we supported last academic year. We won't bore you with all the figures, but we spent a total of £5,157.94 on the children, including £2,600 on class trips and nearly £1,500 on class music lessons. We are so grateful to you all for supporting our events and for buying things that you may or may not have wanted!!

What is clear to us is that in this current school funding crisis, there is more need than ever before to have a thriving PTFA to support the school with essential things and as many 'cherry-on-the-top' extras as we can. Therefore, our first projects will not be funding class trips, but redecorating the music room and the mobile classroom to make these learning environments much more pleasant for all the children. We also want to build some more suitable storage in the mobile; if you have the necessary skills, please get in touch, we would be happy to give the work to someone in our school community.

Thank you to all of you who have signed up to the PTFA subscription! We hope you are already reaping the benefits of less life admin! If you have not yet signed up and would like to, it is not too late - please drop us a line at [ramsgateholyltrinityptfa@gmail.com](mailto:ramsgateholyltrinityptfa@gmail.com). If you have more than one child in the school, I'm sure that an extra tea-towel would make a great gift for someone! We are in the process of getting membership badges made for the children's bags. Membership costs £3 per child per month for 12 months, or a one-off payment of £36.

**PTFA bank details:** Ramsgate Holy Trinity PTFA - Sort code: 40-38-02 - Account number: 51017594

## Upcoming events:

Friday treats will continue until October half term, weather permitting.

Second-hand Book sale and Friday treats - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October in the hall at pick up time. We have lots of beautiful picture books left over from the Summer Fayre and we need the space in our cupboard (!) so please come and grab some bargains. 4 books for £1. NB. Books are not included in the PTFA subscription, but Friday treats are. If you have any books to donate, please bring them to school on the days leading up to the 6<sup>th</sup>. Books suitable for KS2 children would be especially appreciated.

Christmas Fayre - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2-4pm. We will have various stalls with crafts and activities, food and drinks. Hopefully a Santa's grotto and our infamous Christmas trail outside! If you would like to have a stall, please get in touch, we would ask for a 10% donation of any sales you make. We will have a non-uniform day in the run up to this day in exchange for tombola and raffle donations. We also hope to have a Christmas jumper stall ahead of Christmas Jumper day on 13<sup>th</sup> December (we will need donations for this too, please).

Pre-loved clothes collections will take place on the following days:

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov

Please bring clean, lightly-worn clothes (no sleepwear or underwear) and shoes to school in a labelled bag 'clothes collection'.

Second-hand uniform on the balcony is now a very welcoming shop (big thank you to Mr Boardman for his help over the holidays!)

Before buying new uniform, please come and have a browse upstairs first; we have a huge stock. Everything is £1 or £2 per item, apart from blazers (£5) and shirts (50p). Just after drop-off or just before pick-up are the most convenient times to have a look, but please email us at [ramsgateholyltrinityptfa@gmail.com](mailto:ramsgateholyltrinityptfa@gmail.com) ahead of time so that we can assist you, and take your payment.

Please continue to donate items in good condition, but at the moment we do not need any more trousers or shorts, jumpers or cardigans, or footwear!! We are in desperate need of larger blazers and the new-style PE kit. If you receive any uniform items from friends in school, please consider giving the PTFA a small monetary donation.

Christmas card project coming after half-term break. Who doesn't love a professionally printed card or gift (mug, tote bag, apron, etc) with your child's drawing on? Perfect gift for family members! Some of us encourage our children to draw a picture suitable for thank you or birthday cards that we can use throughout the year.

Thank you all for your continued support. We have an awesome group of parents on our team, but we are always keen for more helpers. If you can spare even 30 minutes a month (for example to sort donations in the uniform shop) or are willing to give a few hours on a fayre day, please get in touch, we would love to hear from you. We have great community spirit and it's a fabulous way to get to know other parents across the school.

Best wishes,  
The PTFA

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