Spring Term Newsletter

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Dear Parents





After almost 8 long weeks waiting for the report, today I can announce that Trent was judged as an Outstanding school in every area.

Here is the front page of the report:

Trent CofE Primary School

Church Way, Off Chalk Lane, Cockfosters, Barnet, Hertfordshire EN4 9JH

Inspection dates 16–17 November 2016

Overall effectiveness	Outstanding
Effectiveness of leadership and management	Outstanding
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment	Outstanding
Personal development, behaviour and welfare	Outstanding
Outcomes for pupils	Outstanding
Early years provision	Outstanding
Overall effectiveness at previous inspection	Good

Summary of key findings for parents and pupils

This is an outstanding school

- Leadership is extremely effective. Leaders have high expectations of pupils, staff and themselves. They are extremely successful in creating a school in which everyone is valued and able to be the best they can.
- Leaders' relentless focus on raising standards is balanced by their absolute commitment to pupils' welfare and respect for others.
- The mix of academic excellence and providing a safe, nurturing environment creates a culture of high aspiration and success. Pupils' success is measured not just in grades but also by how they grow in moral stature.
- High quality teaching leads to achievements that are some of the best in England.
- Teachers are highly skilled. They use their excellent subject knowledge to give pupils work that captures their interest and challenges their thinking.
- Teaching assistants play a vital part in making sure that all pupils, including those that are vulnerable, get the right help at the right time to make rapid progress.

- Pupils' writing is superb. They use their wide knowledge of spelling and grammar to write imaginatively to weave the English language into a compelling read.
- Pupils' read widely and often. This helps them to develop a wide vocabulary that makes their writing so vibrant.
- All pupils, including disadvantaged pupils, the most able and those who have special educational needs and/or disabilities, achieve very well across all the subjects they study.
- Pupils' attitudes to school and their work are first class. They are hardworking and proud of their achievements and of their school.
- Relationships across the school are thoughtful and kind. They generate a climate of mutual respect and tolerance. Pupils leave school extremely well prepared for secondary school.
- Pupils in Reception get a strong start to school and move into Year 1 ready to tackle the challenges of a more formal curriculum.

From the moment the lead inspector walked into Trent, he seemed to grasp the strength of teamwork between all staff, families and Governors and that we share an absolute commitment to the children in our care and our school aims:

Inspired by Christ, Trent nurtures the God-given gifts of every child to achieve a love of learning with academic excellence.

We aim to create a happy and secure Christian environment in which children can grow in confidence and independence.

We promise to provide opportunities for every child to be the best that they can be.

The SIAMS inspection outcome:

The distinctiveness and effective

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<u>outstanding</u>

- Christian values underpin the school and are evident in every aspect of its life and work. They inspire the excellent compassionate relationships between and among adults and pupils and demonstrate the school's motto, 'Serve one another in love'.
- A golden thread of prayer is woven throughout the school and provides a context for worship. The free, enthusiastic and deeply spiritual participation of pupils in extemporary prayer is a feature of worship rarely encountered and characterises this prayerful and worshipping community.
- The school's Christian ethos informs its policies, enriches its curriculum and makes religious education (RE) central to its work.
- The headteacher's strong, faithful Christian leadership leads to high expectations among all stakeholders so that academic excellence is matched with spiritual development and the nurture of faith.
- The strong threefold links between the school, the parish church and Oak Hill College makes for an effective partnership that is a beacon of hope, faith and belief to the community it serves.



Breakfast Club News

Breakfast club is thriving with many children attending every day and even more 'regulars'. From now on, the children will be able to have more than a single choice of breakfast: any amount of toast (with butter and various spreads available) as well as a range of cereals and fresh fruit to choose from.

Breakfast Club starts at 7.30am. You can 'turn up' on the day as there is no need to book.

Teatime Club runs from the end of the school day until 5.45pm and includes a hot snack and drinks. Please leave Julie a message when you would like your child to attend, even if it is 'on the day'.

Dates for the Term ahead

All dates for the new term have been updated on the school calendar on the website.

Should you be unsure how to find it, please call the Office to find out how to get this useful App on your 'phone.

Curriculum information meetings will be:

Year 1	Monday 9 th at 9am	Concurrent meetings	
Year 2	Monday 9 th at 9am		
Year 3	Tuesday 10 th at 9am		
Year 4	Thursday 12 th at 9am		
Year 5	Friday 13 th at 9am	Concurrent meetings	
Year 6	Friday 13 th at 9am		

Parent Consultations for the Spring Term:

Wednesday 8th Feb 3.30-5.30pm Thursday 9^h Feb 5-7.00pm



In the new year,
may you be blessed
with all the good
things God has to give

On Wednesday 11th, we will be celebrating the start of term at the **Spring Term Church Service**, 9am in Christ Church.

Wishing you a very Happy New Year,

Mrs Louise Yarwood