

**Happy New Year!**

**This Week**

***Welcome Back***

The 2<sup>nd</sup> January felt very early to come back and the phone lines and internet agreed by not working (thank you for your patience on Tuesday when trying to contact school) but I am pleased to say that our pupils have returned to school settled and ready to learn. We have had a great start to the term.

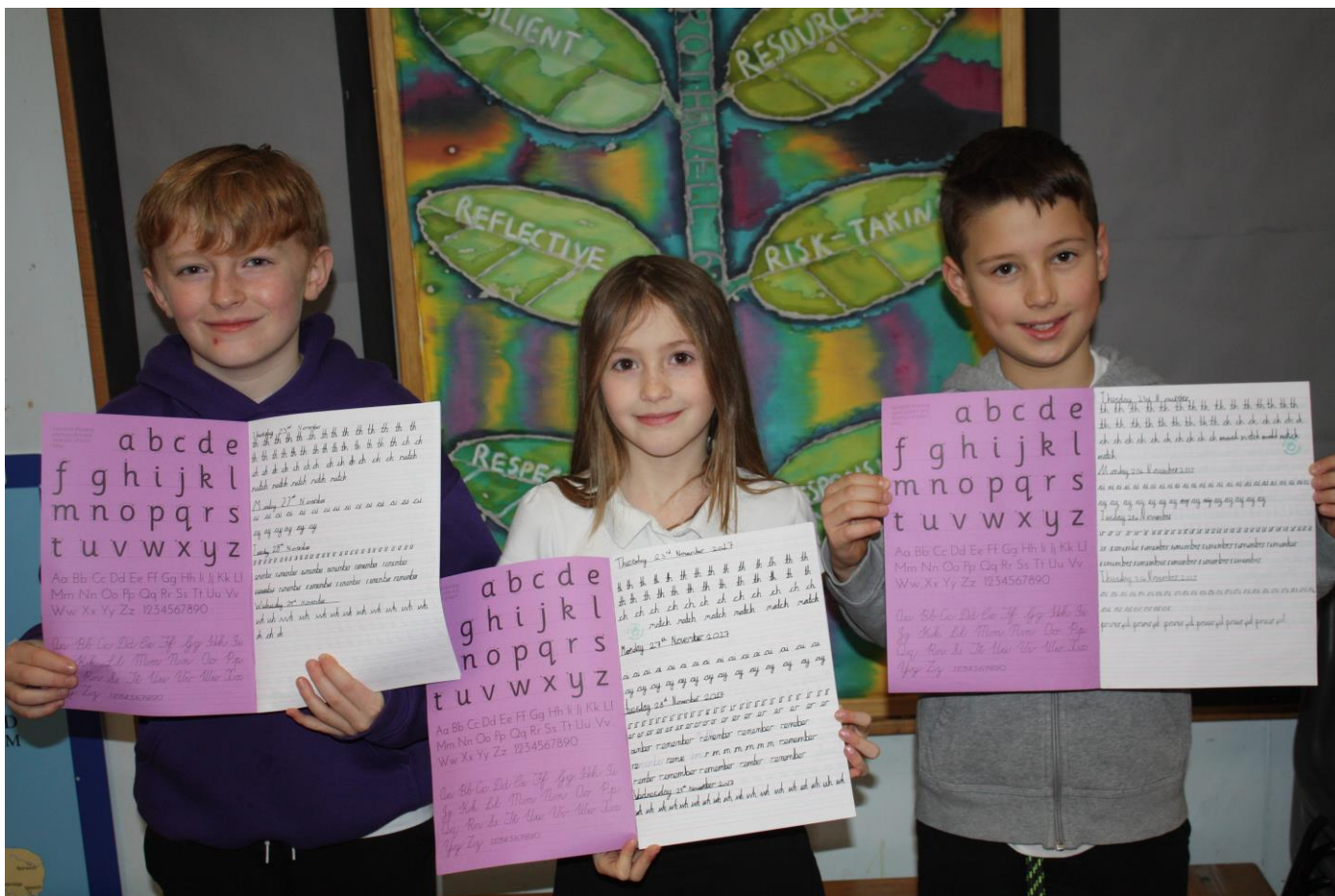
***Y1 / Y2 Muck, Mess and Mixtures***

Year 1 and 2 started their new Science topic by getting hands on with lots of muck, mess and mixtures. They really enjoyed this activity and cannot wait to learn more about this Science topic.



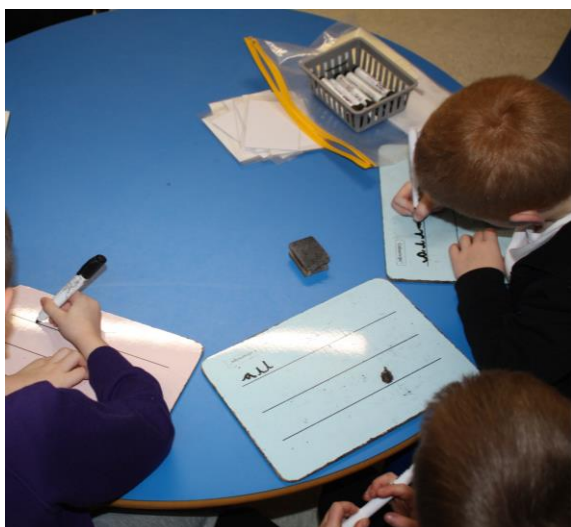
## Year 4 handwriting

I was lucky enough to teach Y4 on Thursday afternoon and was amazed by the care and attention they are paying to their handwriting. They are keen to earn and keep their pen licences and are very proud of the progress they are making with their handwriting.



## Y1 Phonics

Mrs Martin's phonics group always work very hard. Today it was really pleasing to see how they are also applying their pre-cursive handwriting to their phonics. Mrs Owen and Mrs Eastwood have worked hard to develop handwriting across the school as this was an Ofsted priority for us and we can now start to see the impact of this work.



## **Reception Places 2018**

The publication of Primary School League tables just before Christmas show that for the second year in a row we can be proud of our results and again we compare very favourably with other local schools. These come at a time when parents are choosing schools for children due to start Reception class in 2018. Our results combined with the highest levels of pastoral support, nurture and care and a focus on education that challenges and inspires means that we should be a popular choice. Reception preference forms have to be submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> January to the local authority and we would ask that you all help to spread the word about our successful school. In Rothwell 61% of forms have yet to be submitted and we need you to help us be chosen.

## **Ofsted**

Abbey MAT have an ever growing number of specialist staff that will be working within school. Emma Caygill-Boothroyd is the Trust Leading Maths Practitioner and has been working in school throughout Autumn. The Trust have also appointed Catriona Salisbury as a Leading Primary Practitioner and she will be starting work with us this term. The team also includes Ella Basharati who is Head of Effectiveness (Primary) who will be working with subject leaders in school this term.

## **School telephone number and email address**

Please be aware the school has a new telephone number as follows – 0113 8591842 and also has a new email address of [info@holytrinityce.co.uk](mailto:info@holytrinityce.co.uk)

## **Reading Challenge**

We are going to be continuing the reading challenge this term. Please ensure that your child is reading at home and gets their reading record signed 3 times a week. Thank you

## Dates for your Diary:

Dates	Event
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Cricket coach in school for Years 1 & 2 (PE kit needed)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Swimming re-starts for Year 4
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Roundhay Music Guitar and Keyboard lessons re-start
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Kathy's Fun Music Club re-starts
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Special Menu Day (separate letter sent)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	New Year Church Service at 9.30am
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	4 <sup>th</sup> Training Day (school closed to children)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term Holiday
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Half Term Holiday
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	5 <sup>th</sup> Training Day (school closed to children)
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day in school before holiday
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> July to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Summer Holiday

*For absences please call on 2739190. All absences must be reported by 9.20am.*

*We take safety very seriously at our school*

*If you have any concerns please contact Mr Foulke or Mrs Owen*