



# Newsletter

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2023

Keep checking our website for up to date information  
[www.threetreesacademies.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.threetreesacademies.derbyshire.sch.uk)



## School Start/Finish Times

Infant School - 8:45am - 3:15pm

Juniors - 8:50am - 3:20pm

## Dates to expect the Newsletter

20th January 2024

2nd February 2024

We've finally come to the end of a very long Autumn term. It's been lovely to see the celebrations in school as we get closer to Christmas. The pupils who have performed have done a fantastic job in sharing the message of the Christmas story through their nativities, concerts and church services. We had a fantastic Christmas dinner, have made lots of decorations and are looking forward to our Christmas parties on the last day of term. Children will just wear their uniform for the parties and do not need to bring in any extra snacks or drinks.

As I've said before we are saying thank you and good luck to Mr Simmons who begins his retirement in January. He has worked at Woodville/Three Trees for over 24 years and will be very much missed. Miss Peake is also leaving us at the end of this term to take up a new teaching position. Miss Galpin and Mrs Lester will be jointly sharing the SENCO role for the Spring and Summer term. They will be supported by the RISE multi-academy trust

with colleagues coming in weekly. Miss Galpin will be the named SENCO for EYFS, Y1, Y2 and those pupils in Y3 who have an Education Health Care Plan. Mrs Lester will be the named SENCO for Y3 pupils on the SEND register and Y4, Y5 and Y6.

We wish all of our families a lovely Christmas and are looking forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024!

Jo Westaby



## Primary Admissions

Primary School Applications for primary, infant and junior places are still open and close Friday 15th January 2024.

You will be able to make your application via the Derbyshire County Council website: <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-school-place.aspx>

You'll receive notification of your offer on Friday 16th April 2024.

**IMPORTANT - If your child currently attends The Three Trees Infant Academy this does not mean they are guaranteed a place in our Junior school. You will still be required to apply for a place for them to attend The Three Trees CofE Junior Academy.**

The application process is quick and easy and you can find information about how to apply for a place in Derbyshire County Councils Parents Guide to Primary Admissions: <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/primary-admissions/parentsguide/parents-guide-to-primary-admissions.aspx>

### Religious festivals calendar - a quick insight

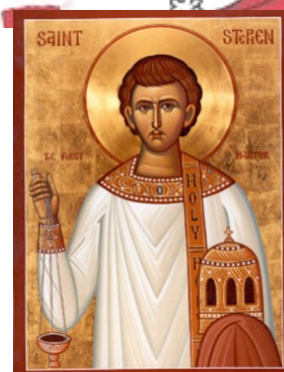
#### **St. Stephen's Feast Day**

**WHO?** Christians

**WHEN?** December 26<sup>th</sup> annually

**WHAT?** The day commemorating St. Stephen's life and service as he became the first Christian to die for his faith in 34AD.

**CUSTOMS & PRACTICES?** Saint Stephen is the patron saint of bricklayers and stonemasons. He was a deacon in the early Christian church and cared for the poor. Stephen was stoned to death by the Jewish council in Jerusalem after he condemned them for murdering the Messiah, Jesus Christ.



**Why is the 26<sup>th</sup> December called Boxing Day in England?** Boxing Day got its name when Queen Victoria was on the throne. In Victorian times, the wealthy would box up items they no longer needed to give to the poor. It was a day where servants would be given time off and thanked for their hard work with a 'special box' of treats. In Ireland, when the entire island was part of the United Kingdom, the Bank Holidays Act 1871 established the feast day of Saint Stephen as a non-moveable public holiday on 26 December. Following partition in 1920, Northern Ireland reverted to the British name, Boxing Day.





## Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Choir

Performance Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>

Children will have a quick rehearsal  
with Mrs Haywood

Then doors will open for parents  
around 4.15

Show will start at 4.30 - until around  
5pm.

Santa hats welcome!



E-mails have now been sent explaining how to register for Arbor. Please look out for this information and register your child as soon as possible. Remember to check your Junk/Spam folders.

Please note this e-mail will be sent through to the e-mail address we have on our pupil system and not via ParentPay, therefore it may go to a different e-mail address.

Once you have registered please take a look at your child(ren)s account(s) and check/amend any necessary details such as contact/medical information and permissions. Please check Arbor to see who is listed on your child's contacts. If there is anyone listed that you DO NOT wish to be able to collect your child, please inform the school office as soon as possible

If you have not received an e-mail to register for Arbor please contact the school office.

In the new year we will be looking to transfer all of our communications and eventually payments over to Arbor. This will allow us to communicate with you more efficiently and bring all core school data and workflows into one system.

# WANTED

**WE WANT**



**YOU**

**Are you full of ideas?**

**Are you creative and  
crafty?**

**Could you run a stall at a  
fundraiser?**

**Can you use a computer to generate  
exciting posters?**

**Do you bake? Could you be our Bingo Caller  
on the microphone?**

**Are you willing to volunteer some time to  
help our schools to fundraise?**

**If you have answered yes to any of these  
questions, then...**

**The Three Trees Academy needs you!!**

**We are hoping to recruit members to a *new*  
PTA (Parent and Teachers Association),  
starting in the New Year.**

**Please get in touch if you can support us in  
any way, big or small.**

## Term Dates

**Christmas Break** - **Monday 25th December to Friday 5th January 2024**

**Inset Day** - **Monday 8th January 2024**

**Back to School** - **Tuesday 9th January 2024**

**Half Term** - **Monday 19th February - Friday 23rd February**

**Back to School** - **Monday 26th February**

**Easter Break** - **Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April**

**Back to School** - **Monday 15th April**

**Bank Holiday** - **Monday 6th May**

**Half Term** - **Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May**

**Back to School** - **Monday 3rd June**

**Inset days** - **Monday 22nd July & Tuesday 23rd July**

**Summer Holidays** - **Wednesday 24th July - Tuesday 3rd September**

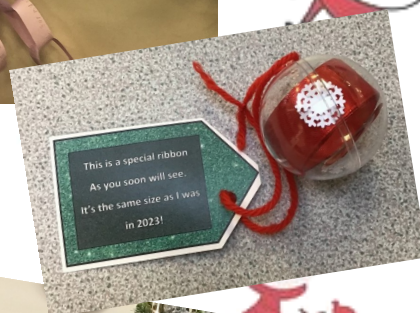
**Back to School** - **Wednesday 4th September 2024**

## Dates for your Diary

Year Group Christmas Parties	Friday 22nd December
Young Voices Concert	Wednesday 10th January 2024
Y2 Sleepover	Thursday 18th January
Y4 Swimming	Friday 19th January
Recycling Week	Monday 22nd - Friday 26th January
Y6 Residential Trip	Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February
Y6 Bike ability	Monday 4th March - Friday 8th March
World Book Day	Thursday 7th March
Red Nose Day	Friday 15th March

## Bauble competition

Pupil Parliament have been thoroughly impressed with the baubles that the children at The Three Trees have decorated. They picked a winner from each class and an overall winner too. It was an incredibly tricky task as they were all fantastic! Please remember that the baubles are still on sale until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 - if you wish to buy your child's bauble then please send £2.50 in to school and their bauble will be sent home with them. All money raised from the bauble competition will be added to our Pupil Parliament fundraising pot, which will be used to make improvements to one of our playgrounds.





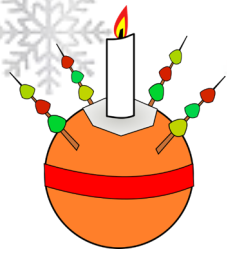
Lunchtimes at The Three Trees Academies are full of fun!

Our Lunchtime Supervisors get the children doing all sorts of fun things.

This week the children have been making Christmas cards, these are some of the cards the juniors have made.



### Y5 Christingle



The Y5 team would like to say a massive "THANK YOU!" to all the parents that attended our Christingle Service last week. The children did us all proud. Another massive "THANK YOU" to Mrs Haywood for all of her hard work. Finally, we would like to announce that through our Christingle Candle box collection, we have raised £90.65 that is going directly to The Children's Society.



## The MTC Summer Show After School Club will start on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

Open to all junior children but there will be a limited number of spaces, so please look out for information on how to take part in the New Year.

"In Y1 we have been learning all about British life in the 1950s. As well as learning about the transport, food and music from this era, we also had a visitor who attended Woodville Infants and Juniors in the 1950s; Mrs Budworth's mum! Mrs Forst told us all about how our school used to be and brought in items she has saved since her school days. We were all very interested in her stories and listened with respect."







## BURTON-UPON-TRENT FOOTBALL COACHING COURSE



### AT: SHOBNALL LEISURE COMPLEX

SHOBNALL ROAD, BURTON-UPON-TRENT, DE14 2BB

### STARTING: THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024

**Thursdays:** Group 1: School Years Reception and Year 1.....5.00pm-6.00pm  
Group 2: School Years 2 & 3.....6.00pm-7.00pm  
Group 3: School Years 4, 5, 6 & 7.....7.00pm-8.00pm

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you that, due to the huge success of our football courses over the last 22 years, we are following up the football coaching programme for the season starting in January 2024. The course will run for approximately 10 weeks and the programme is for boys and girls aged between 4 and 12.

#### About our Course

- The unique practice techniques are specifically designed to work with children of all abilities, ranging from the absolute beginner to the more advanced player.
- The course is run by F.A. qualified coaches, who are DBS checked, and hold an advanced premier skills qualification, they are currently working with children, enabling them to learn essential football techniques, building **CONFIDENCE**, improving **FITNESS** and providing the most important ingredient **FUN!**
- Children will be supervised at all times, although parents are welcome to stay and watch.
- Each child will be provided with a football for individual practice and their progress will be recorded each week.
- It is an **indoor** course held in the sports hall, therefore children should wear trainers.
- Ex Premier League Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion and Leicester City player Geoff Horsfield** quotes, "I've coached on these courses with the team and they are fantastic in the way they deliver their coaching sessions!"
- Ex England World Cup star and Sky Sports pundit Paul Merson** quotes, "I have presented trophies to the children on these courses and it's great to see the smiles on their faces and sense of achievement!"

#### Presentation of trophies and award

- On the final week of the course we hold a presentation, whereby **EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY.**
- Children also have a chance to win many other special individual awards and trophies for various skills, including 'premier league' and 'penalty shoot out' competitions.
- Parents and friends are most welcome to attend the presentation and watch the children being presented with their awards, as this encourages a fantastic atmosphere.

The cost of the course is £8 per week; payment is made in 2 simple instalments, with the first payment of £40 for the first 5 weeks due on week 1. (Second payment will not be due until week 6 which will cover the second half of the course). **Please Note:** Places are limited, therefore bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis.  
*Mark Frith (course co-ordinator)* [www.soccercoachinguk.co.uk](http://www.soccercoachinguk.co.uk)

**TO RESERVE PLACES PLEASE TEXT:**  
**SHOBNALL + CHILD'S NAME + AGE + GROUP NO. (1, 2 or 3)**  
and receive confirmation by text to:  
**07827 322780**



## Join the DERBYSHIRE Junior Choir

ages  
7-14

Express yourself through singing!

Sunday  
14  
January

### NEXT EVENT:

## January Big Sing Day!

County Hall, Smedley Street, Matlock  
9.30am - 1.00pm

## SIGN UP NOW!

Our brand-new choir is a haven for budding singers aged 7 to 14 from all over Derbyshire, offering a nurturing and exciting environment to explore the joys of harmonious melodies.

[derbyshiremusicclub.org.uk/djc](http://derbyshiremusicclub.org.uk/djc)



## Thank you for your support

Your support has made a real difference to those in the Armed Forces community.

To find out more about how your donation helps, please visit [rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal](http://rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal)



To **THREE TREES ACADEMIES**

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Together we raised **£518.83**



### SPIRITED ARTS 2023



We are thrilled to announce that we had some winners in this year's competition! This is a superb achievement as it is a nationwide competition where they received over 3000 entries. Congratulations to Bella who is now in Y3 and last year's Foundation Stage year group. Photos of their artwork will be put up around school in the New Year. We are very proud of these children and their achievements.





Wishing all our families a very  
**HAPPY CHRISTMAS** and all the  
best for 2024!

From all staff at The Three Trees

Musical Theatre Choir  
Information

**Congratulations on a  
wonderful**

**Christmas Performance**

**We are so proud of you all!**

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**P.E kits and the need for them to be in  
school every day**

**In the Infants, P.E kits generally stay in school  
for the half term and then get sent home to be  
washed at the end of term.**

**In the Juniors, if they go home to be washed  
over the weekend, they need to be returned  
on a Monday morning.**

