

HOLY TRINITY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

50 Things to Do is a free multi-platform menu of fun activities, available in a localised app, website and printed resources. It is offered by the Local Authority and based on the simple notion that access to life-changing, fun, low or no-cost experiences with family, indoors and outdoors, is a great way to support children's development. It is motivated by one vision: for every child to reach their important health, learning, and wellbeing milestones **through a play-filled childhood**.

Our school is a champion for the 50 things app and this week the children will bring home a poster and sticker to introduce the 50 things activities to you. We would like to encourage you also to download the 50 things app and have a look at the range of activity suggestions on the website.

Each week we will use the Evidence Me app to suggest to you a 50 things activity that you may like to try with your family – this will be linked (where possible) to the learning that the children have done in school that week. Please feel free to share with us any photos of your family completing the activities using the 'Parent Postcard' feature of the Evidence Me app so that we can add these to our 50 things displays in the classroom.

In addition, we would like to take the opportunity to introduce Buddy the Bear to you! Buddy the Bear is our 50 things mascot and each week he will be going home on Friday, in his special bag, to spend the weekend with one of the children and their family. Every child will get the opportunity to look after Buddy during the course of the school year, so please reassure your child that they will get a turn! We would like you to take part in a 50 things activity during Buddy's stay at your home and then complete the special 50 things adventure sheet (in Buddy's bag) and return this to school (with Buddy!) on Monday. You can either choose to complete the recommended activity for that week, your own choice of 50 things activity from the app, or perhaps even create your own new suggestion (#51!) – as long as the activity you choose is a fun, low or no-cost experience with family!

We look forward to hearing all about the children's' adventures with Buddy this year!

Yours sincerely,
The Foundation Stage Team

