



Our Guiding Light

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KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Success in Achieving a Gold School Games Award:

I start the newsletter this week with some excellent news. At the beginning of the week we heard that in recognition of the excellent P.E. provision in our school, we have achieved a Gold School Games Mark Award which we are all incredibly proud of. The School Games Mark is a government led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. Participating in this process allows schools to evaluate their PE provision and assists them in developing an action plan for future progress. Last year we received a silver award so you can understand our delight in bettering it this time. Judgements are made based on the range of sports activities available for the children and the level of participation. Congratulations go to Mr. Whittle who leads brilliantly in this area and, through his energy and enthusiasm, inspires everyone else. Our aim now is to continue to build on the work we currently do in order to maintain this gold standard again this year.

Meet the Teacher Meetings:

I hope that those of you who have children in Year 6, Year 1, Early Years and Year 4 found our virtual 'Meet the Teacher' meetings this week interesting as well as helpful. Our aim is to inform you of what curriculum topics we are studying and to guide you in how to support your child over the coming weeks. We hope that by sharing practical information about when your child has P.E., when homework is set and how to log on to various online learning platforms, for instance, we can all ensure that things continue to run smoothly. Meetings resume next week beginning at 4pm according to the following timetable.

- **Tuesday 19th – Year 2**
- **Thursday 21st – Year 5**
- **Friday 22nd – Year 3**

As was the case last week, a link to the Google Meet session will be posted on Google Classroom by your child's class teacher which you simply click on to gain access. Please note **that in order to gain access to the site you must log in using your child's school email address not yours**. This allows us to see who is trying to gain access so our safeguarding arrangements are not compromised. With this information shared (please see class newsletters sent to you today as attachments), we are looking forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year to help your child reach their full potential.

Drawing on our Vision:

In last week's newsletter I wrote about the work we were doing to create our School Charter for the year. With input from everyone across the school, this has now been compiled and can be seen around school. It very much reflects our vision which we have also spoken a lot about this week. Ask your child about the birthday present our school received on its 165th birthday last week and the relevance that has. Ask them about the Biblical text which our vision is taken from and the significance of our school name 'Holy Trinity'. They might even be able to tell you the events of the Last Supper when Jesus spoke to his disciples and gave them what we have called the '11th Commandment'.

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To reinforce these important messages, for the last two weeks every class has been taking inspiration from a beautiful book by Lucy Farfort called 'In Our Hands'. It tells the story of a world plagued with isolation and cursed to live without colour. Its only when a group of determined children grow a seed of hope that others are inspired to come together and build a better future full of love and friendship. Do look out for displays around the school which the children are creating to reflect how important this message is.

Attendance:

Following the information I shared on last week's newsletter about attendance, I am delighted to inform you that on one day this week every single child on roll at Holy Trinity was present. This is the first time since Mrs. Lewington has been at our school that this has happened. She was triumphant, as was I. We do hope that we will be able to celebrate the same achievement on more days this year!

As a reminder, absences are not permitted for anything other than examinations, illness or medical appointments. If you have a need to take your child out of school for any one of these things you must complete a 'Request for Absence' form which you can get from the office. Absences for anything else will be marked as unauthorised. While we appreciate how difficult it can be to arrange appointments outside school hours, any time away from the classroom is incredibly disruptive and days out of school for family events or holidays are not allowed. A lesson missed puts a child at a disadvantage especially when that lesson falls within a sequence of planned learning activities. We ask for your support in this matter.

Supporting Partners for Change, Ethiopia:

Thank you so much for the support you gave Mrs Ransome in raising money for Gende Tesfa School and others at the weekend when she completed the 50k Thames Path Challenge. With this and the money she also raised from the ice lolly sale she is able to send over £1000 to the charity to support children who desperately need our help. We will be continuing our work with Partners for Change this year by hopefully appointing new ambassadors to lead us in future fund raising events. We already have heard from several children who are keen to get involved. If you would still like to donate, go to: [Gemma Ransome is fundraising for Partners for Change Ethiopia \(justgiving.com\)](http://justgiving.com/GemmaRansome)

Our next charity event will be in support of Macmillan Cancer Support when we hold a cake sale after school on the day of their Coffee Morning campaign. If you are able to support us in this, we would be most grateful if you could send in cakes, preferably individual cakes which don't require cutting into slices, on the morning of Friday 29th September. We will set up a stall on the playground which we invite you to after school on 29th. In sending in donations, please remember we are a no-nut school. Thank you.

Buckinghamshire Transfer Tests:

Following the completion of the Buckinghamshire Transfer Tests on Thursday, the papers have now been sent off for marking. We, like you, wait for the qualifying score being established and the outcome of the tests confirmed. The children all worked extremely hard and whatever the results, they should feel proud of their efforts.

Year 6 Cycling Proficiency:

Cycling Proficiency for children in Year 6 who have signed up begins next week. Please refer to the letter sent out last week for information on what is required to start the course. Most important are bikes and helmets!

Meeting about the Year 6 Residential Trip:

If you have a child in Year 6, you are invited to a virtual meeting at 4pm next week (Wednesday 20th September). This will give you an opportunity to find out more about the trip from Roger Sell, managing director, and pose any questions you may have about the residential trip at the end of June. This will be the only opportunity to hear directly from Roger so I urge you to save the date. A link to the meeting will be sent out in due course. For now, you might like to take a look at their website: [Home - CRS River Dart Adventures \(crsadventures.com\)](http://crsadventures.com)

Flu Vaccinations:

On Tuesday 31st October the nursing team will be in school for the annual flu vaccination programme. If you would like your child to be given the vaccination, consent is required. Please refer to the letter sent out by email yesterday noting the deadline.

ScoPay:

Thank you for ensuring lunch orders are placed for your child well in advance to ensure the catering team have accurate numbers. The office politely request that any ScoPay dinner money accounts are cleared and that accounts related to Early Bird sessions are also topped up. Thank you.

PTA News:

Perhaps some of you went along to last Sunday's Gravity Grand Prix at Cookham Dean. While we didn't win the race, we did come away with a splendid trophy! My thanks go to the team who made this possible.

Next week on Tuesday after school in the playground the PTA will be holding a pre-loved uniform sale. Do come along.

You are also all invited to the first PTA meeting of the year which will be held on Wednesday 20th September at 7:30pm. This is a virtual meeting so do look out for the link which the team will be sending out via WhatsApp and their Facebook page.

X (@X) / Twitter:

It's good to see that since the start of term we've recruited a few new followers on our social media site, X, formally known as Twitter. To see our new School Charter and for news on other things as they happen in school why not sign up to follow us. If we don't immediately grant you access, please email the office. Sometimes we can't be sure who is making a request.

Clubs:

It is lovely to see so many children already signed up for extra-curricular activities. This week the netballers met before school on Wednesday, Spanish club is up and running, sewing club has made a start on this term's project, Samurai and playball have begun, Rock Steady and individual music lessons have started, our new yoga and mindfulness club got underway and lunchtime and after school football with iPro has kicked off.

It might be of interest to you to know that our relationship with iPro and Sean started over 20 years ago. Here at Holy Trinity, Sean has worked under five different Headteachers organising and running football & multi-sports camps, as well as holiday camps, sport inset days and Saturday Soccer Schools. In the past he has taken school teams to many tournaments to win local as well as regional events. One year our squad were just one step away from Wembley!

Sean is a great supporter of Holy Trinity School. He regularly comes along to assemblies and has helped out at many school summer fetes. In his own words, he's enjoyed lots of happy times at HT and seen so many children develop in different ways. We are thrilled to be working with Sean and iPro again this year. If there is anything you would like to know about the clubs he runs he is more than happy for you to speak to him. Simply call 07908 172175 or Email: office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk

Next week we will be inviting Anne Marie Christensen, one of our peripatetic music teachers, into assembly to talk to the children about learning to play a string instrument. Look out for flyers next week about the work she does and how you can secure lessons for your child with her.

For information about all the clubs running this term and details on who to contact to book a place for your child, please see below.

Extra-Curricular activities running this term and details of providers:

Club	Year Group	Day/Time	Contact Details	Arrangements for drop-off/pick-up
Early Bird Club	All	Start time 8am each day of the week	No requirement to book, simply drop off anytime between 8am and 8:45pm. Payment should be made through your ScoPay account	Arrive through the back door of the hall
After School Provision	All	From 3:15pm	Book directly: holytrinity@wraparoundcare4u.com	See WrapAroundCare4U for details: information sent out via email
Spanish Club	Year 5 & 6	Monday before school at 8:20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive through the back door of the hall (starting 11.9.23)
iPro Football	KS2 boys	Monday lunchtime	Book directly: Office 07908 172175 Email: office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk	Pupils taking part may come to school in their school PE kit to avoid the need to change
Playball	EYFS & Year 1	Monday, finish time: 4:15pm	Book online: http://www.playballkids.com/f/southbucks	Collect from the back door of the school hall (starting 11.9.23)
Junior Choir	Years 3 & 4	Tuesday before school, start time: 8am ALL WELCOME	All welcome, simply come along larainebrownbda@gmail.com (starting from 26 th September)	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Spanish Club	Year 2	Tuesday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive through the back door of the hall (starting 12.9.23)
Little Samurai	EYFS, Y1 & Y2	Tuesday, finish time: 4:15pm	Book directly: 07828 534817 www.SamuraiKickboxing.com info@SamuraiKickboxing.com	Collect from the back door of the school hall (starting 12.9.23)
Football	Year 5 & 6 boys and girls	Tuesday, finish time 4:30pm	All welcome; please refer to Mr Whittle's letter	Collect from the back gate
Rock Steady	EYFS – Y6	Wednesday morning	Book directly: 0330 113 0330 Rocksteadymusicschool.com	N/A lessons take place during the school day
Netball	Years 5 & 6	Wednesday before school, start time: 8am	All welcome (starting from 13 th September)	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Spanish Club	Year 1	Wednesday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive through the back door of the hall (starting 13.9.23)
iPro Football	KS2 girls	Wednesday lunchtime	Book directly: Office 07908 172175 Email: office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk	Pupils taking part may come to school in their school PE kit to avoid the need to change
Spanish Club	Year 3	Wednesday after school, finish time 3:50pm	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Collect from the front entrance of school (starting 13.9.23)
Yoga & Mindfulness	All	Wednesday, finish time 4:30pm	Book directly by contacting Sallie Windsor: 07846 992824 sallie.windsor@nurturekidsyoga.com	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Senior Choir	Years 5 & 6	Thursday before school, start time: 8am ALL WELCOME	All welcome, simply come along larainebrownbda@gmail.com (starting from 28 th September)	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Young Samurai	Years 3 - 6	Thursday after school, finish time: 4:15pm	Book directly: 07828 534817 www.SamuraiKickboxing.com or info@SamuraiKickboxing.com Collect from the back door of the school hall	
Spanish Club	Year 4	Friday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive through the back door of the hall (starting 15.9.23)
Sewing Club	Year 1 – 6	Friday after school, finish time: 4:30pm	Book directly: 07782 253565 anita@dhaaga-sewing.co.uk	Collect from the front entrance of school
iPro Football	Years 1 - 6	Friday after school, finish time: 4:30pm	Book directly: Office 07908 172175 Email: office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk	Children attending this club are permitted to come to school wearing their school P.E. kit with a football shirt to change into at the end of the day if they wish. Collect from the back gate
Maestro Music	EYFS – Y6	Various days during the week	Book directly: lornarennie@berkshiremaestros.org.uk	Times of lessons determined by Maestros

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

Please continue to refer to this section in our newsletter throughout the year to keep abreast of what is happening in school. Dates will be added on a regular basis.

19 th September	Year 2 Meet the Teacher meeting 4pm (virtual)
19 th September	PTA pre-loved uniform sale
21 st September	Year 5 Meet the Teacher meeting 4pm (virtual)
22 nd September	Year 3 Meet the Teacher meeting 4pm (virtual)
18 th - 21 st September	Year 6 Cycling Proficiency (See letter sent out this week)
20 th September	PTA Virtual Meeting 7:30pm
20 th September	Y6 Residential Trip Virtual Meeting with Roger Sell of CRS Adventures 4:00pm (details to follow)
21 st September	Trip for those in the school choirs to the 'Opera Magic Concert in Windsor (letter sent out to choir members)
28 th September	Maidenhead Advertiser 'First School Photo' for Cygnet Class
29 th September	Macmillan Cake Sale
30 th September	PTA Inter-Committee Football
3 rd - 7 th October	Henley Festival (virtual workshops organised for the children in school)
3 rd & 5 th October	Virtual Parent Consultations (information to follow)
12 th October	Harvest Festival in church 10:30am
16 th - 20 th October	Science & Technology Week
16 th - 20 th October	Open House Session to view classrooms 3:15pm -4pm (KS2 on Tuesday, EYFS & KS1 on Wednesday)
19 th October	PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale
23rd - 27th October	HALF TERM
31 st October	Flu Vaccinations
13 th - 17 th November	Maths & Computing Week
5 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 2pm
6 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 6pm
4 th - 8 th March	Book week
5 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations
7 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations
13 th - 16 th May	KS2 SATs
10 th - 14 th June	Arts and Culture Week
24 th - 28 th June	Y6 Residential Trip
24 th - 4 th July	Sports Week
5 th July	Sports Day