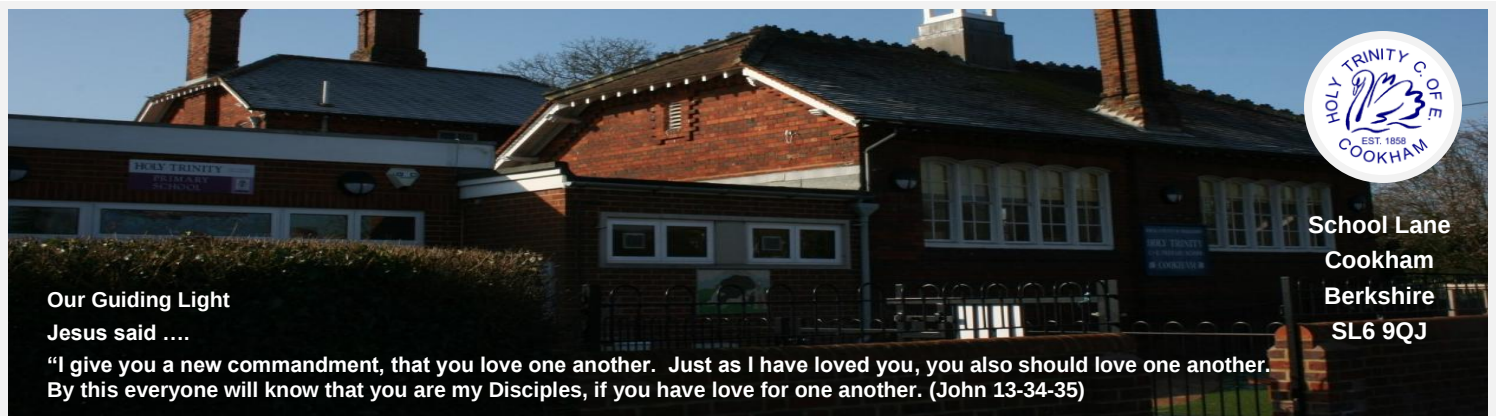




Our Guiding Light

Jesus said

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my Disciples, if you have love for one another. (John 13-34-35)

KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Welcome to the beginning of the academic year and a particularly warm welcome to those of you who are new to our school. I have enjoyed meeting you and your children this week.

Thank you for your support this week in helping us to ensuring a smooth transition back to the classroom. I do hope your child has spoken positively about the first few days. We have used the time to establish classroom routines, introduce new topics and design a new School Charter, a set of statements which guides us in ensuring the year ahead is happy for everyone. The children came up with the most wonderful ideas which reflect our vision and values perfectly. They have demonstrated throughout the week how strongly embedded our message of love and kindness is.

The usual system for dropping off children in the morning, Reception children arriving at the front everyone else making their way to classrooms by entering at the back of the school, continues to run smoothly as does the afternoon pick-up so we will continue to follow these procedures in the coming weeks. **Please note, the window for dropping children off in the morning has narrowed. Please aim to drop your child off between 8:45am and 8:55am.** Do make every effort to be here between these times as we want to restrict footfall through the main reception and ensure the children are in the classroom in plenty of time to complete important early morning work. We have noticed how difficult it can be for some children walking in late to a classroom when everyone else is seated and settled. It creates unnecessary anxiety. Thank you.

Meet the Teacher Meetings:

Over the next two weeks we will be inviting you to attend virtual 'Meet the Teacher' meetings. This will give you an opportunity to hear from your child's class teacher(s) about specific matters related to the term ahead. These will be at 4:15pm according to the following timetable.

Monday 7th – Year 6

Tuesday 8th – Year 4

Wednesday 9th – EYFS (Reception)

Thursday 10th – Year 3

Tuesday 15th – Year 1

Wednesday 16th – Year 2

Thursday 17th – Year 5

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. For those of you with children new to the school, instructions on how to access this learning platform have been sent to you so do familiarise yourself with how to log on before the meeting. 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 is sometimes where parents become unstuck. If you follow the instructions on the letter the office have sent you, you should have no issue. I do hope you will be able to attend these sessions as they will provide you with relevant information which will ensure a smooth journey for your child through the Autumn Term.

Google Classroom is a learning platform primarily for the pupils. The 'Stream' allows us to post messages to the children and them to share news with their class mates. The 'Classwork' section is separated out with headings where homework is posted along with other things like Collective Worship. We also use the 'Classwork' section to post stories and photographs of special events which have happened in school. It's a lovely way to bring the whole school together through shared experiences. Do take a look!

How You Can Help your Child Manage the Routines of the Day and Access Learning:

At 'Meet the Teacher' meetings, class teachers will offer you a range of specific strategies to support your child. Some important ones include sending your child to school each day with the correct equipment including a water bottle. When ordering a lunch for your child get them involved in choosing from the menu. Reading to them or hearing them read every day has an enormous impact. Please feel free to write in their reading diary-we enjoy seeing your positive comments. And do help them to access Google Classroom. You will start to see homework tasks posted and we encourage you to get involved in supporting your child to complete these tasks. Everything they do in school is supported by teacher input so doing the same at home helps to broaden their knowledge. We are looking forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year to help your child reach their full potential.

P.E. Timetable:

This year the children will continue to come to school wearing P.E. kit on the days when P.E. lessons fall. Therefore, on these days please send your child in wearing the correct school P.E. kit, looking as smart as they did on sports day! This requires them to wear **navy** shorts/skort (or **navy** tracksuit trousers/leggings) with a white polo shirt with or without the school logo on. Only **navy** hoodies/tracksuit tops are permitted. For information on the correct P.E. kit and regular school uniform, please follow the link to our website:

[Policies \(holylrinitysch.co.uk\)](http://Policies(holytrinitysch.co.uk))

If your child attends a sports club, for instance Play Ball and iPro Soccer School, they may also come to school wearing school P.E. kit on the day the club meets to speed up the hand over at the end of the day. However, if they prefer to wear alternative gear like football kit **they must come to school in P.E. uniform and change before the club begins**. This will ensure they are smart and in the correct kit at all times during the school day.

This term P.E. lessons will take place on the following days:

EYFS (Cygnet Class): Tuesday and Thursday

Year 1 (Swan Class): Tuesday and Thursday

Year 2 (Kingfisher Class): Monday and Tuesday

Year 3 (Gosling Class): Tuesday and Thursday (in Term 1 & 2, swimming sessions will also be on Tuesday – please refer to the swimming letter. Your child should come to school with their swimming gear preferably worn underneath their uniform to speed up the time it takes to get in the pool. Do not forget to pack underwear)

Year 4 (Teal Class): Monday and Thursday

Year 5 (Cormorant Class): Monday and Tuesday

Year 6 (Moorhen Class): Monday and Thursday

Thank you for your support in naming all your child's kit and sending them in looking smart and ready for learning whatever day of the week it is.

On a regular basis throughout the year our PTA will be running pre-loved uniform sales with the first one next week on Monday 7th. You may have noticed a black bin outside at the back of the hall. If you have any uniform to donate to the PTA, it can be placed here. Please ensure items of clothing are bagged, washed and in a good state of repair with name labels removed. Any items purchased should have new name labels written/sewn in. Many thanks go to the PTA for managing this for us.

PTA News:

Our PTA do a wonderful job fundraising for the school and bringing the community together. I hope that those of you with children in Reception Class who went to the coffee morning organised by them on Wednesday enjoyed the event and appreciated the welcome gift. There are lots of events planned for the coming months so do look out for details as they are published. Your support of the PTA allows us to complete projects like the recent installation of the new trim trail, all of which support the children in their learning.

Attendance:

As some of you will be aware from newsletters last year, the expectation of the DfE is that attendance for every child should be above 95%. If a child's attendance is below 90%, he/she is regarded as persistently absent and anything below 50% is classified as severely absent. Attendance figures are reported on end of year report cards and low absence can trigger involvement from the Borough's Education Welfare Team and an officer making a visit to a home. Absences for anything other than examinations, religious observance, illness or medical appointments are not permitted. 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 unauthorized.

While I 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. I trust you saw my email on Wednesday which highlighted the link between good attendance and high attainment. If not, take a look, it makes for interesting reading: [The link between attendance and attainment in an assessment year](#). In light of this, we encourage you to send your child to school every day unless they have a temperature, are vomiting, have diarrhoea or any of the contagious illnesses as outlined in NHS guidance: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

To help you plan holidays and events outside school time, this year's term dates have been sent out today as an attachment.

Nut Free/ Sesame Free:

Please note, we have a very strict No Nut, No Sesame policy because of a number of children on roll with severe allergies. When sending your child in with a packed lunch or snacks to eat at breaktime, please be very vigilant in this matter. This policy must also be adhered to if you choose to send your child in with treats to hand out to the class on their birthday. Pesto is one of the food items not allowed in school.

As part of our science and Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE) programmes, we promote healthy eating. To support us in delivering a consistent message if your child is in KS2 (Yrs 3-6) please send him/her in only with healthy snacks, i.e. fruit to eat at break time. We provide the children in Reception and KS1 (Y1 & Y2) with a healthy snack.

Hot meals are of course available every day from our catering team. Thank you for taking note of the fact that meals need to be ordered at home at least 24 hours before they are required. This helps our catering team when placing orders.

Contact and Medical Details:

In the interests of safeguarding, please ensure you keep the office informed on any changes to your child's medical or dietary needs and emergency contact details. We also require you to inform us of your photo permission preferences.

Clubs:

We are delighted to be able to offer a number of extra-curricular clubs again this year which we hope will interest and excite the children. Do look out for flyers from club providers which the office or they will send out periodically. Some have gone out already. Please note, places get booked up quickly, so to secure a place and avoid disappointment book as soon as you are able. A timetable for clubs operating this term will be shared in next week's newsletter.

Pick – Up:

If someone other than yourself is collecting your child, please email or phone the office in plenty of time to inform us. Do also let us know in writing if you grant permission for your child to walk home on their own.

Parking:

Because of the narrowness of School Lane and the lack of parking space along it, from time-to-time issues arise. If there is need to park a vehicle either in the lane or somewhere close by, please be considerate of our neighbours and avoid parking across driveways. Please also avoid parking close to junctions or on pavements which forces those walking, sometimes with younger children in buggies, to step onto the road.

Buckinghamshire Transfer Tests:

If you have a child in Year 6 and you have registered them with Buckinghamshire Country Council, you will be aware that transfer tests are scheduled for next week. The familiarisation test will be carried out on Tuesday 8th and the transfer test two days later. The children will be taking the test in a number of classrooms in the morning once registers have been done. We expect to receive the results of these tests in October.

As we are a school in the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead not Buckinghamshire, in order for a child to be entered for the transfer tests, parents have to opt in to the system. You do this by contacting Buckinghamshire County Council yourself. This is currently relevant for those of you with children in Year 5. The Bucks Admissions Team will be able to provide you with information about the process.

Cookham & Cookham Dean Horticultural Society's Flower and Produce Show:

On Saturday 19th September we are all invited to the village's Flower and Produce Show which is being held at Cookham Dean Village Hall. There are a number of adults and children's classes so for details, see the flyer sent to you today or go to

<http://www.cookhamandcookhamdeanhortsoc.co.uk/>

GEMS:

GEMS is a service which supports parents and carers of children and young people in East Berkshire with autism and ADHD. They run a number of course throughout the year including two coming up shortly: AuDHD on 14th October and Understanding Emotional Regulation on 21st October. For details and to find out more about the organisation go to: [Home - Gems4health](#) or telephone 01753 373244 (Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm)

Important calendar dates, including when our Nativity and Sports Day are happening, are listed below. These dates will be added to on a regular basis. Please do take a moment each week to scan the newsletter to keep abreast of what is going on.

Have a wonderful weekend and we shall all look forward to seeing you and the children on Monday.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

While some key dates appear below, please continue to refer to this section in our newsletter throughout the year as new dates will be added on a regular basis as events come up. **Any new additions (or any changes and deadlines) are highlighted in blue.**

1 st September	INSET day
2 nd September	First day back for the children
7 th September	PTA Pre-Loved uniform sale 3:15pm back playground
8 th September	Y3 swimming lessons begin
8 th September	Buckinghamshire Transfer Tests (practice papers)
10 th September	Buckinghamshire Transfer Tests (11+ examination)
15 th September	Maidenhead Advertiser: First Class Photo
17 th September	Online Meeting about the Year 6 Residential Trip 4:30pm
25 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning Charity Event
1 st October	Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity Church 10am
5 th October	Start of Y6 Cycling Proficiency course
12 th October	Start of Science and Technology Week
13 th October	Parent Consultations
15 th October	Parent Consultations
20 th October	Flu Vaccinations
20 th October	KS2 Open House
21 st October	EYFS & KS1 Open House
21 st October	School Photos

26 th October to 30 th October	Half Term Break
2 nd November	Start of Term 2
11 th November	Whole School Remembrance Service at the War Memorial
11 th November	PTA AGM 7:30pm
16 th November	Start of Maths and Computing Week
18 th November	Open Evening
20 th November	Children in Need
24 th November	Choirs performing at the Royal Albert Hall
8 th December 2pm	Nativity Performance
9 th December 6pm	Nativity Performance
9 th December	Rock Steady Concert 9:30am
15 th December	Final swimming lesson for Y3
16 th December	EYFS & KS1 Trip to the pantomime at the Wycombe Swan
16 th December	KS2 Christmas Party
16 th December	PTA Carols in the Courtyard
17 th December	Christmas Service at Holy Trinity Church 10am
17 th December	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Party
18 th December	Last day of term
21 st December to 1 st January	Christmas Holiday
4 th January	Start of Term 3
29 th January	PTA Disco
2 nd February	KS2 Open House
3 rd February	EYFS & KS1 Open House
10 th February	Safer Internet Day
15 th February to 19 th February	Half Term Break
22 nd February	Start of Term 4
27 th February	PTA Black Tie Ball
1 st March	Start of Book Week
2 nd March	Parent Consultations
4 th March	Parent Consultations
4 th March	World Book Day
5 th March	Book Week Dress-Up Day
19 th March	Comic Relief
24 th March	Rock Steady Concert 9:30am
25 th March	PTA Make the Rules Day and Easter Trail
26 th March to 9 th April	Easter Holiday
12 th April	Start of Term 5
22 nd April	Earth Day
27 th April	KS2 Open House
28 th April	EYFS & KS1 Open House
3 rd May	Bank Holiday
10 th May to 13 th May	KS2 SATs
17 th May	Start of National Walk to School Week
31 st May to 4 th June	Half Term Break
7 th June	Start of Term 6
11 th June	PTA Disco
14 th June	Start of Arts and Culture Week
18 th June	Arts and Culture Week Show
21 st June	Y6 Residential Trip
28 th June	Start of Sports Week
2 nd July	Sports Day
3 rd June	HT Fest
14 th July	Rock Steady Concert
15 th July	Y6 Leavers' Service 10am
15 th July	Last Day of Term