



**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)**



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**KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK**

With no new cases of COVID-19 again this week, we would like to thank you for all you are continuing to do to support us. Your vigilance, combined with the measures we have in place, are allowing us to function almost normally. This week, for instance, one class has been on a day trip to Winchester and we have been able to invite a number of visitors in to enhance the learning experience during our Maths and Coding Week. While we remain cautious, we are optimistic about being able to organise events on the run up to Christmas which are already being planned. We also seem to be nearing the end of the sickness and diarrhea bug with attendance now high so thank you for noting our 48-hour policy which has helped slow down the spread.

**Maths and Coding Week:**

I do hope your child has spoken positively about the different events going on this week. Thank you for your support in responding to the letter which went out about it and our thanks also go to Mr. Cuin-Wood for the two interesting workshops he ran for Year 4 and Year 6. Pictures of all activities have been posted on Twitter for you to see and we will endeavor to share more on Google Classroom. Here your child will also find information about the competition set by Ms. O'Reilly to see who can take the most amazing maths photograph. Do refer to the PowerPoint, 'Where's the Maths in That?' to provide inspiration. Your child should take a photo, upload it to Google Classroom and be ready to explain to their classmates the maths they see in it. The deadline has been extended to Monday so there is still time. If you have not already contributed to the week on Scopay please do so to enable the school to continue to provide specialist resources for the children.

**Extra-Curricular Activities:**

Some of our club providers are starting to think ahead to next term. This week, information about iPro football and Sewing Club has been circulated and there are still four places left for Playball Club which will be running an extra session next term. To book a slot for your child in Playball, please contact the team directly on 07415 640970 or go to [www.playballkids.com](http://www.playballkids.com)

Unfortunately, owing to circumstances beyond our control, choir has been temporarily suspended. Sessions will resume for Junior Choir on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December and for Senior Choir on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Current arrangements for picking up/dropping off children from our extra-curricular clubs are as follows:

Breakfast Club	Start time 8am each day of the week	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Playball	Finish time: 4:15pm (Monday)	Collect from the back gate
Junior Choir	Before school at 8am (Tuesday, beginning 7.12.21)	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Netball	Before school at 8am (Tuesday)	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Football Club	Finish time : 4:30pm (Tuesday)	Collect from the back gate
Samurai	Finish time: 4:00pm (Tuesday)	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Samurai	Finish time: 4:15pm (Thursday)	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Senior Choir	Before school at 8am (Thursday, beginning 9.12.21)	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Football iPro	Finish time: 4:30pm (Friday)	Collect from the back gate
Sewing Club	Finish time: 4:35pm (Friday)	Collect from the front entrance to school Reception
Spanish Club	Start and finish times vary throughout the week-please refer to the previously sent out flyer for specific details	

**Wrap-Around Care:**

Our arrangements for Breakfast Club are working well so it will continue to operate as it currently does, providing an early drop-off service. The number of children attending remains relatively small and although we do not segregate year groups, not serving food makes it easier for us to implement some Covid-safe measures. It is our intention to stick to this system for the time being.

From time to time I am approached by parents asking about after school care beyond the clubs we offer. Pre-pandemic we had explored this possibility with a number of providers. However, recently it has become harder to find companies offering a quality service who are still in operation. We will revisit this at some point in the future but it is unlikely that we will have anything up and running before the end of this academic year.

**Eco-Council News:**

Please support our Eco-Council in their latest project by turning off lights, not wasting water and remembering to reuse, reduce and recycle. They are keen to collect the 'Heroes on a Mission' cards which Sainsbury's are giving out as they help with ideas on how to look after our planet. If you shop in Sainsbury's, do ask for the cards and send them in with your child. Thank you.

**Children in Need:**

We are thrilled to announce that having raised £450.35 this time last week, our total has now risen to £1030.95. Thank you so much for your generosity in sponsoring your child. We have now sent a cheque off so if you have any outstanding donations perhaps you'd be kind enough to pay them in yourself.

### Annual Flu Vaccinations:

An email was sent out again yesterday reminding you of the process for booking a flu vaccination for your child. If you have not yet done so, booking is now closed. If you have missed the deadline you will be able to consent 24 hours after the school session (on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November) when the system will be reopened. You will be required to complete a consent form using the original information sent out from us and then wait for the link to be emailed back to you. This will allow you to book into one of the catch-up clinics.

### Christmas Dinner:

Christmas dinner will be served on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Do look out for details of how to book which will be sent to you in due course.

Thank you for continuing to book your child's dinner and select menu options at home. This is giving the children additional time in the morning to complete morning activities and correct work from the day before, when otherwise they would have been making menu choices themselves. It allows a smoother start to the day.

### Christmas Jumper Day:

On the same day that Christmas dinner is served (Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December) your child is invited to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper. This is in support of Save the Children. They should bring in a donation which we will send to the charity.

### PTA Annual General Meeting:

I was delighted that so many of you were able to attend the PTA AGM on Wednesday. My thanks go to the outgoing committee, particularly Kristina Smith who is stepping down from the role of chair, and those who are forming our new committee: Mrs. Kate Winrow-Davies (chair), Mrs. Gemma Ransome (secretary), Mr. Rob Parker (treasurer) and Mrs. Sally Macmillan, Mrs. Rebecca Brittain and Mrs. Kristina Smith (trustees).

The team are planning a number of events for Christmas. On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 5pm – 6:30pm you are invited to an outside evening of games, festive treats and song. There is no entrance fee and we hope the lure of tombolas and a bar will entice you to come along. On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December the team will be collecting tombola prizes outside the main entrance at drop off. If you are able to donate unopened toiletries and treats for the adults, and children's toys, games, books etc which are in good condition for our youngsters we would be very grateful. If you can help out on the night please let your class rep know. A 'Carols in the Courtyard' flyer is attached for your information.

On 24<sup>th</sup> December the CMC Running Group invites you their 'Christmas Eve Trot', an event organised by Jason Leaf with all proceeds going to our PTA. There is a shorter route for the children so do see Mr Leaf and his flyer for details.

Today you will have received an email about the PTA Christmas Card project. The email provides you with all the details you need to purchase Christmas cards and gifts which your child has designed in school. It's very easy to do, simply go to [www.mychildsart.co.uk](http://www.mychildsart.co.uk), follow the instructions using our unique school code and confirm your child's name.

- Username: **HolyTrinity**
- Password: **XcTNVD29**

If you order by 5<sup>th</sup> December you will receive a 10% discount and all orders placed before 8<sup>th</sup> December will be posted directly to your address with delivery guaranteed before Christmas. We do hope you like the designs your child has created! Flyers have been sent out along with the email.

Do look out for other PTA events including a Christmas trail around the village which will be advertised in the coming days.

In the meantime, I do hope you have a lovely weekend.

Anna Smith

## CALENDAR DATES

25 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 School Trip (see letter soon to be circulated)
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Nasal Flu Vaccine (whole school)
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Road Safety Workshop in school for Year 3
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 3 Dodgeball Competition (see letter sent to individual pupils selected to play)
6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Bikeability (please refer to letter and be aware of the need to return forms quickly to secure a place for your child)
7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity (further possible dates to be announced)
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Church Service (tbc)
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner (booking required)
16 <sup>th</sup> December	'Wear a Christmas Jumper Day' (proceeds to Save the Children)
16 <sup>th</sup> December 5 – 6:30pm	PTA 'Carols in the Courtyard' event (see flyer)
24 <sup>th</sup> December	'Christmas Eve Trot' (see flyer)



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