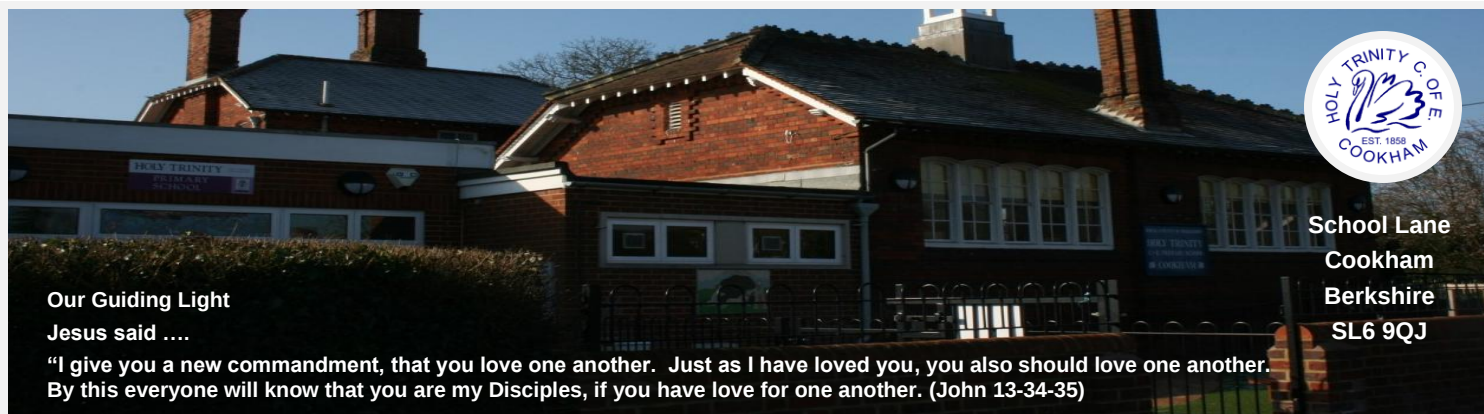




KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Celebrating Harvest:

If you were able to join us for our festival of harvest at Holy Trinity Church today, thank you for being part of our celebration. It was incredibly special to see so many of you giving up your time to be there. Thank you also for your incredibly kind donations of food items to FoodShare Maidenhead. We have passed on your gifts to the charity ready for distribution around our community.

Year 6 Residential Trip:

It was lovely to see so many of you with children in Year 6 attend the meeting on Tuesday with Roger Sell from CRS Adventures. I hope you found the session informative. If you were unable to attend, you can see Roger's presentation by following the link to: [River Dart Country Park & CRS Adventures Residential School Visit Information. \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) A video which really captured camp life last June has also been posted on Google Classroom for the children to see. No doubt they will be very excited about the trip when they take a look.

After half term a letter will be sent out containing information about the visit, the anticipated cost and details on how you can secure a place for your child. Do look out for it. The trip runs from 22nd to 26th June.

Year 6 Bikeability:

Year 6 have had a wonderful week learning how to cycle safely on the road. The instructors from BeSpoke Cycling Instruction Ltd who have worked with the children had nothing but positive comments to share on their cycling skills and also their ability to listen, take instruction and support each other. They end the course with badges as a record of their achievement.

If you are yet to collect your child's bicycle to take home, we would be grateful if it is collected early next week in order to leave space in our bicycle rack for the children who regularly cycle to school. Thank you.

Henley Literary Festival:

Year 2 and Year 4 took part in interesting workshops this week celebrating Henley's Literary Festival. Both classes, having heard Zanna Davidson's author of '*Izzy the Inventor and the Elf Inspectors*' and Dermot O'Leary's who has written a book called '*Spy Fox & Agent Feathers*' speak, returned to school with signed copies. They enjoyed the sessions and came back full of stories to share.

Visit from MP Joshua Reynolds:

We were delighted to receive a visit today from local MP Joshua Reynolds who came in to meet Year 6 and talk about democracy ahead of us selecting house captains. He enjoyed a tour of the school meeting everyone.

Celebrating Black History Month:

Last Friday I informed you that this week is World Space Week. October is also Black History Month so to mark the event, on Tuesday a number of classes joined a 'Great Big Live Assembly', a virtual lesson which explored the bravery of Rosa Parks and how her one bus ride changed the world. Inspired by the session, several children have created posters about racism which you may have seen around school. Do look out for them.

'Open the Book' Assembly:

Yesterday we welcomed the Open the Book team into school to lead us in Collective Worship. With lots of audience participation, they told the story of Isaac and Rebekah. We are looking forward to seeing them again closer to Christmas.

The First Football Match of the Season:

Yesterday we played our first matches of the season against Oldfield School here at Holy Trinity. Both the boys' and girls' team were involved in matches that didn't go our way but were none the less exciting to watch. We were proud of the children who represented our school brilliantly by welcoming the other teams and playing with good sportsmanship.

Science and Technology Week:

We haven't got any trips booked for next week but we do have an exciting schedule of events given that it is Science and Technology Week. We are thrilled that so many of you are joining us and we're equally excited to welcome a number of external workshop providers. Jamie of Brickies fame will be here with his new company 'Build to Learn' as will Wild Cookham. We are looking forward to Donna Stimson from 'Green Skills' coming in (we still require orange fabric for her workshop), and the Wild Workshop Company will be teaching the children all about habitats, life cycles and food chains with some little friends joining them! In addition we are all very excited that midweek

we will have alpacas on our field. The children will be invited to pet them and offer them carrots and apparently Truffle likes hugs too! **If your child has allergies, in particular to animal hair, and you would rather they didn't meet the alpacas please let us know in writing before Wednesday and we will make alternative provision.** Equally, when Wild Cookham come in, they will have owl pellets for the children to dissect. Apparently by doing so, bones and other material can be found which sounds fascinating. The team have informed us that the pellets have been heat treated and therefore sterilised having been sent to a laboratory for testing to ensure they are safe to handle. **However, again if you would rather your child does not take part in the session, please inform us in writing by Monday.**

Like trips to places away from school, these activities come at a cost which our budget does not cover. If is for this reason that we ask you for a contribution. If you have already made payment, thank you very much. If not, we would be most grateful if you could do so by Friday 24th October via your Scopay account. Next term during Maths and Computing Week we will be inviting Childnet Education in to school to talk to the children about aspects of internet safety. They will also run a workshop for parents the date of which has been added to the calendar below. **If you are yet to sign up to a Smartphone Free Childhood go to: [Smartphone Free Childhood](#) to find the pact. We are proud that we are currently second in the leader board of schools whose parents have signed up in Berkshire.**

Parents' Evening:

Next week you are invited to our virtual parents' evening in order to speak to your child's class teacher and discuss how he/she has settled in. It is also a time to evaluate Individual Health Care Plans which some of you may have been sent today. Please note, no after school clubs, other than Wrap Around Care will run on these days.

Yesterday you were emailed instructions on how to book an appointment which hopefully you've been able to do. While this is a virtual meeting, there will be other opportunities during the year for you to speak to your child's teacher face to face. The first opportunity falls just before the half term holiday when you are invited to our Open House event to see your child's books. The dates are listed below. In addition, as always, we operate an open door policy with staff available at pick-up to answer any questions and address any issues you may have.

Individual Healthcare Plans:

IHPs are documents written in conjunction with parents and health care practitioners to ensure that all children with medical conditions, in terms of both physical and mental health, are properly supported in school so that they can play a full and active role in school life, remain healthy and achieve their academic potential.

Parents of children with medical conditions are often concerned that their child's health will deteriorate when they attend school. This is because pupils with long-term and complex medical conditions may require ongoing support, medicines or care while at school to help them manage their condition and keep them well. Others may require monitoring and interventions in emergency circumstances. It is also the case that children's health needs may change over time in ways that cannot always be predicted, sometimes resulting in extended absences. It is therefore important that parents feel confident that schools will provide effective support for their child's medical condition and that pupils feel safe. In the case of children with asthma or severe allergic reactions which require the use of an epi-pen an IHP may be appropriate, for instance.

This week, parents of children with specific medical conditions have been emailed. If you have not received an email and you feel your child might benefit from an IHP, please email the school office to inform us. Thank you.

Safeguarding:

I hope you saw my email earlier in the week insisting that you do not share the code to the back gate with your child attending Wrap Around Care. Doing so compromises their safeguarding procedures as well as ours.

Yesterday all heads in the borough received an email drawing our attention to the fact that various titles in the 'Spy Dogs', 'Spy Pup', and 'Spy Cat' series by Andrew Cope contain a weblink printed at the back of the book. This link, unfortunately, no longer directs users to information about the books as intended. Instead, it now leads to inappropriate and unsafe material, specifically pornographic content without any age restrictions. Please be vigilant.

Lost Property:

Quite a lot of lost property has started to accumulate on the wooden posts outside the Year 2 classroom at the top of the playground, all unnamed. Please could we ask that you regularly check that any property your child brings into school is clearly named. Any lost items which are found and named are immediately returned to their owner. Thank you.

In the meantime, if you are short of any uniform, you are welcome to take away any of the unnamed property.

Thank you Mr Larkin:

We were enormously grateful to Mr Larkin, father of Jaxon and Isla, this week when he dismantled the cricket net on our field which was badly damaged during last weekend's storm. It was no longer useable so now, with it cleared, there is more space for the children to run around in.

At the moment we also have seven pallets on the field left from Arts and Culture Week. If you are able to perhaps put one in the boot of your car one afternoon and take it to the tip, we would be just as grateful. Alternatively they may be great for fire wood if any of you are planning a bonfire next month!

Safeguarding Alert - Spy Dogs Books

Dear Parents/Carers

We have been made aware that several titles in the **Spy Dogs, Spy Pup, and Spy Cat series by Andrew Cope** contain a weblink at the back of the book that no longer directs people to information about the books. Instead, the link now leads to inappropriate and unsafe material, containing pornographic content with no age restrictions.



We would like to please ask you, as a precaution, to check at home if you have any books from these series and remove them from your child's access.

Attachment Aware Schools Award:

You will be aware from recent newsletters that in the summer we were successful in achieving a Gold Attachment Aware Schools Award in recognition of the work we have done implementing trauma-informed and attachment-aware practices to support the emotional well-being of the children. Last term, Miss Buckley shared a number of techniques we use in school which we hope supported you at home. This week you will have seen that a banner has gone up at the back gate showing our commitment to fostering positive relationships. We are proud to display it.

PTA Quiz Night:

Finally, if you are coming back to school later for the PTA Quiz Night, the staff team will be waiting to greet you. We have our title to defend and we are all very reluctant to give up our Quizzly Shield! I sense an evening of intense competition!

If you aren't coming along, have a lovely weekend.

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.**

10 th October	PTA Quiz Night
13 th – 17 th October	Science & Technology Week
15 th October	Travelling Book Fair in school
14 th & 16 th October	Virtual Parent Consultations (Please refer to email and note no after school clubs will run on these days)
17 th October	Flu Vaccination Programme (Deadline to complete consent form is 16 th October at 9am. Please refer to email)
20 th October	Individual school photos
21 st October	KS2 (Year 3-6) Open House Session to view classrooms 3:15pm -4pm
22 nd October	EYFS & KS1 Open House Session to view classrooms 3:15pm -4pm
22 nd October	A and B team netball matches v Holyport (away) - selected children informed by letter
23 rd October	Boys A and Girls A team football matches v St Edmund Campion (home) - selected children informed by letter
24 th October	Deadline for themed weeks payment

27th – 31st Oct

HALF TERM

3 rd November	Year 1 Trip to Windsor Castle (details to follow)
4 th November	PTA event (details to follow)
7 th November	PTA Pyjama and Popcorn Night
11 th November	Remembrance Service at the War Memorial
12 th November	PTA AGM 7:30pm in school
13 th November	Year 3 trip to the Chiltern open Air Museum (details to follow)
14 th November	Children in Need
17 th November	Year 6 Height and Weight with the School Nursing Team
17 th – 21 st November	Maths & Computing Week
17 th November	Childnet Education meeting for parents 3.45pm
19 th November	Open Evening
3 rd December	Year 6 Trip to Bletchley Park
5 th December	Year 5 Trip to the Harry Potter Studios
6 th December	Cookham Christmas Street Fayre
9 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 2pm
10 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 6pm
15 th December	Carols with the Choirs in Holy Trinity Church
17 th December	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Party
17 th December	PTA Carols in the Courtyard
18 th December	Christmas Service in Holy Trinity Church
18 th December	EYFS & KS1 trip to the pantomime in the Wycombe Swan (details to follow)
18 th December	KS2 Christmas Party

22nd December – 2nd Jan Christmas Holiday

2 nd – 6 th March	Book week
3 rd March	Virtual Parent Consultations
5 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations
11 th – 14 th May	KS2 SATs
8 th – 12 th June	Arts and Culture Week
22 nd – 26 th June	Y6 Residential Trip
22 nd – 2 nd July	Sports Fortnight
3 rd July	Sports Day

