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## KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

I trust you are all in receipt of the email that was sent to you on Monday (7.12.20). Circumstances have not changed. However, if you require any further advice or support, please refer to the letter which was sent out with the email.

You may also find the summary on the newsletter from 20.11.20 of what to do in circumstances which relate to COVID-19, useful. This can be found on our website using this link: [Newsletter 20\\_11\\_20.pdf \(holytrinitysch.co.uk\)](https://www.holytrinitysch.co.uk/newsletter-20-11-20.pdf)

Thank you for your support and for remaining vigilant during these difficult and complex times. Your assistance is vital in helping us to safeguard the children and everyone else in our community.

### Reporting Cases of Covid-19 Beyond the End of Term:

This week, I have received notification from the government that schools **are required** to report positive cases of Covid-19 during the Christmas break. Therefore, **if your child tests positive during the holiday you should continue to inform the school office [office@holytrinitysch.co.uk](mailto:office@holytrinitysch.co.uk)**. There is a requirement for me to contact the Department for Education, undertake contact tracing and give advice on isolation in line with guidance if cases are reported in the two days after we finish on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. This is because an infected person can spread Covid-19 to others two days before the person themselves has any symptoms or tests positive.

**It remains essential that any pupil or indeed staff member that tests positive over the Christmas holiday does not return to school until their period of self-isolation, in line with the guidance, has been completed.**

To reiterate, the DfE has stated:

*We recommend all schools ensure staff, parents and carers are aware of the following information and relevant arrangements regarding positive cases in the holidays:*

- *Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), **having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted.** Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.*
- *For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), **having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.***
- *School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching. Where a schools last teaching day is on Thursday 17 December, there should be no pupil contact tracing asks beyond Wednesday 23 December. (For schools finishing on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, there should be no pupil contact tracing asks beyond 24<sup>th</sup> December.)*

### Final Day of Term:

You may have seen in the media this week a suggestion that schools could take Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December as an INSET day to avoid the need for school staff to be on call up to and including Christmas Eve. **We will not be doing this. Therefore, the end of term remains as previously published, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, with pick-up arrangements the same as usual.** Please note football club will not meet after school on the 18<sup>th</sup>; the final session with Pro-Direct is today, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

### Statutory Assessment:

Last week I reported on the Department of Education's plans to maintain national curriculum assessments in the 2020 to 2021 academic year to allow it to measure the impact of coronavirus. The newsletter was prepared before schools received further notification (on Thursday) of slight changes to testing this year. I apologise for any confusion this caused. To clarify, the latest guidance for schools states: *To recognise the challenges that primary schools are facing, primary assessments in summer 2021 will focus on assessments in phonics, English reading and writing, and mathematics.*

This means that the following statutory assessments will continue in 2021:

- The phonics screening check for Year 1 pupils (and Year 2 pupils who have not met the standard previously)
- KS2 English reading and mathematics tests
- KS1 and KS2 teacher assessments (excluding science)

As a school we have been, or will be, trialling EYFS baseline assessment and the Year 4 multiplication tables check. These tests, with the exception of the trialling of EYFS baseline assessment which has already happened in our school, will take place in the summer term.

As I reported last week, for this year only, schools are required to administer a past version of the phonics screening check to all Year 2 pupils during the second half of the 2020 autumn term. Year 2 pupils who meet the expected standard in the autumn check will not be required to complete any further statutory assessments in phonics. Year 2 pupils who do not meet the expected standard in the autumn check will be expected to take the statutory check in June 2021 with Year 1 pupils. These tests for our current Year 2 pupils have now been carried out by Mrs. Nicol; you will receive your child's results next week.

### Holy Trinity's PTA Christmas Tree Trail:

You can still take part in the PTA's Christmas Tree Trail around Cookham. Follow the map and the instructions on it which you have already been sent, for your child to be in with a chance of winning Frosty the Snowman. The trail continues until the end of the month with the competition closing at 11am on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2021.

### Lockdown Recipe Book:

If you would like to purchase our lockdown recipe book please see the link which has already been sent to you. Half of the proceeds from any sales will go to the PTA, the other half to the Brett Foundation, a local charity chosen by the children which focuses on homelessness and food poverty. To find out more about their work go to [The Brett Foundation – Homeless charity based in Maidenhead](#). Information about, and images of the book have been posted on Google Classroom for you to see.

### Bags 2 School:

Organised by our school ambassadors for change and in support of 'Partners for Change, Ethiopia', the Bags 2 Schools collection will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 8am to 9:30am in the driveway of Willow and Orchard House (next door to our school). Do get collecting. To find out more about this charity, which we have created strong links with and been supporting for many years, go to <https://www.pfcethiopia.org/>

### Christmas Metre Market:

The Christmas Metre Market will be running again from Gantry House in School Lane on the afternoons of 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December. As the organisers have very kindly offered to make our school one of the charity for this event, it would be wonderful if you could go along to support them. For more information refer to the website [www.metre-market.com](http://www.metre-market.com).

### Christmas Post Box:

The children have one more week to use their class Christmas post box to send cards to their friends. Envelope should be labelled clearly with the full name of the child they are sending the card to and the class they are in. Cards for children in other classes will be delivered by staff. Postage is a penny per card with all the money going to the charity the children have decided to support this Christmas, The Brett Foundation.

### Christmas Jumper Day, 11<sup>th</sup> December in support of Save the Children:

We all hope your child enjoyed our Christmas jumper day today and that they enjoyed receiving the gift which Father Christmas, with the help of the PTA, gave them. Do ask your child about the special video message he left for each class! We were successful in raising £168 for Save the Children.

### Christmas Dinner:

Christmas dinner, adapted for a grab-bag, will be served on 16<sup>th</sup> December. If you wish to see the menu and order for your child please do so in the way you have been used to doing recently, online at home. The cost will be charged to your ScoPay account. As has been happening this week, grab bags will be prepared off site and delivered to school for distributed.

### Supporting the Royal National Institute of the Blind:

The RNIB is one of the UK's leading sight loss charities and the largest community of blind and partially sighted people. This year we would like to support them by collecting used stamps. You can help by tearing stamps off envelopes leaving approximately 1cm of paper around the edge, and then bringing them into school after the holiday. We will collate them before sending them off. To find out how collecting stamps will make a difference to blind and partially sighted people, go to [Save your stamps for RNIB - RNIB - See differently](#) Thank you.

### Extra-Curricular Activities Next Term:

After the Christmas holiday we hope to resume some of our extra-curricular clubs. However, this is dependent on a number of factors. For the time being at least Spanish Club will meet virtually using Zoom. Samurai, unless I hear otherwise, will continue to run from the Parish Centre and places for the Pro-Direct football club should be booked directly with the club. Breakfast Club will continue to run although breakfast will not be served; it will simply provide you with an early drop-off service. The children can arrive anytime between 8am and 8:45am. In order to ensure running the club remains viable there is a slight increase in the cost. For each session £2:50 will be charged to your Scopay account.

### The National Child Measurement Programme:

If you have a child in Reception Class you will have received a letter, via email, this week about the NCMP. Please refer to the letter for details.

### Christingle:

To find out from Rev'd Helen how to make a Christingle, your child might be interested in going to

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AQGhkHLpeSk> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HO5YPDuZeHw>

The Christingle service will be posted on the church website on 13<sup>th</sup> December and a crib service will appear on the same website on 24<sup>th</sup> December. These links can also be found on Google Classroom in the Collective Worship section.

### Windsor Virtual Festival 2020:

Join Orpheus Sinfonia with their conductor Thomas Carroll for a concert from Windsor's Guildhall which gives children the opportunity to discover some iconic classical repertoire and its composers, and insights into parts of Windsor's wonderful history. To view the concert use the link which I've been sent this week: [Windsor Virtual Festival: Discover Live A Celebration of Windsor - YouTube](#)

### Lighthouse Christmas Party: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 5.00pm.

As I reported last week, Wayne Dixon of from Christian Connections in Schools (CCiS) is inviting you and your child to a virtual event on 18<sup>th</sup> December. The Lighthouse Christmas Show offers, in Wayne's words, an hour of carols, craft, Bible stories, REAL donkeys, reindeer antlers, custard, talking dogs, rap, Christmas jumpers and the chance to go to the Nativity & beyond! <https://www.facebook.com/events/669748130570294/>

Do look out for our end of term newsletter which will contain very many more details about the things that have been happening this term. It will be published next week.

Finally, should you have any questions in the coming week related to coronavirus, the Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline remains open and is available to answer questions about COVID-19 which relate to education settings and children's social care. Please note the telephone lines will also remain open over the Christmas period.

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours until 24<sup>th</sup> December: Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm

Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 6pm

During the Christmas break:

- 24 December – 8am to 4pm
- 25 to 28 December – Closed
- 29 to 30 December – 8am to 6pm
- 31 December – 9am to 4pm
- 1 January – Closed
- 2 to 3 January – 10am to 6pm

Have a good weekend, remain vigilant, please follow the guidance you have been issued with and stay safe.

Anna Smith

## CALENDAR DATES

16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner (please place your child's order via your Scopay account)
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Bags for School Collection (8am – 9.30am)
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Christmas Break
4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	First day of the new term
15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	RBWM Registration Portal closes for September 2021 children



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