



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

The week has ended on a positive note with no new cases of Covid-19 reported since Tuesday. Attendance figures have risen considerably with almost all pupils who were having to isolate back in the classroom. Those that have been at home have engaged well with the remote learning we have posted and several have joined us for virtual assemblies. Continuing to remain vigilant will help us to keep the number of cases down. Thank you for your support with this.

Next week, if your child is off school for whatever reason, please either email the office (office@holytrinitysch.co.uk) or telephone (01628 523766) before 9:30am each day your child is unable to attend. It is important that you continue to do this so we can be sure of the reasons why pupils aren't in. This information helps us to report accurate figures to the borough which we are required to do on a weekly basis.

News from around the school:

This week we have marked Children's Mental Health Week in a number of ways. Lots of work has stemmed from a book called 'Bottled', written by two brothers who are both primary school teachers. 'Bottled' is a children's picture book that supports vital conversations with young people about their feelings, their mental health, and the importance of developing emotional honesty. To find out more go to: [Home - An Emotionally Honest Space](#). The children have been exploring feelings this week and the effect a healthy life style has on our mental health. We ended the week by presenting prizes to three children in each class who had displayed the most positive attitude.

It was lovely that some of the children isolating at home were able to join us for collective worship sessions this week. Our 'Just One Thing' project for the next few days is to ensure that litter always find its way into a bin. Our Year 5 Clean Up Crew have done a terrific job ensuring our site is absolutely clear of debris. Links to support this week's project can be found on Google Classroom in the Collective Worship section.

The Winter Olympics in Beijing has provided a focus for other Collective Worship sessions this week. We watched the opening ceremony and considered the symbolism of the Olympic rings before exploring some of the inspirational stories of athletes past and present. The strength and resilience shown by these sports stars was perfectly epitomized in the messages on the growth mindset posters which Isla brought in to share with everyone.

Cormorants, to highlight Children's Mental Health Week, have been considering how various emotions and feelings might be triggered by different situations. They worked collaboratively to create bottles full of memories which evoked particular emotions. This linked perfectly with their R.E. topic. Recently they have been exploring the meaning of 'Sewa' which is important in the Sikh religion. The children considered what acts of selfless service they could do to help their community and how these acts might make themselves and others feel.

For Moorhens this week the focus on mental health gave them the perfect opportunity to write brochures with the sole aim of promoting good mental health in children. Mr. Redjeb has also introduced a 'Well-Being Journal'. Each day the pupils record in it things they have learnt and positive experiences they have had. With mixed media, they've also enjoyed creating zentangles which have been proven to boost well-being. House Captain speeches have now been recorded and posted on Google Classroom. With voting underway, we hope to be able to share results next week. One result we did hear about this week was Holy Trinity's winner in the Rotary's Young Writers Competition. We are delighted that Rosemary has been selected by the judges to represent our school with her piece on the environment. She is through to the final which means that on 28th February she will be sharing her writing with other winners from across the borough before the judges select an overall champion. Congratulations Rosemary and good luck on 28th!

On Tuesday it was also Safer Internet Day. Teals had interesting discussions around how group messages can be misinterpreted. They spoke about the importance of being responsible online and keeping messages positive and respectful. New maths equipment, purchased for us by the PTA, really helped the class visualise fractions and deepen their understanding; connections between fractions and division became very obvious. Their performance for the Dance Festival is also really coming along. This week the focus has been moving in unison and perfecting different sorts of canons.

Swans have spent the week studying the incredible blue whale. This embodiment of peace is the largest creature in existence on our planet; the children contemplated its conservation and the ways in which looking after our planet helps to look after all that lives on it. In measuring out a blue whale on the playground they noticed how small we are in comparison and yet how so often it's the smallest things which can make the biggest difference.

Goslings have been learning how to be good friends this week. An activity which they all embraced with interest and excitement involved picking a name out of a hat to be an anonymous friend to. The class had great fun guessing who their secret friend was from the kind actions they carried out! In science the children designed and made their own games using magnets before playing each other's and writing up reviews. The trails of Mole and Ratty were the focus in English. While following a map of the River Bank and Wild Wood they discovered that there is an ACTUAL National Trust 'Wind in the Willow Walk' very nearby! If you're stuck for something to do this weekend, check it out!

A real-life superhero in the form of Firefighter Strudwicke came to visit Cygnets earlier in the week. He spoke about his job and allowed the children to try on various helmets. Even Mrs Brown had permission to wear some of the kit! Outside they used their imagination to create their own fire engines and stations out of construction material but most fun was had dressing up as firefighters and sliding down Cygnet's own fireman's pole. We are enormously grateful to Mr Strudwicke for giving up his time to inspire the children.

In their study of 'Dans la Trousse', Year 3 have learnt how to differentiate between le & la, un & une and Year 4 discovered the meaning of 'le derriere' in their exploration of body parts. It caused great amusement! Year 6 took a trip through the home and used their knowledge of German vocabulary to complete a short comprehension in which they had to determine if given statements were true or false. Vocabulary was reinforced in a new topic for Year 5, 'Die Tiere', when tasks required the children to compete crosswords and compete in a game of 'Who am I?'

Kingfishers' sloth has now taken up residence in the classroom and again provided the inspiration for this week's writing. In guided reading sessions, to help with this work, they learned how words could be categorised in different ways before going on to identify nouns, verbs and adjectives. When reading with your child this weekend, test them to see how good they are at spotting these words in their book!

After a few seasons without playing each other Thursday marked the restart of the Cookham Rise Holy Trinity football derby. Both HT players and the management team of Whittle and Burn received a police escort on their 1-mile journey as the atmosphere really built prior to kick off! HT were slow out of the traps and gifted the Rise a goal straight from kick off. This gave the opposition the impetus they needed and they scored a second soon after. The first half continued in the same vein with the Rise scoring a brilliant third; it would have been more had it not been for some fantastic saves from Lewis and last-ditch interceptions from Noah. Albie did his very best late in the half to try to even up the scores but it was not to be.

The second half followed a similar pattern although a greater desire and passion came from the HT players. Harry made some excellent bursts down our right wing and we were unlucky not to score with Billie-Mai and Cole on our team. The Rise added two further goals to give them a 5-0 victory. The match was played in a good spirit and we're really proud of the resilience the HT team showed against a very strong Cookham Rise team. Man of the match was Ethan for showing excellent adaptability in both defence and midfield.

Cormorants and Moorhens have also been getting active outside by learning about how to become effective 'playground leaders'. A PE teacher from Newlands provided them with some ideas on how to lead an engaging warm-up and set some individual personal best challenges. They then worked collaboratively in groups and learnt how to setup, organise, adapt and progress/regress a number of agility/balance/coordination challenges they could teach to younger children out on the playground at lunchtime.

Finally, this time last week we were all busy competing in the NSPCC Times Table Rock star competition. The HT leader table finished with Christian (Y6) in third place, Lola (Y4) in second and Cerys (Y6) top! When the scores from everyone in the school were added together, Holy Trinity massed an enormous 35,174 points which placed us 108th out of 60,240 classes taking part nationwide. We were proud of our team's achievement!

For news of things as they happen during the week turn to our Twitter feed. Reports and photographs are regularly posted.

Open House:

Next week we would like to offer you another opportunity to come into your child's class, see their work and speak informally to their class teacher. The timetable for how this will operate is below. Staff will be available from 3:15 to 4pm.

Following the recent outbreak of Covid-19 which thankfully has come to an end, we kindly request that you lateral flow before coming in and you wear a mask.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Clubs will continue to operate as normal next week. Drop off and pick up arrangements are as follows:

Club	Year Group	Time	Arrangements for drop-off/pick-up
Breakfast Club	All	Start time 8am each day of the week	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Spanish Club	Year 4	Before school at 8.20am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Playball	EYFS & Year 1	Finish time: 4:15pm	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Junior Choir	Years 3 & 4	Before school at 8am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Netball	Years 5 & 6	Before school at 8am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Spanish Club	Year 2	Before school at 8.20am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Football Club	Years 5 & 6	Finish time : 4:30pm	Collect from the back gate
Little Samurai	EYFS, Y1 & Y2	Finish time: 4:00pm	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Spanish Club	Year 1	Before school at 8.20am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Spanish Club	Year 5	Finish time: 3:50pm	Collect from the front entrance of school
Playball	EYFS & Year 1	Finish time: 4:15pm	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Senior Choir	Years 5 & 6	Before school at 8am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Young Samurai	Years 3 - 6	Finish time: 4:15pm	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Spanish Club	Year 3	Before school at 8.20am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Sewing Club	Year 2 – 6	Finish time: 4:35pm	Collect from the front entrance of school
Knitting Club	Year 6	Finish time: 4:15pm	Collect from the front entrance of school
IPro Football	Years 1 - 6	Finish time: 4:30pm	Collect from the back gate

Book Week:

You will now be in receipt of a letter (plus flyers) about Book Week which runs from 28th February to 4th March. A number of activities have been timetabled; please use your Scopay account to make payment by next week to avoid the need for us to cancel speakers. Thank you. The letter also explains how you can pre-order books or book tokens ahead of visits to The Little Bookshop.

If you have any contacts or know of any authors/story tellers who would be willing to give up their time to come into school or link with us via Zoom, we would still be keen to hear from you. We would also be interested to hear if you have any connections in the world of books, maybe in manufacturing or publishing, for instance. If you can help, please email the office.

Learning to Work's Ascot Junior Bake Off:

Ahead of the final of Learning to Work's Ascot Junior Bake Off at Ascot Racecourse on 9th March, this week Cormorant Class have been holding heats. Only one team can be selected to represent our school. However, for any keen bakers aged between 9-12 years, details of how to apply for the 8th series of **Junior Bake Off** were published in last week's newsletter. Application can be made online at www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk. The closing date is Sunday 13th March, 2022. Do take a look if your child is interested.

Devon Trip:

If you have a child in Year 6 you will have received this week a letter about our residential trip at the end of the year. Please note time scales for securing a place for your child on the trip, for paying the deposit and for completing various forms for us and for CRS Adventures. Thank you.

PTA:

At the most recent meeting of the PTA, a number of future events were discussed. These are listed below with details to follow closer to the time.

The PTA do a superb job providing entertainment and raising funds which enable us to buy a whole range of resources which would otherwise be difficult to acquire. This week, for instance, first the staff have been getting to grips with a number of new maths resources which the PTA have bought for us and then the children. Everyone has really benefitted from using them in the classroom. Ask your child how number sticks, specially coloured counters and bead rekenrek have helped them this week get to grips with several maths concepts.

Parking:

Please be considerate of our neighbours when parking your vehicle at pick-up or drop off and do not block driveways. Single white lines and double yellow lines must not be parked on. If you are struggling to find a place please do not worry, we will keep your child safe until you arrive even if that means you having to park a distance from the site and arriving here after the window for picking up.

Alfred Major Recreation Ground Playpark Consultation 2022 - Cookham Parish Council

As reported last week, Cookham Parish Council is about to commission an update and renovation of the Alfred Major recreation ground play area, costing over £80,000. The council is keen to get the views of children as well as parents so you are asked to follow a link where you will find two designs with supporting pictures and a detailed plan, a small survey/ questionnaire to feedback any general comments, a FAQ list, a link to the supplier's website and an email address should you have any questions. Do take a moment to take a look: https://www.cookhamparishcouncil.org.uk/crbst_0.html Plans have also been posted on Google Classroom for your child to see and share their preferences.

We have one more week of school before the half term break. Let's hope that we end the term Covid-free! Enjoy your weekend.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

Week beginning 14 th February	Open classrooms to view work (3:15 to 4pm): <ul style="list-style-type: none">Monday 14th – Y1, Y5 & Y6Tuesday 15th – Y4Wednesday 16th – Y2Thursday 17th – Y3Friday 18th – Reception
17 th February	Y6 Road Safety
18 th February	End of Term
28 th February	Beginning of Term
28 th February – 4 th March	Book Week
3 rd March	World Book Day
4 th March	Book character dress up day
1 st March	Y4 Road Safety
8 th March	Parent Consultation (details to follow)
11 th March	Class Photographs
10th March	Borough Dance Festival Postponed from 17th February by the organisers (Year 4)
18 th March	Red Nose Day (details to follow)
1 st April	PTA School Disco (details to follow)
10 th June	PTA School Disco (details to follow)
2 nd July	HT Fest (details to follow)
8 th October	PTA Ball (details to follow)



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