



#### 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

I trust you are in receipt of the email sent from school yesterday updating you on the current COVID-19 situation. The latest news is that one child did not return to school following the half term break having contracted coronavirus during the holiday. Since then, as reported in last week's newsletter, three confirmed cases of COVID-19 were reported last week (in Reception, Year 1 and Year 4) and this week there have been two confirmed cases in Year 2 and Year 3 and in a member of staff. These 6 cases were identified quickly, and the children/staff have spent, or are spending, time isolating. However, we cannot be sure if they were infectious and in school before the cases were identified which is why we all need to remain vigilant.

Although guidance has changed recently, we are still advised to look out for the three main symptoms of coronavirus: a high temperature, a new and continuous cough and a loss of change to your sense of taste or smell. In these circumstances the advice is still to:

1. Get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) to check if you have COVID-19 as soon as possible.
2. Try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until you get your test result.

(For more information, please refer to: [Symptoms of coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk))

Although the legal requirement to self-isolate if contracting COVID-19 has gone, the advice to do so remains. **In the case of a child or adult at our school testing positive for COVID-19 we request that people continue to isolate for at least 5 full days and return to school only after they test negative on day 5 and day 6.** Please be clear that if individuals are still positive on their rapid lateral flow tests **they should stay in isolation until they have had 2 consecutive negative tests taken on separate days.**

(For more information and advice on this, please refer to: [Self-isolation for those with COVID-19 can end after 5 full days following 2 negative LFD tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk))

While we are all anxious that the children miss as little schooling as possible, without complying with the above measures more may contact COVID-19 and I'm anxious not to return to the situation we found ourselves in before the half term holiday.

If you are unclear or need any further advice, please do not hesitate to call the office. Thank you for your ongoing support.

It remains important that if your child is off school for whatever reason the office should be emailed ([office@holytrinitysch.co.uk](mailto:office@holytrinitysch.co.uk)) or telephoned (01628 523766) before 9:30am. This will help us to be sure of the reasons why pupils aren't in so that we can continue to report accurate attendance figures.

#### News from around the school:

Yet again it has been a busy week with a number of momentous events happening. On Monday we welcomed children's author Leisa Stewart-Sharpe into school to talk to the children. She spent a day meeting everyone and giving us an insight into her work and the books she has written. She was incredibly inspiring and really reinforced the value of the work we are doing to preserve our planet.

On Wednesday our winning team, after weeks of planning, baking and internal judging, headed off to Ascot Racecourse for the finals of Learning to Work's Junior and Senior Bake-Off Competition. Lewis, Elvie and Theo created a wonderful display for the judges of their red velvet Platinum Jubilee traybake. It was tense as the judges, including celebrity judge Eric Lanlard, tasted the bakes from the five primary schools who had got through to the final stages of the competition. However, we didn't have to wait too long until the results were in and we discovered we had won! It was an enormous achievement and the team were especially excited to learn that their cake will be on the menu at this year's Royal Ascot event! The day continued with a tour of the racecourse before our three champions went home with some wonderful prizes! Our thanks go to the children for representing our school magnificently and their parents for supporting them in the venture.

Then it was the turn of Teal Class to impress at the Ascot and Maidenhead Sport Partnership's Primary Dance Festival. This year for the first time ever the event took place at Braywick Leisure Centre. It was a full day out, attended by 13 schools, with final dress rehearsals in the morning followed by a performance of all the dances to a packed audience in the afternoon. This is a project the children have been working on in school for a number of weeks. The theme of the festival this year, inspired by the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games, was 'Unite' and our contribution was inspired by the television series 'Peaky Blinders'. The dance was superb and really wowed the audience with its precision and complexity. We were proud of all our children and the way in which they represented our school.

In other news, following on from their bookshop visit last week, Kingfishers used the resources given to them by author Fiona Barker to create their own cardboard characters. Using paint, fabric and wool they made their own dogs, each one as unique as the children themselves.

Year 6 have been casting a critical eye over War Horse - in their final sessions on this text they took on the role of reviewers and delved into what makes it such a good story. They've also spent some time exploring International Women's Day, the importance of the resurrection of Jesus to Christians and have begun to study China in Geography which has involved learning some Chinese phrases!

From small details within a book they'd chosen to read, Swans zoomed right out to a scene of the school building in a project inspired by 'Zoom' - the book we shared during Book Week. The children sequenced images - including a mind-bending photo of a photographer taking a photograph - to create a video using an app called Shadow Puppet. The videos were then shared on Seesaw. I hope that if you are a parent of a child in Swan Class you enjoyed seeing their work.

On Wednesday, Teals were lucky enough to have a Zoom meeting with the author Jasbinder Bilan. After being born in a stable, Jasbinder told them about her childhood in India where her family pets included a camel and a monkey. Inspired by her grandmother who was a great story teller, Jasbinder always wanted to be a writer. Following her move to England, she was first a teacher and then an author. Believing in magic and mysteries, these form the themes in many of her books. Several were inspired to read them.

In French Teals have taken a dive into the world of Sport and Hobbies, 'Les sports et passe temps' while Goslings have delved into classroom vocabulary by learning about school equipment. Memory game and word searches have cemented their knowledge. Moorhens, as part of their study of German, have taken a walk through a typical German town learning how to name places such as the bakery, 'Die Bäckerei', pharmacy, 'Die Apotheke', or the supermarket 'Der Supermarkt'. Next week the challenge will be giving directions! Cormorants have continued to learn all about pets, 'Der Hund, die Katze, das Kaninchen....' Next it will be creating short descriptions of specific animals using colour vocabulary and verbs the children have previously learnt.

Continuing the science theme, Goslings have been learning all about vertebrates and non vertebrates and discovering which animals have an exoskeleton and which have a hydrostatic skeleton. As Easter approaches the children have been exploring the Passover story. Some interesting discussions ensued about the themes in this story, many of which are relevant in today's world.

This has been a busy week for Cormorant Class with an author visits, football tournament and, of course, the bake off final. Inspired by international Women's Day, the children looked at gender inequalities and stereotypes in everything from the toys advertised for children to job roles both at home and in the work place. There have been some deep discussion and debate which have led the class to appreciate some of the injustices that have plagued women in the past. The class also became travel agents for an afternoon putting together presentations to persuade me to go on the cruise holidays they had created. I could have chosen them all!

Cygnets have been learning lots more space facts this week as well as listening to some great space songs and stories - one of which was read to them from the International Space Station! Thinking about our planet Earth and all the ways we look after it, the children also heard the Creation story from the Bible. They are particularly enjoying, however, using our new fabulous water tray which was bought from PTA funds. Thank you for the fund raising you have done recently which has made the purchase of this and several other resources for enhancing the curriculum possible.

There are a number of sporting events taking place next week. These are specifically for selected children in Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 so do look out for letters which may have been sent to you today. This week, children from Years 5 and 6 travelled all the way to Thatcham to take part in The Berkshire FA Trophy County Finals. The team played three matches against finalists from across the county. An opening 0-0 draw against St Nicholas of Slough provided plenty of encouragement. However, despite a resolute defensive performance, a late goal led to a 1-0 defeat in the second match against Holy Family of Newbury. Needing a win in the final match, Holy Trinity were undone by a team who took their chances, succumbing to a 3-1 defeat. Great credit to the team for finishing fourth in such a prestigious championship and for representing the school so proudly.

For news of things as they happen during the week don't forget to turn to our Twitter feed. Reports and photographs are regularly posted. If you request to follow and don't get an immediate response, do inform the office. Occasionally it is not clear who is asking to join from requests made. Thank you for your patience and for helping us to safeguard the children.



Follow us on twitter and see more of what we are up to!  
@HTSchoolCookham

#### **Parents' Evening:**

I trust you found the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher yesterday useful. For almost all of you, the process of logging on was successful but if you did experience any problems, please do inform the office who will be happy to guide you in how to re-book a slot for next week.

I apologise again for postponing the meet on Tuesday but I hope you understand why. As you will know from an email circulated earlier in the week, this has been moved to Tuesday of next week (15.3.22). The office has re-booked the slot you missed but if this time is not convenient, do contact the team and they will find an alternative slot for you.

#### **Book Week:**

Payment for our Book Week activities is still outstanding in some cases. If you have not yet paid £5 for the speakers we have booked, please use your Scopay account to do so as soon as possible which will allow us to run future themed weeks.

#### **Class Photos:**

Today the photographer was in school taking class photos. Details of how you can view these and go about placing an order will be circulated in due course.

**Comic Relief:**

Next Friday we will be supporting Comic Relief with a back-to-front day! Your child is invited to come to school wearing school uniform but with the top half worn back-to-front: back-to-front shirts, back-to-front ties, back-to-front jumpers, back-to-front cardigans and back-to-front blazers! We hope this will create a stir and remind the children why we are raising money. They should bring something to donate to the charity which we will then send off to support them in the wonderful work they do. We suggest £1.

We would also like to organise an after-school cake sale but for this to be a success we need cakes and customers. If you would like to help us in this venture please send your child to school next Friday with a cake/cakes, shop bought or homemade, which we can then sell. **In doing so, please remember that we are a nut-free school. As some children have severe reactions to nut-based products, please ensure that anything you send in is free of nuts.** We will set up a stall on the playground at 3:15 so do come along with small change to make a purchase.

**Fantastic FRED Experience:**

Also, next Friday we will be inviting a team into school to deliver their 'Fantastic FRED' experience. 'Fantastic FRED' is a newly commissioned mental health resource that is being offered to all primary schools under the CCG of Frimley this year. It is an educational yet fun, interactive and memorable experience for the children tackling all matters related to mental health and well-being. During the sessions they will learn what the FRED acronym means: Food (eating the right foods), Rest (getting enough sleep), Exercise (being active) and Devices (managing time on devices). At the end of each session the children will be given a Fantastic FRED wristband as a constant reminder of FRED and a parent take home resource.

**Environmental Health Visit:**

On Monday, without warning, we were visited by Environmental Health who carried out a spot check on our kitchen. I am delighted to report that we received a five-star rating.

**PTA Quiz Night:**

Please refer to the flyer about the PTA Quiz Night next Friday at Pinder Hall. Pre-booking is required: <https://forms.gle/9Fa7qZHcGuXaXAzU7>

**PTA HT Fest:**

A date has been set for this year's HT Fest: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. This year the PTA are keen for the children to design a new logo for the event. Today you have received a flyer containing all the information. As the flyer explains, specific things must be included in the design:

- The words H.T. Fest
- 2022 or 22

Designs should be drawn on plain A4 paper and submitted to class teachers ready to be passed to the H.T. Fest team by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March. The lucky winner will see their design on all of the posters and they can expect to receive any branded goodies with the logo on for free. Do encourage your child to take part.

**Bikeability:**

Please see the attached flyers about Easter Holiday Bikeability courses. As a result of so many children missing out on their Bikeability training owing to COVID-19 I have been informed by Imogen Leonard, the borough's Road Safety Education Consultant, that she is experiencing a high demand for the courses in schools. This year, to support this, the team are putting on Learn To Ride courses as well as Level 1, 2 and 3 programmes which covers all ages between 5 and 14 yrs, during the holiday. For information of how to take advantage of these sessions, please refer to the flyers.

**Service at St John the Baptist Church, Cookham Dean to reflect on the crisis in Ukraine – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March:**

In response to the crisis in Ukraine, the Benefice of the Cookham's are holding a short contemplative service at **St John the Baptist Church, Cookham Dean** on the evening of **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00pm** to say prayers and to light a candle to express support for the people of Ukraine and for all who are worried by the events there to which all are invited.

In addition to this service, a short video of music and prayer dedicated to the people of Ukraine and to peace can be located on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/hyLOhiK14zQ>

While we are addressing this topic in school, we are mindful of the need to be sensitive. So far lots of the discussion has come directly from the children themselves. We will continue to tackle the issues in class and through Collective Worship as they arise.

**The Little Bookshop Literary Event at Norden Farm:**

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April, The Little Bookshop are hosting a Literary Festival at Norden Farm. To find out more and to book tickets go to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-little-bookshop-lit-fest-tickets-291213947757>

## Extra-Curricular Activities:

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

Thank you for all your support during what has turned out to be another incredibly busy week; have a lovely weekend.

Anna Smith

## CALENDAR DATES

14 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Badminton Festival (selected children & informed by letter)
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Postponed Parent Consultation (please refer to email sent out)
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Hockey Tournament (selected children & informed by letter) Yr 5/6 Netball Match Away at St Pirans (selected children & informed by letter)
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 5/6 Football Match Away at Lowbrook (selected children & informed by letter)
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day (details to follow) Fantastic Fred Experience (well-being workshop)
18 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Quiz Night
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Heathrow Young Explorers in school event
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Before School Netball Club cancelled: <b>Junior and Senior Choir</b> meeting together at 8am to rehearse for the Cookham Festival
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Deadline for Mr. Redjeb's KS2 Writing Competition
1 <sup>st</sup> April	PTA School Disco (details to follow)
Week beginning 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Open classrooms to view work (3:15 to 4pm): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Y1, Y5 &amp; Y6</li> <li>○ Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Y4</li> <li>○ Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Y2 &amp; Y3 (in a change to the date previously published)</li> <li>○ Friday 8<sup>th</sup> – Reception</li> </ul>
11 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Easter break
10 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA School Disco (details to follow)
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	HT Fest (details to follow)
8 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA Ball (details to follow)