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KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

It gives me great delight to welcome you all back after this recent extended period away from school. The first week has been a good one. The children have seemed pleased to be back, the staff have thoroughly enjoyed face to face teaching and the systems we have in place have worked as well as we hoped they would. Throughout the rest of term I will continue to use weekly newsletters to keep you informed of what is going on. A link to our website where you will find them posted will be emailed to you every Friday. The letter outlining all the details about the return to school, which was emailed to you on 23rd February, should, I hope, have made everything clear but if questions arise don't hesitate to email the office office@holytrinitysch.co.uk. This is how you should also contact your child's class teacher should you need to.

Over the next few weeks, my overriding priority will be to ensure the safety of the children and staff. You can help by adhering to the following:

- *Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school.*
- *Book a test immediately if you or your child begins displaying symptoms of coronavirus. The main symptoms are a high temperature, a new continuous cough and/or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste. Pupils (and staff) must not come to school if they have symptoms (and will be sent home to self-isolate for a period of 10 days if they develop symptoms in school).*
- ***If you, your child or anyone in your household are waiting for a test or the results from a test, your child must not come to school. He/she is only permitted to return once a negative test result is received or, in the case of testing positive, the 10-day isolation period has passed.***
- *Take your child's temperature before they come to school. If their temperature is high or if they have a cough and are feeling unwell, please do not send them in. Instead, telephone the office to explain their absence*
- *Ensure only one adult, preferably wearing a face covering, arrives to drop off and pick up at the end of the day. Stick to social distancing and do not linger at the gate. Please refer to the timetable for drop off and pick up below.*

Bubble	Year Group	Start Time	Collection Time
1	Reception	8:50am	2:40pm
2	Year 6	9:00am	2:50pm
3	Year 2	9:05am	2:55pm
4	Year 5	9:10am	3:00pm
5	Year 4	9:15am	3:10pm
6	Year 1	9:20am	3:20pm
7	Year 3	9:25am	3:30pm

- *Preferably walk, cycle or scoot to and from school wherever possible and avoid sharing a car with anyone outside your household or support bubble.*
- *Please oversee you child washing their hands before setting out for school and send them in with only necessary items including hand sanitizer and pocket tissues.*
- ***Please adhere to government guidelines and do not organise sleepovers, playdates, group gatherings or visitors in your home.***

The most recent Government advice provides information about asymptomatic testing for parents and adults with children at school. There has been a lot of media coverage of the testing of secondary school pupils but this testing programme has been extended to parents of any child in school, secondary or primary. The guidance sent out to schools last week states:

Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below. You should not give test kits to parents, carers or household members and should not order more test kits for this purpose. Secondary school and college students will continue to access testing through their school or college.

Please share the information below with your parent networks to help answer any questions they may have.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

To help us manage a safe return, please consider taking regular lateral flow tests or alternatively collecting (or ordering) test kits for the adults in your home as soon as you are able. **The nearest rapid lateral flow test site is at Braywick Leisure Centre (SL6 1BN) and the nearest home test kit collection point is the Magnet Leisure Centre Car Park (SL6 8AW) open every day from 1:30pm to 7pm.** By going to the Magnet you will be able to collect 2 packs of home test kits, each pack containing 7 kits. The staff have been carrying out these twice weekly tests at home for a number of weeks now.

Clearly the children need to be back in school without any further disruption to their education. By sticking to these simple procedures and taking precautions, we can reduce the risk of having to collapse bubbles which would then lead to another period of remote learning. Thank you for your support in remaining vigilant, adhering to guidelines and doing all you can to keep our community safe.

Should you have any queries 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.

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm

Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 6pm

Year 6 Residential Trip:

If you have a child in Year 6, please refer to the letter sent out today about the annual residential trip to CRS Adventures in Devon. You are required to complete a return slip by Wednesday 17th March.

'Clock Up your Kilometres' Campaign:

It has been lovely to hear over the last few weeks how some children have put their time to good use by supporting a number of charitable events. One of those involves 'Partners for Change, Ethiopia'. This term our ambassadors are asking us to join them in their 'Clock Up your Kilometres' campaign. The team are aiming to make the virtual journey of 8,766km from Cookham to Debre Birhan, Ethiopia through a sponsored event to raise money which will change the lives of disadvantaged children in two schools there. Please refer to the flyer and sponsor form to find out how you can get involved. Details have also been posted on Google Classroom.

Red Nose Day – Friday 19th March:

This year we would like to continue our support of Red Nose Day. Therefore, on Friday 19th, your child is invited to donate to the charity and come to school wearing a subtle splash of red. It could be a red hair band, a red pair of socks, a red tie, something for others to spot! The older children will also be participating in an inhouse Times Table Rock Stars details of which have appeared on Google Classroom for them to refer to. There is also an additional letter for you, sent as an attachment.

Waste Week:

At the beginning of the month, cook and TV presenter Nadia Hussain spearheaded the UK's inaugural Food Waste Action Week. Most of us don't realise it, but wasting food is a major contributor to climate change, so the aim of Food Waste Action Week was to highlight the impact of food waste on the planet. Did you know that we throw away 20 million slices of bread EVERY day in the UK, which creates greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to over 140,000 cars every year? Or that in the UK we throw away the equivalent of 24 meals a month? Or that nearly a fifth of household waste is packaging? These are just three of the reasons the Eco Council are keen support the campaign and address food waste in our school community.

As optional homework from the Eco Council this weekend, your child will receive a 'Food Waste Tips for the Home' sheet. The Eco Council would like you to discuss this as a family and decide if there are any small changes you could make to reduce food waste in your home. The Eco Council would also be interested in any favourite recipes you have for using up leftovers. Bread and butter pudding or soup were two ideas suggested by our Eco Councillors.

As another of our Eco topics is transport, your child will also see a world map on Google Classroom. Is your child aware of how far some foods travel? Why not have a look at a selection of foods and find their place of origin on the world map? To reduce food miles, could you substitute any foods with items produced closer to home?

Thank you so much for supporting the Eco Council with their campaign to reduce food waste in our community.

Turn on the Subtitles:

You may be aware of a campaign, recently begun and backed by a number of key figures, encouraging us all to turn on the subtitles while children are watching television. Research shows that by doing so we can double the chances of a child becoming good at reading. Our catch-up work this week has begun in earnest but here is one simple way you can support us and help you child. I urge you to give it a go. To find out more go to <https://turnonthesubtitles.org/>

Reading Lists:

Often, we are asked about which reading books we would recommend. In the past we have posted recommended reading lists on your child's Google Classroom for you and them to refer to. Today a post has appeared in the Homework Section of Google Classroom directing them to an excellent website which gives suggested quality texts for the primary curriculum. Please see [Books for Topics](#). One of the trending topic lists on this website at the moment is books relevant for a return to school following the lockdown. It offers suggestions for books on worries, hopes, resilience and fears.

Twitter:

Throughout lockdown we used the social media platform, Twitter, to share news of what was happening in school. Information about turning on subtitles and the 'Clock Up your Kilometres' campaign were just two of the things which appeared in recent weeks. If you would like to hear of events as they happen, please do consider following us.

Have a good weekend, stay safe, and thank you for supporting us in all we are doing to keep our school operating effectively.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

19 th Mar	Red Nose Day (for details see above)
2 nd – 16 th Apr	Easter Break
16 th Apr	National Offer Day for September 2021 Primary School Allocations



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