



KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Thank you very much indeed for taking the time to complete our short survey which was emailed out to you last Friday. Your feedback is very important to us. In today's newsletter and subsequent ones, I will aim to address some of the points that were made in the hope that you continue to feel well informed.

Catch Up with the Teacher Meetings:

Next week you are invited to a virtual meeting with your child's class teacher which will be held on Google Meet. The meeting will provide an overview of how the class generally is doing, inform you of some of the gaps staff have identified in the children's learning following a considerable period away from school before the summer, and offer you guidance on ways you can help your child at home. You will also find out about the topics the children are currently studying.

Meetings will be scheduled according to the timetable below, all beginning at 4:30pm and lasting no more than about 30 minutes:

Monday 16 th November	Year 1 and Year 6
Tuesday 17 th November	Year 4 and Year 5
Wednesday 18 th November	Year 2
Thursday 19 th November	Year 3
Friday 20 th November	Reception

During the meeting, which you will receive an invitation to through Google Classroom, you will have an opportunity to ask questions. If you have questions you would like to raise before the meeting, please post them in the stream section of Google Classroom.

Our first formal Parents' Evening is scheduled for 9th February. It is our hope that we will be able to invite you into school for this but if circumstances mean we can't, we will find an alternative way of meeting with you on an individual basis.

Breakfast Club:

Last week I indicated that unless we maintained numbers, we may be in the unenviable position of having to withdraw our Breakfast Club provision. Despite figures this week indicating sufficient funds for us to keep going, please can you ensure that you settle your bill regularly, weekly is preferable. Thank you for continuing to use our Breakfast Club service which is allowing us to keep it running.

You can drop your child off anytime between 8am and 8:45am. Please note, breakfast will not be served so your child should arrive having eaten at home first. You will be charged £2:20 for this service through your Scopy account.

Face Masks:

Thank you very much for continuing to observe social distancing at the gate and for moving away quickly once your child has entered school or once they have been handed over to you at the end of the day. While I am not going to insist on the wearing of face masks, I do welcome the fact that many of you have chosen to do so. Let's hope small steps like this keep us all safe.

Lunch:

As you may be aware, the majority of children are eating lunch in their classroom and then taking a break outside at staggered times during the day. The children are given ample time to eat their lunch before a run around, but staff are mindful that some children need longer to eat everything in their lunch box. If you find your child is arriving home not having eaten everything, please inform the office and we can make extra provision for supervising them inside for longer.

Classroom Ventilation:

Thank you for sending your child in wearing additional layers of clothing. Fortunately, this week we have experienced a milder spell. However, with the weather sure to get colder, layers and coats are essential. While I do not want the children or staff to be cold in classrooms, the government guidance is clear, ventilation is very important. We continue to be guided by this advice but modifying it where we can to ensure a comfortable teaching environment is maintained. As the guidance suggests, we are providing natural ventilation by opening windows just enough to provide constant background ventilation and opening them more fully during breaks to purge the air in the space. Internal doors remain open as do external doors where we can.

On P.E. days, I also suggest your child arrives in with warm clothing; navy tracksuit trousers and a navy hoody are ideal. On days when it might rain, I would advise you to send your child in with spare kit which they can change into should they get caught in a shower.

Google Classroom:

At the beginning of lockdown Mr Burn spent a considerable amount of time researching online learning platforms. After some discussion we decided that Google Classroom met our needs the most. As I found out during the summer term when I was setting home learning for my class, the more I used it, the easier it became to navigate my way around. I hope this is the case for you and your child. The staff are mindful of setting homework tasks which can be completed without printing off sheets wherever possible and next week they will be posting two weeks of remote learning which your child can access when they may be off school should they need to self-isolate. The staff will talk to you about this in meetings next week.

We will continue to use the system to signpost you and them to learning resources and useful websites. In addition, we will use it more often to share images of the children's work, their learning environment and some of the things they get up to in the day, to compensate for the fact that you are unable to come into school. I often use Twitter as a platform for this so hopefully this move will enable those of you who don't use Twitter to still see what is happening during the day. In the meantime, do take a look at our end of term newsletter where you can read about everything each class got up to last term and see photographs of the different events. If you missed the link to it before the holiday, it can still be found on our website <https://www.holytrinitysch.co.uk/newsletters.aspx>

Equipment:

As I wrote in last week's newsletter, the children are permitted to bring in small bottles of hand sanitiser and pocket tissues; it would be most helpful if they did. Please send your child into school with these two items each day.

Reporting Absence:

Please remember to either email the office office@holytrinitysch.co.uk or telephone (to speak to someone or leave a message) by 9:15am if your child is absent from school. Voice messages and emails will be picked up by office staff. If your child is absent on consecutive days, please inform the office on every day they are not in.

Road Users:

Please see attached another leaflet from the borough's road safety officer which all schools have been asked to circulate.

Charity Work:

Thank you for your enormous generosity this week in supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal and Children in Need. On Wednesday every class watched the pre-recorded Remembrance Service filmed at Holy Trinity Church, Cookham, during which we observed the two minutes silence, and a couple of representatives from Year 6 placed a clay poppy at the War Memorial in the village on behalf of the school community. On Thursday everyone seemed to enjoy participating in the daily mile which we managed to do safely by keeping bubbles apart and avoiding sharing equipment. During the day Pudsey completed 179 laps (29.8 miles-a marathon and a bit!) and by lunchtime today we had raised £270.68 (The Royal British Legion will tell us how much we have raised in due course.)

One family has also been busy creating a Christmas shoe box for Operation Christmas Child. This can be done virtually by using the link: <https://shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/> Do send in your photos if you choose to take part.



Head Lice:

I have been notified of a case of head lice in the school. While it seems to be confined to just one class at the moment, please can I ask that you check your child's hair this weekend and take any action if necessary. Hopefully, we can stem the spread by all acting quickly.

School Photos:

This week you child will have come home with a photo proof following the photographer's visit to school last term. Do look in book bags to find yours. If you would like to order your child's photograph, you will find instructions on how to do so on the leaflet. It is preferable if you order directly with the company who will then post your order to your home address. However, if you would prefer to place an order through the school, please use the post box at the front of the building.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

It is unfortunate that we have been required to suspend all extra-curricular activities with the exception of football. Guidance directed us to do this but we hope to reinstate as many clubs as possible once restrictions are lifted.

Maths Week:

Do contact Ms O-Reilly through the school email office@holytrinitysch.co.uk if you would like to get involved in our Maths Week which will run from 23rd to 27th November. Please refer to last week's newsletter for further details.

Blue Peter:

This week I received an email from the Blue Peter Team informing me that they have just launched Blue Peter on YouTube at CBBC. Videos will be uploaded to it which are suitable for 5-11 year olds. There are world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking 'how tos', inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. Ways of getting a Blue Peter badge are also featured along with behind the scenes footage and extra content about the presenters and Henry, the Blue Peter dog.

If your child would be interested in this, you can subscribe to <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> which is free to do.

Poole and Ring's Charities:

Please see attached a flyer about a relief from poverty charity which is keen to reach more potential applicants and has therefore asked me to share their details with you. The charity can provide funding, up to £500, for items such as white goods, beds, mattresses, clothing and travel to hospital.

Finally, thank you for all you are doing to help us keep safe. If you ever need guidance, a useful website to refer to is the NHS Coronavirus (COVID-19) site which can be accessed using the link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Here, among other things, you can check if you or your child has symptoms, you can order a test, you can find advice on when to remain at home, and discover what to do if you are told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app. It has lots of useful information. **Please can I remind you that the moment you book a COVID-19 test for yourself or someone in your household, you must not send your child to school until you have had the test and received a negative result.**

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

I hope you have a lovely weekend. Stay safe.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

16 th Nov	Meet the Teacher Year 1 & 6 via Google Classroom
17 th Nov	Meet the Teacher Year 4 & 5 via Google Classroom
18 th Nov	Meet the Teacher Year 2 via Google Classroom
19 th Nov	Meet the Teacher Year 3 via Google Classroom
20 th Nov	Meet the Teacher Year R via Google Classroom
23 rd – 27 th Nov	Maths Week (please see above)
30 th Nov	11+ Results