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#### 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)**

## KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Thank you for your support again this week in taking note of routines at the start and end of the day and for ensuring your child arrives with everything they need in the morning. This has meant the office has been able to run much more efficiently. We hope that you found last week's newsletter informative as we will continue to use this as our main means of communication. Continue to look out for key dates listed at the end which will be added to as the weeks go on.

#### Meet the Teacher Meetings:

If you met with your child's teacher this week we hope you found the session useful and informative. Presentation slides and Class Newsletters will be posted on your child's Google Classroom page (in the 'stream' section) so you can refer to them over the coming weeks. Virtual meetings continue next week (starting at 4pm) according to the following timetable:

- **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Year 4**
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – EYFS (Reception)**
- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> – Year 1**

As was the case this week, a link to the Google Meet session will be posted on Google Classroom by your child's class teacher which you simply click on to gain access. For those of you with children new to the school, instructions on how to access this learning platform have now been sent to you so do familiarise yourself with how to log on before the meeting. Please note **that in order to gain access to the site you must log in using your child's school email address not yours**. If you follow the instructions on the letter the office sends you, you should have no issue gaining access.

#### Drawing on our Vision:

In last week's newsletter I wrote about how we'd taken time to think about our School Charter for the year. With input from everyone across the school, this has now been compiled and can be seen displayed in classrooms and corridors. It reflects our vision and the importance of looking after ourselves, our world and each other.

#### Jesus said...

***<sup>34</sup> "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."***

**John 13:34-35**

To reinforce this important message, for the last two weeks every class has been taking inspiration from a beautiful book by Bob Staake called 'The Path'. It tells of a journey which takes readers over gentle grassy hills, through fields of wildflowers, over raging rivers, up steep mountains and through dark caves. In essence it provides a metaphor for life's journey; there will be times when the road is easy and everything falls into place but sometimes the path gets rocky and we require determination and resilience to navigate obstacles. To further illustrate this we have taken inspiration from some of our GB Olympians. It is our hope that as we move through the term, the children develop an increasingly positive growth mindset and resolve to give things a go however difficult the challenge might be.

#### Year 3 Swimming Lessons:

Year 3 seemed to enjoy their first swimming session in Braywick this week. Lessons continue on Tuesday so do send your child in with the relevant kit. To speed up changing time, it would be helpful if your child could come to school with their costume under their uniform and underwear in a bag to put on afterwards. Goggles are optional but they must have a swimming hat to be allowed into the pool. Please refer to the letter you have already been sent for specific details.

#### Buckinghamshire Transfer Tests:

Following the completion of the Buckinghamshire Transfer Tests on Thursday, the papers have now been sent off for marking. We, like you, wait for the qualifying score being established and the outcome of the tests confirmed. The children all worked extremely hard and whatever the result, they should feel proud of their efforts.

#### Senior and Junior Choir Trip to see 'Magic Opera' in Windsor – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September:

To celebrate the magnificent contribution and commitment the children made to choir last year, Mrs. Brown will be taking the Junior and Senior Choir to the Old Court in Windsor next Thursday for a concert which will introduce them to the world of Opera. If you have a child who was in Junior or Senior Choir last year, please refer to the letter sent to you this week on how to secure a place for your child.

**Meeting about the Year 6 Residential Trip:**

If you have a child in Year 6, you are invited to attend a virtual meeting at 4pm a week on Monday (23<sup>rd</sup> September). This will give you an opportunity to find out more about the trip from Roger Sell, managing director of CRS Adventures where we go, and ask any questions you may have about the residential trip at the end of June. This will be the only opportunity to hear directly from Roger so I urge you to save the date. A link to the meeting will be sent out in due course. For now, you might like to take a look at their website: [Home - CRS River Dart Adventures \(crsadventures.com\)](https://www.crsadventures.com)

**Flu Vaccinations:**

Next Friday (20<sup>th</sup> September) the nursing team will be in school for the annual flu vaccination programme. If you would like your child to be given the vaccination, consent is required. Please refer to the letter sent out by email last week and the reminder on Wednesday, noting the deadline of 19<sup>th</sup> September.

**Year 6 Cycling Proficiency (30<sup>th</sup> September to 3<sup>rd</sup> October):**

Cycling Proficiency for children in Year 6 will start at the end of September. Please refer to the letter sent out in July for information on what you are required to do to book a place for your child on the course. Places will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

**Macmillan Bake Sale:**

Every year we support Macmillan around the time of their coffee morning event. This year is no different. On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September we will hold a cake sale on the playground at the end of the day. In order to make it a success we need you to come along but we also need cakes to sell! If you are able to send cakes in with your child on the morning of the event, made or bought, we would be most grateful.

**In doing so, please remember we are a no nut/no sesame school so avoid at all costs sending in cakes with these ingredients.**

If you would like cake boxes to be returned to you, please ensure they are labelled clearly with your child's name and class. Individual fairy cakes seem to be the most popular with the children! Thank you.

**PTA Events:**

As I hope you saw in last week's newsletter, there are a number of PTA events coming up this term:

- On 4<sup>th</sup> October the PTA quiz returns. Teams of up to 10 can compete for the highly coveted 'Quizzly Shield'. Why not come along, with or without fancy dress, for an evening of entertainment! To book tickets, go to: <https://forms.gle/QmQnzRmNAPNnzQ7CA>
- Coming up on 25<sup>th</sup> September the PTA will have their first meeting. This will be via Zoom and everyone is invited. Do pop the date in your diary and come along to meet everyone!
- On 6<sup>th</sup> November again you are all invited to the PTA AGM. This time we will meet in person in the school hall with wine and cheese on offer! It would be wonderful to have a good turnout.

For more PTA comms, join our team's information sharing WhatsApp group or Facebook page:

- *WhatsApp* - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LRoarm1Tr5O8h8kmfSdfir>
- *FACEBOOK* – <https://m.facebook.com/groups/1558444401073300/?ref=share>

**ScoPay:**

Thank you for ensuring lunch orders are placed for your child well in advance to ensure the catering team have accurate numbers when placing food orders. The office politely request that any ScoPay dinner money accounts are cleared and that accounts related to Early Bird sessions are also topped up on a regular basis. Thank you.

**Sickness and Diarrhoea:**

The children all seem to have returned to school in good health which is fabulous. However, from time to time we are hit with sickness bugs so it is our policy that a child must not return to school for at least 24 hours, preferably 48 hours after any bout of vomiting or diarrhoea. Thank you for your support in this matter which will help us safeguard everyone.

Our latest Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, reflecting current legislation, can be found on our website: [Holy Trinity RBWM Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and Procedure \(Sept 2024\).pdf \(holytrinitysch.co.uk\)](https://www.holytrinitysch.co.uk/Safeguarding%20and%20Child%20Protection%20Policy%20and%20Procedure%20(Sept%202024).pdf)

**Clubs:**

We are delighted that most of our clubs are now up and running. Do continue to look out for flyers from club providers which the office will send out periodically as places remain available. Please see below a full list of clubs running this term.

On the subject of clubs, I am delighted to inform you that having received the league tables for last season's football games, in terms of the highest number of matches played, Holy Trinity came top out of all the schools entered having competed in nineteen matches! In League 1, Holy Trinity's 'A' Team came fifth out of twelve and in League 2 our 'B' team finished second out of eleven. The girls' League had fewer teams in it so the fact that we were represented in the first place is fantastic and to have come second out of five is a real achievement.

We are proud of all the children who contributed to these results and particularly grateful to Mr Whittle who gave up so much of his time to organise matches and take the teams along. What wonderful news to take us into this season!

**Extra-Curricular activities running this term and details of providers:**

Club	Year Group	Day/Time	Contact Details	Arrangements for drop-off/pick-up
Early Bird Club	All	Start time 8am each day of the week	No requirement to book, simply drop off anytime between 8am and 8:30am. Payment should be made through your ScoPay account	Arrive through the back door of the hall
After School Provision	All	From 3:15pm	Book directly: <a href="mailto:holytrinity@wraparoundcare4u.com">holytrinity@wraparoundcare4u.com</a>	See WrapAroundCare4U for details: information sent out via email
Spanish Club	Year 5 & 6	Monday before school at 8:20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 <a href="mailto:francesca@the-pows.co.uk">francesca@the-pows.co.uk</a>	Arrive through the back door of the hall (starting 16.9.24)
Ukulele Club	KS2	Monday lunchtime - All welcome	Children should speak to Mrs Lucas	N/A
Art Club	Year 3 & 4	Monday after school, finish time: 5pm	Book directly by contacting Mrs Hyslop: <a href="mailto:Nickyw1@hotmail.co.uk">Nickyw1@hotmail.co.uk</a>	Collect from the front entrance of school
Playball	EYFS & Year 1	Monday, finish time: 4pm	Book online: <a href="http://www.playballkids.com/f/southbucks">http://www.playballkids.com/f/southbucks</a>	Collect from the back door of the school hall (started this week)
Junior Choir	Years 3 & 4	Tuesday before school, start time: 8am ALL WELCOME	All welcome, simply come along <a href="mailto:larainebrownbda@gmail.com">larainebrownbda@gmail.com</a> (starting on 24 <sup>th</sup> September)	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Netball	Years 5 & 6	Tuesday before school, start time: 8am	Please speak to Mr Lucas for more details	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Spanish Club	Year 2	Tuesday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow (see above)	Arrive through the back door of the hall (starting 17.9.24)
Art Club	Year 5 & 6	Tuesday after school, finish time: 5pm	Book directly by contacting Mrs Hyslop: <a href="mailto:Nickyw1@hotmail.co.uk">Nickyw1@hotmail.co.uk</a>	Collect from the front entrance of school
Little Samurai	EYFS, Y1 & Y2	Tuesday, finish time: 4:15pm	Book directly: 07828 534817 <a href="http://www.SamuraiKickboxing.com">www.SamuraiKickboxing.com</a> <a href="mailto:info@SamuraiKickboxing.com">info@SamuraiKickboxing.com</a>	Collect from the back door of the school hall (starting 16.9.24)
Football	Year 5 & 6 boys and girls	Tuesday, finish time 4:20pm	All welcome: please refer to Mr Whittle's letter (starting on 17 <sup>th</sup> September)	Collect from the back gate
Rock Steady	EYFS – Y6	Wednesday morning	Book directly: 0330 113 0330 <a href="http://Rocksteadymusicschool.com">Rocksteadymusicschool.com</a>	N/A lessons take place during the school day
Spanish Club	Year 1	Wednesday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: (see above)	Arrive through the back door of the hall (starting 18.9.24)
Spanish Club	Year 3	Wednesday after school, finish time 3:50pm	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: (see above)	Collect from the front entrance of school (starting 18.9.24)
Yoga & Mindfulness	Year 1 - 6	Wednesday, finish time 4:30pm	Book directly by contacting Sallie Windsor: 07846 992824 <a href="mailto:sallie.windsor@nurturekidsyoga.com">sallie.windsor@nurturekidsyoga.com</a>	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Senior Choir	Years 5 & 6	Thursday before school, start time: 8am ALL WELCOME	All welcome, simply come along <a href="mailto:larainebrownbda@gmail.com">larainebrownbda@gmail.com</a> (starting on 19 <sup>th</sup> September)	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Young Samurai	Years 3 - 6	Thursday after school, finish time: 4:15pm	Book directly: 07828 534817 <a href="http://www.SamuraiKickboxing.com">www.SamuraiKickboxing.com</a> or <a href="mailto:info@SamuraiKickboxing.com">info@SamuraiKickboxing.com</a>	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Maths Club	Year 2 & 3 (by invitation)	Friday before school at 8:15am	Organised by Mrs Neal, a rota of children will be invited to attend every few weeks (until 11.10.24)	Arrive through the back door of the hall
	Year 5 & 6		Organised by Mrs Neal, selected Year 5 & 6 pupils entered for the Primary Maths Challenge will be invited (from 18.11.24 to 22.11.24)	
Spanish Club	Year 4	Friday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: (see above)	Arrive through the back door of the hall (starting 13.9.24)
Sewing Club	Year 1 – 6	Friday after school, finish time: 4:30pm	Book directly: 07782 253565 <a href="mailto:anita@dhaaga-sewing.co.uk">anita@dhaaga-sewing.co.uk</a>	Collect from the front entrance of school (starting today)
IPro Football	Years 1 - 6	Friday after school, finish time: 4:30pm	Book directly: Office 07908 172175 Email: <a href="mailto:office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk">office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk</a> <b>Children attending this club are permitted to come to school wearing their school P.E. kit with a football shirt to change into at the end of the day if they wish.</b>	<b>Collect from the back gate</b>
Maestro Music Lessons	EYFS – Y6	Various days during the week	To find out more, go to: <a href="http://Homepage - Berkshire Music Trust">Homepage - Berkshire Music Trust</a> <a href="http://berksmusictrust.org.uk">berksmusictrust.org.uk</a>	Times of lessons determined by Maestros

## Cookham and Maidenhead Arts Trail – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September:

For information about the event this weekend go to: [Home | Camat](#)

### Parking:

Thank you for your help in safeguarding the children, pedestrians and our neighbours by parking considerably away from School Lane this week. When a week passes without any complaints of this nature, I am always grateful! On a similar note, could I remind you not to use the staff car park in the morning when dropping off a child or in the afternoon (until after 5pm if picking up your child from Wrap AroundCare). Because of the tight space, with staff coming in and out and because of the restricted visibility when turning into School Lane, hazards are increased. You not using the car park as a drop off point decreases the risk of accidents happening. Thank you

And finally, if you follow us on X (formally Twitter) you may have noticed a post yesterday. Our school was named in the House of Commons this week by Joshua Reynolds, our local MP, after he received letters from our current Year 4 class which they wrote just before the summer when they were in Year 3 with Ms O'Reilly. Their correspondence was prompted by the children's concern over river pollution in the Thames. To hear what was said take a look at our X feed or go to:

<https://x.com/JoshReynoldsSL6/status/1834164778865967611>

If you don't currently follow us, why not sign up to do so. If we don't immediately grant you access, please email the office. Sometimes we can't be sure who is making a request.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend; the team look forward to seeing you and the children again on Monday.

Anna Smith

## CALENDAR DATES

Please continue to refer to this section in our newsletter throughout the year as new dates are added in order to keep on top of what is coming up in school. We will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible. Anything new will be highlighted in blue.

9 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> September	'Meet the Teacher Meetings'
17 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 Swimming sessions continue
20 <sup>th</sup> September	Flu Vaccination Programme
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Meeting about the Year 6 Residential Trip in the summer (4pm)
25 <sup>th</sup> September	PTA Virtual Meeting 8pm
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan Bake-Sale
30 <sup>th</sup> Sept – 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Year 6 Cycling Proficiency
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Year 4 to hear Cressida Cowell at the Henley Literary Festival
4 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA Quiz Night
7 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photographer in
9 <sup>th</sup> October	EYFS Curriculum and Phonics Workshop 4pm
14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Science & Technology Week
15 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Virtual Parent Consultations (information to follow)
15 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Travelling Book Fair in school
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	KS2 (Year 3-6) Open House Session to view classrooms 3:15pm -4pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	EYFS & KS1 Open House Session to view classrooms 3:15pm -4pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Year 3 Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum
19 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale
28 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 1 <sup>st</sup> November	<b>HALF TERM</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Annual General Meeting
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 Trip to Windsor Castle
11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Maths & Computing Week
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service at Cookham War Memorial
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	PTA Pyjama and Popcorn Party
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Cookham Christmas Street Fayre
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Year 5 Trip to the Harry Potter Studios
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Trip to Bletchley Park
10 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 2pm
11 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 6pm
12 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Carols in the Courtyard
18 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS & KS1 Trip to the Braywick Pantomime
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
20 <sup>th</sup> December – 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Christmas Holiday</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Book week
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Virtual Parent Consultations
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Virtual Parent Consultations
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 4 Trip to Starlight Express, Wembley Park Theatre
12 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Arts and Culture Week
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Residential Trip
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Sports Fortnight
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day