



#### 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 received the letter email out to you on Monday, informing you of the five new cases of COVID-19 we have in school. Since then, no new cases have been reported. To find out more about changes to the system for testing and how the isolation period has been altered in certain situations, go to: [Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection)

Thank you for either emailing the school office ([office@holytrinitysch.co.uk](mailto:office@holytrinitysch.co.uk)) or telephoning (01628 523766) before 9:30am if your child is unable to attend school.

Please refer to last week's newsletter for information about how to support your child if they are having to isolate at home. A number of useful websites were listed and we hope that the maths, spelling, grammar and reading booklets that were sent out were helpful.

#### News from around the school:

It's been another positive week back in the classroom. Year 4 have been busy rehearsing for the Borough's Dance Festival next month. With the use of caps as props, their dance explores weak and strong, light and heavy, sharp and flowing movements. They are hoping to take the audience back to the 1920s when life was tough and families had to stick together to survive. The children were inspired by the urban areas of inner-city Birmingham and imagined what they might see if taking a walk back in time through the streets and factories of the city. Being part of the Dance Festival gives the children a valuable experience of building something creative and expressive, and having the excitement and pride of performing on a stage. We are thrilled to be taking part.

Not only are Teals turning into wonderful dancers, there are also proving to be super scientists. This week the focus has been on devising and conducting a number of experiments to see how and why water changes state. They made some very astute observations and were so captured by the investigations that at break time they were more fascinated spotting water vapour out on the trim trail rather than playing on it!

Year 3 enjoyed their first swimming lesson at Braywick Leisure Centre. They were quickly organised into four groups and then taught a variety of strokes before clocking up lengths of the pool. The boys were reminded to wear swimming trunks (rather than shorts) and everyone must have a swimming cap in order to go into the water. Swimming goggles are optional. Back in the classroom they have been tackling some 'big questions'; why don't rivers just soak into the ground? Why do we have religion? What is God? Ask your child if they came to any conclusions!

At the other end of Key Stage Two, Year 6 have contributed to a new superhero themed classroom display which already has some wonderful pieces of writing and some complex maths work exhibited on it. The children have also been busy compiling House Captain speeches in the hope that next week they can deliver them and win votes from others in their house. News of our election will be published soon!

Cygnets have been finding out about winter and learning some new vocabulary – hibernation, migration, deciduous! They have worked hard to create bird cakes for our wildlife area and bird feeders by threading Cheerios. They have enjoyed exploring this outside space and seeing how winter is affecting the wildlife there.

Year 2 have missed Mrs Brown this week but this hasn't prevented them from recording lots in their books to show her when she returns. With the help of 'Rosie Revere, Engineer' they have been creating information booklets all about Tower Bridge in London. Having studied the bridge and decided upon some questions they wanted to find the answers to, their research led them down all sorts of interesting paths. To revisit the book with your child, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=31eBdgnPsCo> The text promotes a positive growth mindset and the importance of not giving up when your first ideas or attempts fail so it's a wonderful read for everyone, not just Kingfisher Class.

Reading is always a focus in every class. Last week and this, several more children have joined the 'Reading Diary Pros' group having brought in their diary every day and written some excellent comments in them. They have become honorary members of our 'Book Mark Club'. This is a weekly award which is presented to children who show a keen interest in reading and promote a love of books to others in the class. Do ask your child about the new texts teachers have selected this term as their class read. Michael Morpurgo's 'Kensuke's Kingdom' is on the list as is 'A Bear Called Paddington'.

Year 5 have used the trauma of Michael falling overboard in 'Kensuke's Kingdom' to inspire them with figurative language and sentence construction. Having worked in groups to mindmaps their ideas, they were well set up to create poems during their Friday Big Write. The children have also worked on performance poetry and explored ways of engaging an audience. Michael's Rosen's top-tips proved invaluable!

Cormorants have also begun a series of hockey lessons with a specialist coach from William Borlase School. Year 6 had the same experience last term. It is hoped that some children will impress enough to be invited to a hockey festival at the grammar school next term.

Swans have been exploring their creative side while learning about hot and cold colours. They have used watercolours to mix a variety of cold shades and painted the beginnings of a patchwork cold quilt, embellished with pastels, ready for a new classroom display. The weather this week has provided them with inspiration!

**Extra-Curricular Activities:**

Several clubs have now started. The arrangements for drop off/pick up 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

Mrs. Brown is keen to build her choirs especially with some lovely events on the horizon for them to take part in. If your child has not been to choir before or hasn't been for a while he/she is invited to go along next week to try it out. Junior Choir meet on Tuesday at 8am and Senior Choir on Thursday at 8am. No previous singing experience is required and with singing providing a number of proven benefits, now is the time to take up the offer:

- Singing makes you feel better. ...
- Singing enhances lung function. ...
- Singing helps you beat stress and relax. ...
- Singing helps improve memory. ...
- Singing builds a sense of community. ...
- Singing lets you express yourself. ...
- Singing can help improve speaking ability. ...
- Singing boosts your confidence.

Do speak to your child about this and encourage them to go along for a taster session.

**RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch:**

The last weekend of January is the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch weekend, which gives the children the opportunity to be part of a nationwide citizen science project. Instructions and recording sheets will be posted on Google Classroom by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> to enable your child to take part. Those taking part should simply record the number of birds they see for a total of one hour over the weekend. The hour can be broken down into smaller chunks of time over both days for ease. The important thing is that birds are recorded for 60 minutes in total to ensure a fair test. Results can be brought back to school after the weekend, where they will be submitted as a whole.

To find out more before the information is posted on Google Classroom, go to:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/everything-you-need-to-know-about-big-garden-birdwatch/>

**Vacancy:**

We still have a vacancy for lunchtime cleaning and supervision. We require someone five days a week from 10:45am – 1:15pm. If you or anyone you know may be interested in the role please contact Mrs. Streames-Smith in the school office. Thank you.

Enjoy the weekend.

Anna Smith

**CALENDAR DATES**

19 <sup>th</sup> January	Netball Match away at Oldfield School (please see letter sent to individuals in Y5 & Y6 selected to play)
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Y6 Class Assembly (postponed)
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5 Class Assembly (tbc)
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Y4 Class Assembly (tbc)
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Internet Safety Day
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3 Class Assembly (tbc)
17 <sup>th</sup> February	Borough Dance Festival (Year 4)
Week beginning 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Open classrooms to view work



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