



#### 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

### COVID-19:

As you will be aware from an email and letter sent to you on Monday and another today, in the last five days we have had three more confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our school. As the letter today indicated, we are reviewing our 'Outbreak Contingency Plan' in case we are forced into a position where additional measures for keeping our community safe need to be introduced. You can continue to help us avoid this by following some simple measures.

A study, widely shared in the news this week, has concluding that Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs) are more accurate than first thought and certainly very good at detecting people most likely to spread COVID-19. The current guidance for schools is that staff continue to test themselves twice weekly using LFTs. This is happening. It would be incredibly helpful if you too could carry out these tests twice weekly, certainly on the children but, preferably on everyone in the family. (If you are interested in reading the article published by the BBC it can be found by following the link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-58899612> )

Please continue to monitor your child's health and avoid sending them in if they are displaying any signs of COVID-19. Keep reiterating the importance of good personal hygiene; please oversee your child washing their hands before they come to school and when they arrive home. Send them in with a packet of tissues and a small bottle of hand sanitizer but limit the other things they bring into school. Avoid, where you can, overcrowded areas and remember the importance of ventilating spaces well. All doors and windows to classrooms in schools are open at all times throughout the day. Specific guidance on how to stay safe and prevent the spread, whether someone in the home has COVID-19 or whether there are cases locally as is the situation in school, can be found at: [Coronavirus: how to stay safe and help prevent the spread - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/coronavirus/coronavirus-how-to-stay-safe-and-help-prevent-the-spread)

### Science and Technology Week:

We are excited about the prospect of inviting a number of parents to school next week to run sessions for the children. Thank you if you are one of those coming in or delivering a virtual workshop. We have booked a number of outside providers to visit too. However, for these to run, we do require a contribution from you. Please see again the letter outlining what will be happening during the week, with a request for payment. Payment should be made through your Scopay account.

This year your child has been set a design challenge details of which have been explained to them and posted on Google Classroom. Final designs should be brought into school next week on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October. We will spend the day testing and evaluating their handiwork.

### Open House:

Next week you are invited to drop into your child's class (according to the timetable below), view the learning environment and see your child's books. Staff will be available to talk to you on an informal basis. Classrooms will be open from the end of the day until 4pm. You will have noted that the session for Year 2 parents is on Wednesday. Unfortunately, Mrs Brown will not be available on this day due to unforeseen circumstances. Therefore, rather than cancel the session which you have perhaps had in your diary for a while, we would like to offer you an additional day to come in. This will be on Friday.

We would be most grateful if you would agree to wear a mask when inside the classroom and avoid going anywhere other than your child's class. The gate will remain open for you to leave through so you don't have to go through the main entrance. Thank you for helping us to keep this event as Covid safe as possible.

### Phonics Workshop:

I do hope that those of you who were able to join the team for the Phonics Workshop on Wednesday found the session useful. Material related to the workshop has now been posted on Google Classroom. As a reminder for those of you with children in Key Stage Two, material related to how you can help your child read have also been posted.

## Harvest:

It was with disappointment that we were unable to visit the church for our harvest service this week. However, we did not let the occasion pass. On Wednesday we joined together outside as a whole school and gave thanks for the gifts received. Pictures have been posted on Google Classroom in the Collective Worship section of classwork. Thank you for supporting us in this venture. Maidenhead FoodShare have now been to collect the donations you sent in. To find out more about the work they do, go to: [Foodshare | Foodshare Foodbank | England](#)

There are a number of events happening next week which involve more people than otherwise coming into school. I sincerely hope these can still go ahead. However, after more cases of COVID-19 confirmed, we may have to revise our plans for inviting you into school to see classrooms and for outside speakers to come in to run science workshops. Please look out for emails next week; decisions may have to be made without us able to give you much notice.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend. Stay safe.  
Anna Smith

## CALENDAR DATES

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| 18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> October | Science Week<br>Open House to allow you to visit your child's classroom and see their work from 3:15 – 4pm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Year 1, 5 &amp; 6</li><li>○ Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Year 4</li><li>○ Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Year 2</li><li>○ Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – Year 3</li><li>○ Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – EYFS (&amp; Y2)</li></ul> |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> October | Half Term Holiday   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> November                    | Return to school  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> November                    | Road Safety – Year 3  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> November                   | Remembrance Service at the war memorial (TBC)   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> November                   | World kindness day  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> November                   | Children in Need  |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> November                   | School Nurse (Year 6)   |



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