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## KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

As we come to the end of the academic year and get ready to say goodbye for the summer, there is plenty to celebrate. The children have worked hard, embraced learning and taken full advantage of the things we have been able to organise for them. Despite the challenges we've faced along the way, including a period of lockdown, we have got through without having to collapse any bubbles which is remarkable. Thank you for helping us to make this happen.

The end of term, however, brings with it some sadness as we prepare to say goodbye to Mrs Fisk. Mrs Fisk has been at Holy Trinity for twenty years. She came originally to help out in the classroom but in her usual wonderful fashion, she took on more and more. She has been a parent of children at the school, an active member of the PTA as treasurer, a school governor and for the last thirteen years our efficient and friendly officer manager. It is with great sadness that we wish her farewell as she gets ready to embark on a new chapter in her life. She will be enormously missed. Throughout the years she has given a vast amount; she has been kind, generous, loyal, committed and resourceful. Her service to our school has been remarkable and she leaves a void which will be hard to fill. I am sure you will join with all of us here in thanking her for everything she has done and wish her well as she looks forward to rather less busy days ahead. Thank you, Mrs Fisk, for being such a steadfast supporter of Holy Trinity School.

To fill her shoes, we welcome Mrs Lewington to the office, who some of you may have met already. Please do help us to make her and Miss Buckley, our new teacher in Year 5, welcome.

### Annual Reports:

This week you will have received your child end of year report. We hope you find it useful in informing you of the progress they have made this year and in guiding you through the specific areas they now need to focus on.

### Summer Learning Support:

In last week's newsletter I informed you of the ready-to-go lessons and creative, active and wellbeing resources which Oak National Academy have put together for parents, designed for you to use with your child during the summer break. Details of how you can support your child can be found on the flyer emailed to you and Oak's Summer Classroom can be accessed at: [Oak National Academy Online Classroom \(thenational.academy\)](https://thenational.academy)

### Arts and Culture Week:

The video clips showing the performance of each class during Arts and Culture Week, along with a number of pictures, have now been uploaded onto Google Classroom. They can be found in the Classwork section under a heading, 'Arts and Culture Week – Summer 2021'. We hope your child enjoys looking at these as they relive the experience with you.

### Sports Week:

A short video which captures events during Sports Day has also been posted on Google Classroom. This, with many pictures of activities in the days before, can also be found in the Classwork section but under a heading, 'Sports Week – Summer 2021'. Thank you for supporting us in the 'Sports For Schools' sponsored event. £687 was handed in and we are yet to find out how much was pledged on their website. This is wonderful news especially as 60% comes back to us to spend on sports equipment. The remainder goes to 'Sports For Schools' so that they can continue to send athletes out to visit both primary and secondary settings.

### Twitter - @HTSchoolCookham:

As many of you have found out recently, on a regular basis information of what is happening in school is posted on Twitter. Do consider joining us if you haven't done so already. Several parents have requested to follow us in the last couple of weeks. If you have put in a follower request and not yet been accepted, do drop an email to the office indicating this. Sometimes, without pictures on your account and with unfamiliar @ addresses, we can't be sure who these requests are coming from. If you inform the office that you wish to be accepted as a follower, we can quickly put this in place for you.

#### Summer Reading Challenge:

This year's summer reading challenge, entitled 'Wild World Heroes', starts on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July and runs throughout the summer holiday. This is also something that I drew your attention to in last week's newsletter. The programme has been designed in partnership with the WWF to inspire pupils to stand up for the future of our planet. In school we have spoken to the children about the challenge and what they need to do to receive some of the wonderful prizes along the way. By looking at a section in Google Classroom called 'Summer Reading Challenge' you too can find out more about it. Please do encourage your child to take part.

#### Parish Magazine:

To see the latest edition of the parish magazine containing a report from our school, please use the following link:

[The Cookham Parish Magazine July 2021](#)

#### Summer Bikeability Course:

Please see the flyers emailed out to you for details of courses running during the summer designed to teach the children about safe cycling.

#### Virtual Holiday Club: 'Christian Connections in Schools':

Wayne Dixon from 'Christian Connections in Schools' who comes in every year to work with our children is running a virtual holiday club from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August. For details of what is happening and to sign up, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i80WXJY4qgI>

#### Little Samurai Classes:

Little Samurai, who we hope can return to running classes at school in September has introduced anti-bullying to their programme. Sessions are designed to: improve a child's confidence & self-esteem, develop positive body language & assertive behaviour, empower children with verbal & physical pacification techniques and teach awareness of surroundings & personal space. To find out more or to sign your child up for a free trial class in September use the link: <https://www.samuraikickboxing.com/antibullying>

#### Contact Tracing for Schools:

From Monday 19 July, schools, colleges and nurseries will no longer carry out routine contact tracing. From this point onwards, close contacts will be identified and contacted by NHS Test and Trace. In response to feedback from stakeholders, the DfE has produced guidance plus some frequently asked questions and answers for parents, pupils and students on changes to contact tracing of close contacts. Please see the attachments, including a letter about these changes, emailed out to you.

#### Arrangements for September:

Now that schools have been issued with updated guidance from the DfE we are better placed to make some decisions about what the new term might look like in September. While some things like maintaining good hygiene for everyone and keeping spaces well ventilated remain, other things like how and where we serve lunches, what extra-curricular activities we can run, how assemblies can take place, are all relaxed. As has been well publicised in the media, the expectation is that from September schools will not be operating in bubbles. This clearly has an impact on how we operate, and for you, an impact at the end of the day.

Drop-Off: From the start of term, unless I inform you otherwise, you should drop your child off in much the same way as you have done over the last few weeks. The gate for Reception children and the side gate for everyone else will be opened at 8:45am and locked at 9am. Your child should continue to walk through the relevant gate on their own; please say goodbye to them at the end of the path without following them round to the back of school or into the Reception Class outside space.

Pick-Up: Pick-up will be different in September for most. The end of the day will not be staggered. Instead everyone will leave at 3:15pm. Arrangements for picking up children in Reception will be the same. The gate at the entrance to EYFS at the front of school will be opened at 3:15pm and all the children in the class will be handed over to you there. The gate at the side of school which leads to the playground will be opened at 3:10pm. If you have a child in Year 1 through to Year 6, you should make your way through this side gate and to the outside door of your child's classroom where your child will be handed over to you. (For Year 5 and 6, this will be near the Year 2 classroom on the playground not at the back entrance to the block). If you have a child in Reception, there will be time for you to make your way to the back of school to collect their sibling(s). Staff will keep children in the classroom until you arrive. This is also the case if you have children in more than one of the classes dismissed at the back of the site. You may remember this arrangement by thinking back to two years ago! Please prioritise picking up your younger child first.

As we hope to resume extra-curricular activities once the new term begins we will need to lock the gate promptly at the end of the day to ensure that those children staying behind are safe. Therefore, we kindly ask that once you have collected your child(ren) you leave promptly and certainly by 3:30pm when the gate will be locked. For health and safety reasons, the trim trail is out of bounds at this time.

### P.E:

Asking the children to come to school dressed in P.E. kit on days when they have P.E. lessons is something that will continue in September. The timetable for P.E. lessons is:

EYFS: Monday and Thursday  
Year 1: Tuesday and Thursday  
Year 2: Monday and Thursday  
Year 3: Tuesday and Thursday  
Year 4: Monday and Tuesday  
Year 5: Tuesday and Thursday  
Year 6: Monday and Tuesday

### Breakfast Club:

Breakfast Club will continue to operate in September. Initially it will be an early drop-off service from 8am so please send your child in having eaten breakfast beforehand. We hope to resume serving breakfast before too long. The cost of dropping your child off before the gate officially opens at 08:45am is £2.20. Payment should be made through your Scopay account. If you wish to use this service, please drop your child off at the side gate; they enter the building through the back door of the hall where they will be greeted by staff.

### Extra-Curricular Activities:

It is our intention to increase the number of extra-curricular activities we offer to the children from September. You will be informed of what is available and when each club will meet once the new term starts.

### Lunches:

We hope to resume serving lunches in the hall. Ordering a school meal should still be done at home using your Scopay account. Please ensure you order a meal at least 24 hours before it is required.

### Attendance:

School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age and it remains our priority to ensure that, when we do return in September, all our pupils on role regularly attend.

If the situation changes during the summer holiday and schools receive new guidance from the DfE which means some of these arrangements need to be altered, I will inform you as soon as I am able. This will be through a letter emailed to you.

I do hope that you have found our weekly newsletters helpful in keeping you informed of what is going on in school and in the wider community. Although this is the final newsletter of the academic year, we will continue to use this system to disseminate information when the new term begins in September. Thank you for taking the time to read them each week.

Finally, from all the staff at Holy Trinity, thank you for your generosity and kind messages of support not just at the end of term but throughout the year. We wish you and your family a very happy and safe summer and look forward to seeing you again on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

Anna Smith

## CALENDAR DATES

1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	INSET DAY
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	First day of the Academic Year 2021/2022
7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Transfer Test (11+) - Practice
9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Transfer Test (11+)
21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	School Photographs – Individual



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