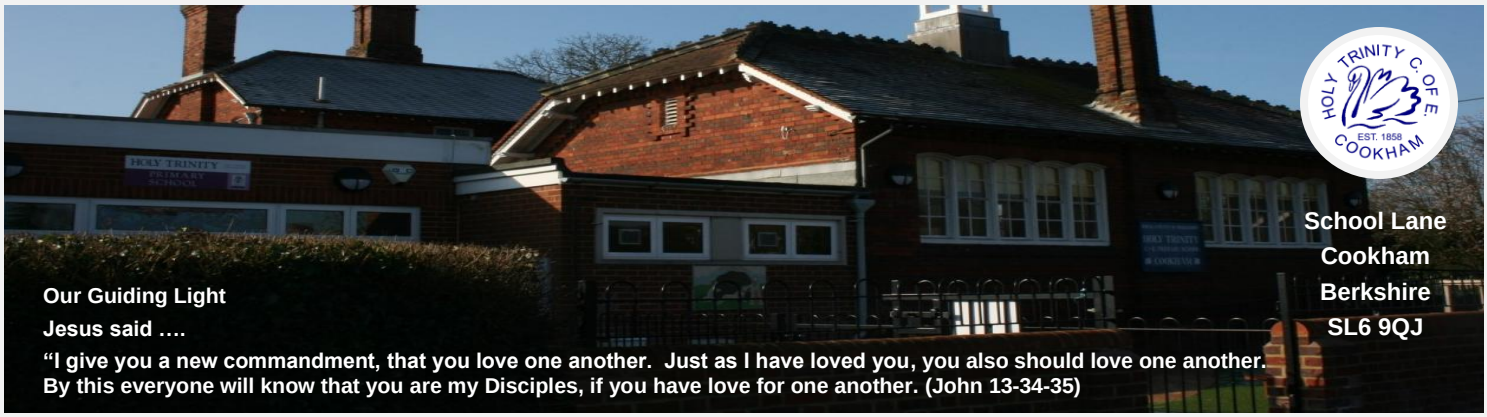


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Our Guiding Light

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

It's been lovely to have so many visitors in school this week. We are enormously grateful to those of you who have been part of our Science and Technology Week sharing your expertise and passion. Thank you for giving up your time to enrich the learning experience for the children.

We are also grateful to the PTA for organising our annual quiz which took place last Friday. Mr and Mrs Mellors did a fabulous job leading us through questions that tested everyone. If you came along, I hope you had as much fun as the staff team did. It was a great night which raised £737 for future projects. To find out more about what the PTA do and our ambitions for the future, come along to the AGM next month.

News from Science and Technology Week:

I hope your child has told you about some of their experiences this week. It has been a week full of exploration, team work, practical tasks and excitement.



We launched our themed week with a visit from the Wonderdome mobile planetarium. Once inside the dome, the children were transported on a cosmic journey during which they explored the wonders of the Universe. It was epic!

Just as exciting was having four micro pigs on our field on Wednesday. Classes in turn visited them and those that wanted to gave them a brush. The children learnt a huge amount from the team of experts and from the follow up work they did back in the classroom afterwards. As part of the project, we have adopted a pig. She is called Tina and was born on 17th April 2020. She lives on Kew Little Pigs Farm in Amersham (HP7 OHR) and is keen to have visitors! You can go along to see her and by quoting the code HTSCHOOLADOPT20OFF you receive a discount on the entry fee. To find out more about the venue go to www.kewlittlepigs.com



Our friends from Wild Cookham led several workshops. They brought with them moths and owl pellets for the children to dissect and also had us thinking about local habitats and nocturnal animals.

Just as informative were the sessions some of you delivered. We are immensely grateful to Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Wingfield, Mrs. Awoyemi, Mr. Summons, Miss. Sheldon, Mrs. King and Mr. Cuin-Wood.

As well as taking part in a number of practical sessions, the children were made aware of a range of career opportunities. Themed weeks are a wonderful way to do this and perhaps break down stereotypical gender roles. The children thoroughly enjoyed these sessions which were engaging and inspiring.

Also successful was the testing some classes did of their Design Technology projects. We had tomatoes rolling down slopes and eggs parachuting in! It was a wonderful way to finish.

Like trips to places away from school, themed weeks come at a cost. We know how powerful they are in generating interest and enthusiasm so it is for this reason that we ask you for a contribution to allow us to continue to run them.

If you have already made payment, thank you very much. If not, we would be most grateful if you could do so by Friday 23rd October via your Scopay account so we can start planning Maths and Computing Week. Thank you.

Mr Redjeb and Mr Reynolds are busy planning this next themed week and are hoping that you might help them make it memorable. Please see the letter sent to you today as an attachment about how you might do this.

Parent Consultations:
Thank you for taking the time to meet with your child's teacher this week. Next week you are invited to come in to school to see their work. Staff will be available in classrooms to speak to you more informally so we hope you can make it. Open House for Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) is on Tuesday and Open House for EYFS and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) on Wednesday. You are welcome to drop into classrooms at pick-up; the gate will be closed at around 4pm. **Please note, the 'Stay and Play' session for those of you with children in EYFS starts at 2:45pm.** During all sessions we ask that your child stays with you and does not wander off on to the playground or trim trail as there will be no supervision. Thank you.

School Photos:
On Wednesday the school photographer is in to take individual photos of the children. Your child should come to school that day looking smart wearing full school uniform.

New Statutory Guidance Around Managing Allergies:
After the information I shared last week about our new approach to managing allergies in school, I urge you to refer to the email sent yesterday explaining how you should liaise with club providers if your child requires specific medication. Our new Allergy Safety Policy can be found on our website: Policies | Holy Trinity C. of E. Primary School

Shoe Box Appeal:
Last week in assembly the children learnt about the shoe box appeal run by the charity, Blythswood: Shoe Box Appeal | Blythswood which, as perhaps you know from last week's newsletter, we have decided to support again this year.

Last year the charity sent over 85,000 shoeboxes to eight different countries – Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine and since their first Shoe Box Appeal in 1993 they have sent more than 2.8 million boxes – each one different, each one personal, each one an expression of care and kindness towards a stranger in need.

If your child would like to get involved, they should fill a shoe box with small, new and practical items such as toiletries, stationery, and clothing. Small toys are also welcome. The details can be found in the leaflet your child took home last week. We need the boxes back in school by next Friday (23rd October) so they can be collected in time to be packaged up and sent off to countries across Europe ready for Christmas. We do hope you will get involved; so far we have had one! Thank you for helping us make a difference.

Design a Christmas Card for MP Josh Reynolds:
Another project your child might like to get involved in is designing a Christmas card for our local MP. An attachment containing full details has been sent to you today. The competition is open to children aged 11 and under who live in his constituency. The prize this year is a trip for five to Legoland, Windsor and **the closing date for entries is Monday, November 30.**

Entries for the competition should be marked '**Josh Reynolds' Christmas Card Competition'** and sent to Maidenhead Advertiser, 48 Bell Street, Maidenhead, SL6 1HX.

Have a lovely weekend and we shall see you on Monday for the last week of this term.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

While some key dates appear below, please continue to refer to this section in our newsletter throughout the year as new dates are added in order to keep abreast of what is coming up in school. Any additions or any changes highlighted in blue.

20th October	Flu Vaccinations
20th October	KS2 Open House 3:15pm
21st October	EYFS 'Stay and Play' 2:45pm
21st October	KS1 Open House 3:15pm
21st October	School Photos
21st October	Netball match vs Cookham Dean (away) selected children informed by letter
26th October to 30th October	Half Term Break
2nd November	Start of Term 2
5th November	Boys A and Girls A team football matches vs Oldfield (home) selected children informed by letter
9th November	Year 1 Trip to Windsor Castle
11th November	Whole School Remembrance Service at the War Memorial
11th November	PTA AGM 7:30pm (see accompanying letter sent out 09.10.26)
16th November	Start of Maths and Computing Week
18th November	Open Evening – No Clubs including no Wrap Around provision
20th November	Children in Need
24th November	Choirs performing at the Royal Albert Hall
27th November	PTA Popcorn and Pyjama Party

8th December 2pm	Nativity Performance
9th December 6pm	Nativity Performance
9th December	Rock Steady Concert 9:30am
15th December	Final swimming lesson for Y3
15th December	Carols with the Choirs 6:30pm
16th December	EYFS & KS1 Trip to the pantomime at the Wycombe Swan
16th December	KS2 Christmas Party
16th December	PTA Carols in the Courtyard
17th December	Christmas Service at Holy Trinity Church 10am
17th December	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Party
18th December	Last day of term
21st December to 1st January	Christmas Holiday
4th January	Start of Term 3
29th January	PTA Disco
2nd February	KS2 Open House
3rd February	EYFS & KS1 Open House
10th February	Safer Internet Day
15th February to 19th February	Half Term Break
22nd February	Start of Term 4
27th February	PTA Black Tie Ball
1st March	Start of Book Week
1st March	Year 5 Trip to Warner Bros Studios
2nd March	Parent Consultations
4th March	Parent Consultations
4th March	World Book Day
5th March	Book Week Dress-Up Day
19th March	Comic Relief
24th March	Rock Steady Concert 9:30am
25th March	PTA Make the Rules Day and Easter Trail
26th March to 9th April	Easter Holiday
12th April	Start of Term 5
22nd April	Earth Day
27th April	KS2 Open House
28th April	EYFS & KS1 Open House
3rd May	Bank Holiday
10th May to 13th May	KS2 SATs
17th May	Start of National Walk to School Week
31st May to 4th June	Half Term Break
7th June	Start of Term 6
11th June	PTA Disco
14th June	Start of Arts and Culture Week
18th June	Arts and Culture Week Show
21st June	Y6 Residential Trip
28th June	Start of Sports Week
2nd July	Sports Day
3rd June	HT Fest
14th July	Rock Steady Concert
15th July	Y6 Leavers' Service 10am
15th July	Last Day of Term