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KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Keeping Covid-19 Safe:

In case you missed my email earlier in the week following the announcement by the Prime Minister, we are continuing to make a concerted effort to ensure bubbles remain open. We are anxious about avoiding the need to return to remote learning for any of the children. You have an important part to play in this. By adhering to specific guidelines, we stand a better chance of staying safe. Please help us by noting the following:

- Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school.
- Book a test immediately if you or your child begins displaying symptoms of coronavirus. The main symptoms are a high temperature, a new continuous cough and/or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste (however, new symptoms related the Delta variant are starting to emerge which seem to be more like a common cold). Pupils (and staff) must not come to school if they have symptoms (and will be sent home to self-isolate for a period of 10 days if they develop symptoms in school).
- If you, your child or anyone in your household are waiting for a test or the results from a test, your child must not come to school. He/she is only permitted to return once a negative test result is received or, in the case of testing positive, the 10-day isolation period has passed.
- Engage with the lateral flow testing programme. Test kits which are free, can be picked up at a number of places locally.
- Take your child's temperature before they come to school. If their temperature is high or if they have a cough and are feeling unwell, please do not send them in. Instead, telephone the office to explain their absence
- Ensure only one adult, preferably wearing a face covering, arrives to drop off and pick up at the end of the day. Stick to social distancing and do not linger at the gate.
- Preferably walk, cycle or scoot to and from school wherever possible.
- Oversee you child washing their hands before setting out for school and send them in with only necessary items including hand sanitizer and pocket tissues.
- Adhere to the latest government guidelines.

Following a directive from the DfE earlier in the week, guidance is very clear for schools on the importance of keeping the integrity of bubbles intact at all times. You will have seen from my email on Tuesday that we are adhering to this. The DfE also provided guidance for school summer activities which has allowed us to make decisions about events with measures in place to protect the children and the wider community. Please see on for details.

Useful Website for anything Covid-19 related:

- [Holy Trinity Church of England primary School, Cookham - Home \(holytrinitysch.co.uk\)](http://holytrinitysch.co.uk)
- [Symptoms of coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): getting tested - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)
- [Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)
- [Testing for coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline remains open and is available to answer questions about COVID-19 which relate to education settings and children's social care.

Phone:0800 0468687

Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm, Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 6pm

Thank you for continuing to support us in keeping the community safe by following the measures we have in place.

Arts and Culture Week:

Next week is Arts and Culture Week. You will find out about all the things we have been doing by logging onto Google Classroom after the event has taken place.

For their performance to you, which we will film and then post, the children need to be dressed in plain black t-shirts (with short sleeves-no strappy tops please) and either black shorts or black leggings. These items should be plain with no logos on them. Year 4 will also need a baseball cap. It can be any single colour but plain without any logos on. There are no additional requirements for the other classes apart from Reception Class. Please see details already posted by Mrs Lucas about Flamenco dresses and waistcoats. **Please send your child in wearing these items of clothing on Thursday (24.6.21).**

On Monday (21st), Tuesday (22nd) and Wednesday (23rd) of next week, your child should come to school dressed in school P.E. kit regardless of whether they have P.E. They will be in their black costume on Thursday (24th) so the only day they should come to school dressed in school uniform is Friday (25th).

On the final day of Arts and Culture Week (Friday, 25th June) your child is invited to bring in a picnic lunch containing food from the country they have been studying:

Reception Class: Spain

Year 1: China

Year 2: Italy

Year 3: Egypt

Year 4: South Africa

Year 5: Mexico

Year 6: Greece

In preparing packed lunches, please be aware that we are a nut-free school. Some children are also allergic to sesame seeds and chick peas so please avoid things like hummus. School meals will of course still be available.

Sports Week:

If you have an interest and/or expertise in anything sport related and would be willing to run a virtual workshop for a class in the same way that some parents are for Arts and Culture Week, please contact the office and mark your email for the attention of Mr Whittle. In the past we have had talks about fitness, coaching elite athletes and even a virtual yoga session which the children have been able to join in with.

Our Sports Day will still be going ahead on Friday 9th July. This will, however, be an event for the children and not one which you are invited to. Nevertheless, we will capture the day with photos that will be posted on Google Classroom. I am sorry if this causes any disappointment but I hope you understand how, given the circumstances, this is the safest course of action.

Transition Days:

If you are a parent with a child who has been given a place to start at Holy Trinity in September, we are currently in the process of liaising with early years settings to gather as much information about the children as we can before meeting them. As last year, we will not be inviting the children to join us for taster days this side of the summer holiday. Instead we will have a programme of events for when they start in September. These will be explained to you and parents new to the school in a meeting we have planned for later in the term.

We have set aside the week beginning 28th June for transition work for those children currently in school. During the week, every child, including those currently in Reception, will enter school through the side gate where they will be met by the class teacher who has been assigned the class for the next academic year. They will spend the week with that teacher(s) in their new classroom completing a range of transition activities carefully designed to prepare them for the year ahead.

Year 6 Residential Trip:

If you have a child in Year 6 who has a place on our residential trip to CRS Adventures in Devon I hope you found the meeting on Thursday evening useful in helping to prepare your child for the event. Please refer to the letter sent out on Wednesday with further details about the trip including deadlines for sending medication into school. If there is any medication for your child which needs to be administered while we are away, you are required to complete the 'Parental Agreement for Setting to Administer Medicine' form, place it in a see-through sealed bag and hand it to me with the medication no later than Thursday 24th June. Thank you.

Medication:

Please note that any medication needs to be handed to the school office. You are also required to complete a medical consent form before we can administer it. Please do not send your child in with medication no matter what it is. Thank you for helping us safeguard all the children.

Class Photographs:

Thank you for your support in sending your child to school looking so smart on Thursday after such short notice about the photographer coming in. We had thought we may not be able to organise photos this year so when we discovered there was an opportunity to arrange a visit we moved quickly! As time was limited, the class photo this year will be the more traditional one where the children stand in lines as a class group but we felt this was preferable to none at all. Our Year 6 leavers also had individual portraits taken. Proofs will be sent to you in due course with details of how to order. We hope you like the results.

Lost Property:

Thank you for remembering to apply sunscreen to your child before sending them in each morning and for ensuring that they have the essentials: water bottle, sun hat, packet of tissues and hand sanitiser. Please continue to mark any item your child brings with their name. Named items generally are returned very quickly. You may have seen some clothing displayed at the gate this week. This is all unmarked and with no one claiming it, it will be discarded at the weekend. Now is your last chance to take a look.

Parent Governor Election:

A vacancy for Parent Governor is available in July. Any nominations should be received by **28th June at 12 noon**. Please refer to the email sent on 14th June 2021 or the school website for further details.

Transition to Furze Platt Senior School:

If you have child in Years 5 and are considering sending them to Furze Platt Senior School, or a child in Year 6 transitioning there in September, please see the leaflet emailed to you which the school has asked me to circulate.

Henley Literary Festival – Creative Competitions:

Don't forget the Creative Competitions organized by the team behind the Henley Literary Festival. Budding writers are encouraged to write a story or a poem of up to 500 words and there is an illustration competition for those keen on art. The closing date for entries is 1st August. Please refer to the flyer, emailed to you last week, for more details.

Active Travel Competition:

The Royal Borough is inviting children to design a poster around one of four themes all linked to road safety. Details of the competition can be found on the flyer emailed out to you last week. Please note the closing date is 9th July.

Dance Fitness:

Please see the flyer emailed to you about a Dance Fitness class which is starting up on a Thursday evening at Cookham Dean Village Hall.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

21 st – 25 th June	Arts & Culture Week
28 th June – 2 nd July	Year 6 Residential Trip EYFS – Y5 Transition Week
5 th – 9 th July	Sports Week
9 th July	Sports Day (spectators may be invited to attend)
15 th July	Last day of Academic Term
1 st September	INSET DAY
2 nd September	First day of Academic Year 2021/2022



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