



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

Thank you for all you are continuing to do to support us in the fight against COVID-19. No new cases have been confirmed this week.

However, as the term goes on, please remember the value of undertaking regular lateral flow tests. Kits can be ordered for collection the next day by logging onto: [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk) Staff continue to test themselves twice weekly.

If your child or another member of your household tests positive for COVID (or if anyone is identified as a close contact of a positive case via the NHS Test and Trace service) please ensure the person with the illness self-isolates and that everyone else in the household completes daily lateral flow tests for a period of 7 days. These should be done before you come to school and certainly before you send your child in.

Maths and Coding Week:

Maths and Coding Week is timetabled for next week (22nd to 26th November). During the week we have invited a number of education providers in to deliver workshops to the children. Inevitably these are expensive. A little like school trips, we are reliant on financial support from you. Without this such weeks may not be viable in the future. You were sent a letter on Wednesday indicating the cost per child to cover the activities we have booked. Please help us to make next week special and future weeks possible by making payment via your Scopay account. If you are yet to pay for Science and Technology Week, please do so as soon as you are able. Our plan at the moment is to run a Book Week in March, an Arts and Culture Week in June and a Sports Week at the end of the summer term.

This weekend your child has been set a homework task related to the work we will be doing next week. As Ms. O'Reilly explains on Google Classroom, we are holding a whole-school competition to see who can take the most amazing maths photograph with a prize awarded to the winner in each class. On Google Classroom a PowerPoint, 'Where's the Maths in That?' has been posted to provide inspiration. Your child should take a photo, upload it to Google Classroom and be ready to explain to their classmates the maths they see in it. The deadline is Wednesday so they don't have long!

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Arrangements for picking up/dropping off children from our extra-curricular clubs are as follows:

Breakfast Club	Start time 8am each day of the week	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Playball	Finish time: 4:15pm (Monday)	Collect from the back gate
Junior Choir	Before school at 8am (Tuesday, beginning 23.11.21)	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Netball	Before school at 8am (Tuesday)	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Football Club	Finish time : 4:30pm (Tuesday)	Collect from the back gate
Samurai	Finish time: 4:00pm (Tuesday)	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Samurai	Finish time: 4:15pm (Thursday)	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Senior Choir	Before school at 8am (Thursday)	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Football iPro	Finish time: 4:30pm (Friday)	Collect from the back gate
Sewing Club	Finish time: 4:35pm (Friday)	Collect from the front entrance to school Reception
Spanish Club	Start and finish times vary throughout the week-please refer to the previously sent out flyer for specific details	

Eco-Council News:

The children have continued to take a keen interest in topics related to the COP26 summit. This week's 'just one thing' which we could all do to help our planet is recycle. This issue has been particularly highlighted by the new bins which have appeared in every classroom. The Eco-Council have asked me to share our latest project so you can support us at home in our efforts! So far, we have focused on turning off lights and not wasting water. Assemblies on this topic continue to be posted on Google Classroom; do take a look.

KS1 & EFFS Nativity:

I am sure you must be wondering what are plans are for sharing our Nativity with you this year. We hope to be able to invite you into school to see our performance so we have currently set aside Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th December for this. It might be that we have to limit numbers which could mean adding an additional date but at this stage we are unable to be more precise. If circumstances demand it, we will review arrangements and make alterations if necessary. If so, these will be shared with you closer to the event. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Children in Need:

Thank you for helping us support Children in Need today. So far we have collected £450.35 although we are hoping that the sponsors you child has collected from participating in our 'Get-fit with Joe' campaign will lift this total. Sponsor forms should be returned in a sealed envelope with the money your child has raised, from Monday 22nd to Friday 26th November. For more details see today's assembly, 'Children in Need 2021' in the Collective Worship section of Google Classroom where you will also see photos capturing the events of the day. Other images have been posted on our Twitter page! Thank you.

Operation Christmas Child:

The nearest collection point to school for dropping off gifts is: **The Kidwells Centre, 41 Marlow Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7AQ**. To find where other collection points are and to discover more about the charity go to: [Operation Christmas Child \(samaritans-purse.org.uk\)](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk)

Annual Flu Vaccinations:

A team of nurses will be visiting our school on Tuesday 30th November offering vaccinations to all children from Reception to Year 6 so if you have not yet read the E-Consent letter or completed the consent form, please do so as soon as possible.

To consent to your child having the flu vaccination **you must complete the electronic consent form** via

<https://www.berkshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> where you are required to insert our school's details (Holy Trinity CE Primary School, Cookham) plus our unique code: (BK109961). **This has to be done by 9am, 48 hours before the session on 30th November to ensure your child receives their vaccination.** Unfortunately, if you miss this deadline, a vaccination will not be available.

If you **do not** wish for your child to be vaccinated then you still need to complete the form indicating that you **do not** give consent. Thank you. The letter is attached again, for your convenience.

Year 6 Height and Weight Check:

Next week the nurse will be in as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. If you have a child in Year 6 you have already been given information about this. Please refer to the letter previously sent out.

Head Lice:

We have been notified that there has been a case of head lice in Year 4. Regardless of which year group your child is in, please check their hair this weekend, inform us if there are any further cases and treat appropriately. Thank you.

Playing out on the Field:

As I explained last week, we are continuing to use our field as much as we can at breaks and at lunchtime. We will encourage them to wear coats when it's cold and to change into alternative footwear. Please send your child in with trainers on days when they don't have P.E. and shoes when they do. We are asking the children to change into trainers (or wellington boots if you prefer) when they are outside to save shoes for indoors.

School Lane:

You are sure to have noticed the new surface and road markings along the lane making very clear where vehicles should not park. Please be mindful of this and considerate of local residents when parking. Driveway must not be blocked and vehicles shouldn't be left partially on pavements or junctions. Please avoid walking in the road and blocking the path of cars. Dogs must be on a lead and not brought onto site. Thank you for helping us to look after our neighbours and safeguard the children.

PTA Annual General Meeting:

The PTA AGM is scheduled for next Wednesday (24.11.21) at 8pm on zoom (details to follow) and you are all, as members of the PTA, warmly invited to attend. There will be an opportunity to hear how the money raised has been used to benefit the children and to discuss events and spending for the upcoming year. An election will also take place to establish committee members:

- Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Two Trustees

The term for each position is one year, and at the end of each year, all members of the Committee stand down and new members are elected. If you would like to stand for any of the positions on the committee, you should submit your nomination by email to the school office office@holytrinitysch.co.uk by Friday 19th November outlining the role you wish to stand for. The current team would love to encourage new members to join the committee, so please do make known your interest. The letter which was originally sent to you in October about this event and the roles of committee members has been resent to you today. Our thanks go out to those parents who were in school today to reorganise the PTA shed.

Finally, after our Open Evening for prospective parents on Tuesday I wanted to share with you news of the wonderful job our Year 5 and Year 6 ambassadors did modelling lessons and conducting guided tours around the site. We were all proud of them and the things they said about Holy Trinity School. They were superb and truly shone! Have a lovely weekend.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

22 nd -26 th November	Maths Week
22 nd -26 th November	Please return Children in Need sponsor money
24 th November	School Nurse (Year 6)
24 th November	Y5/6 Netball Match, 3:30pm – Freith School (refer to letter sent to specific children)
24 th November	PTA AGM (Zoom)
25 th November	Year 4 School Trip (see letter soon to be circulated)
30 th November	Nasal Flu Vaccine (whole school)
1 st December	Road Safety Workshop in school for Year 3
16th December from 5pm	PTA Christmas event



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