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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)**

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## KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Thank you for continuing to remain vigilant, for taking necessary precautions and for informing the office as soon as new cases of COVID-19 are detected. This week only 1 new case has been reported.

On Tuesday 29 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the [next steps for living with COVID-19](#) in England from Friday 1 April. Guidance states:

*Free COVID-19 tests will continue to be available for specific groups, including eligible patients and NHS staff, once the universal testing offer ends on Friday 1 April. Updated guidance will advise:*

- *adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.*
- *children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.*
- *adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.*

*The population now has much stronger protection against COVID-19 than at any other point in the pandemic. This means we can begin to manage the virus like other respiratory infections, thanks to the success of the vaccination programme and access to antivirals, alongside natural immunity and increased scientific and public understanding about how to manage risk.*

*For education and childcare settings from Friday 1 April:*

- *regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any education or childcare setting, including in SEND, alternative provision and children's social care settings. Therefore, settings will no longer be able to order test kits.*
- *residential SEND settings may be advised by their local health protection team to re-introduce some time-limited asymptomatic testing. This would be an exceptional measure, for targeted groups of staff and pupils or students (secondary age or above) in the event of a possible COVID-19 outbreak. These settings are scheduled to receive an automatic delivery of contingency supply test kits during the week commencing Monday 28 March.*
- *the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) will publish new guidance. Most of the specific COVID-19 guidance for education and childcare settings will be withdrawn from [GOV.UK](#) on Friday 1 April. The operational guidance on the [testing in education settings document sharing platform](#) will also be removed on the same day.*

As a school we will continue to monitor absences and the number of positive cases, acting in response to situations we find ourselves in. The measures which have been in place recently have saved us from ever having to close school or restrict the number of classes in at any one time. Other schools have not been so lucky. Thank you for supporting us in these measures. Please continue to refer to NHS and Government websites for advice and do not hesitate to contact the office if you need support or greater clarification on anything related to the pandemic.

### Sickness and Diarrhoea:

In the case of anyone being ill with sickness (and diarrhoea), school policy is that they stay away from the classroom for **at least 24 hours**, but preferably 48 hours from the last time they were sick. As you can appreciate, stomach bugs spread very quickly in closed environments where there are lots of people, especially children. To safeguard our community, we act very quickly by sending anyone home when they are sick and we appreciate your support in keeping them away from school until the right amount of time has passed to ensure there is no danger of anyone else picking up a bug. Thank you.

### News from around the school:

This week we have continued with our Ukraine project. Year 3 got us off to a good start last Thursday when they incorporated science into their venture and made slime. Supplies ran out quickly but the children are happy to provide the recipe if anyone wants to have a go making more at home! On Friday we were delighted that so many were able to attend the Year 1 tea party. Their milkshake seemed to go down well too. Our thanks go to Ms Hawthorne and 'Sweet Marie's Party Boutique' in Cookham who supplied the red, white and blue balloons for the Year 5 Junior Bake-Off event at Ascot a couple of weeks ago which was reported in the Maidenhead Advertiser recently, and the yellow and blue balloons which decorated the Swan milkshake stall.

On Monday, Reception children with the help of Year 6 organised a very successful 'Bring and Buy' sale. Classes in turn visited the stalls they had set up and made their purchases. Thank you for helping your child select items to donate to the sale. The threat of rain on Tuesday meant we decided to delay Year 6's sale of kebabs until Wednesday when they set up a stall with Year 2 selling lollies. Together the team made almost £200. Yesterday, Year 5 were

excited to sell the badges and pendants they had spent hours carefully making in the colours of the Ukrainian flag. Keen to make as much money as they could, they also challenged everyone to guess how many Hama beads were in the jar. Miss Buckley really enjoyed counting them and the winner will be announced in assembly next week after another chance for everyone to have a go today. This afternoon, to end our class charity events, Year 4 will also be selling the friendship bracelets they have made over the last few days. These will be on sale outside their classroom at the back of school. There are lots of designs to choose from!

Next week when the children run the daily mile they will be clocking up the distance refugees are having to travel from Ukraine to reach countries of safety. Your child may like to collect sponsors for this challenge. A sponsor form has been posted on Google Classroom and sent to you today as an attachment. So far from our dress up day and class charity events we have raised an incredible £990.60 which we are hoping to add to with our sponsored run next week. Thank you for your generosity and support.

This week our footballers played a couple of tough home matches against Holyport and Oldfield. Despite a concerted effort, we had to accept defeat. The netballers were rather more successful the week before. On Thursday, in a tournament at Claire's Court against a number of state and private schools, our Year 6 team secured a second-place win and were awarded silver medals before Year 5, on Friday, were crowned first place champions. They have been wearing their gold medals with pride ever since!

For news of things as they happen during the week don't forget to turn to our Twitter feed. Reports and photographs are regularly posted. If you request to follow and don't get an immediate response, do inform the office. Occasionally it is not clear who is asking to join from requests made. Thank you for your patience and for helping us to safeguard the children.



Follow us on twitter and see more of what we are up to!  
@HTSchoolCookham

Next week you are invited to visit your child's class, meet their teacher(s) and see their books in another 'Open House' Event. Please see the timetable below.

#### Class Photographs:

Please refer to the email sent out from the office indicating how you see your child's photo and how you go about placing an order. You could also click on the gallery weblink: <https://htmp.st/HolyTrinityCEPrimary-2022>

#### PTA School Disco: Friday 1st April

This evening the children are invited to come along to the PTA school disco. This is a pre-booked event. For details, see below.

EY & KS1 - 4.30 to 5.45pm

KS2 - 6.00 to 7.30pm

£5 per child (includes drink and snack). A booking form is available on PTA Facebook Page.

We will operate a one way system with children arriving at the front entrance and then being picked up from the back of the hall. If your child is in Reception or KS1 and attending an after school club today you can either collect them in the usual fashion to take them home to get changed before bringing them back or, if they have brought clothes to change into, you can assume that we will change them and see them safely to the hall for the start of the event. Please note, there may be a slight delay when picking them up as they will need to return to classrooms to collect their things.

#### Extra-Curricular Activities:

Club	Year Group	Day	Time	Arrangements for drop-off/pick-up
Breakfast Club	All	Monday – Friday inclusive	Start time 8am each day of the week	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Spanish Club	Year 4	Monday	Before school at 8.20am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Playball	EYFS & Year 1	Monday	Finish time: 4:15pm	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Junior Choir	Years 3 & 4	Tuesday	Before school at 8am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Netball	Years 5 & 6	Tuesday	Before school at 8am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Spanish Club	Year 2	Tuesday	Before school at 8.20am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Football Club	Years 5 & 6	Tuesday	Finish time : 4:30pm	Collect from the back gate
Little Samurai	EYFS, Y1 & Y2	Tuesday	Finish time: 4:00pm	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Spanish Club	Year 1	Wednesday	Before school at 8.20am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Spanish Club	Year 5	Wednesday	Finish time: 3:50pm	Collect from the front entrance of school
Playball	EYFS & Year 1	Wednesday	Finish time: 4:15pm	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Senior Choir	Years 5 & 6	Thursday	Before school at 8am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Young Samurai	Years 3 - 6	Thursday	Finish time: 4:15pm	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Spanish Club	Year 3	Friday	Before school at 8.20am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Sewing Club	Year 2 – 6	Friday	Finish time: 4:35pm	Collect from the front entrance of school
Knitting Club	Year 6	Friday	Finish time: 4:15pm	Collect from the front entrance of school
IPro Football	Years 1 - 6	Friday	Finish time: 4:30pm	Collect from the back gate

#### Parking:

Thank you for continuing to park considerately and in safe spaces when dropping off or picking up your child. **Please do not park your vehicle directly opposite the entrance to the school car park where the path ends.** This is where many children and parents exit the site. By parking opposite, the lane becomes even more narrow and forces passing motorists to drive close to pedestrians. Let's give vehicles as much road space as possible in order to safeguard the children. If you see someone parking their vehicle here, I would be grateful if you could offer a gentle reminder. Thank you.

### Help for Ukraine:

Many local groups are organising fund raising events for Ukraine. As well as the things we have been doing in school, several of the children have been successful joining in events at home. Mrs Pow, our Spanish teacher, has sent through the information below about a specific group collecting items in Maidenhead should you wish to help.

Donations for Ukraine can be taken to:  
Maidenhead Community Centre, 4 Marlow Rd, Maidenhead SL6 7HY  
10-4 pm daily and 10-7pm Tues/Thurs

Below is an idea of some of the items they are accepting or you can buy and donate something from this 'Maidenhead for Ukraine' amazon wish list:  
[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/34HRHH0MUIDCU?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/34HRHH0MUIDCU?ref=wl_share)

First aid kits, bandages, sanitary pads, tampons, nurofen / ibuprofen and children's medicine - Personal hygiene (toothpastes and brushes, dry and wet wipes, soap.

- Nappies
- Instant soups (or other non-perishable food ready for quick heating)
- Instant porridges for children - Baby milk, formula, purees.
- Moisturised and antibacterial wipes - Disposable thermal cups, teaspoons and spoons - Tea or coffee in sachets ready to dissolve
- Blankets and thermal mats or light blankets that take up little space, sleeping bags

**Please note no clothes at this stage.**

The group don't have a donations page yet but suggest the link below for donations:  
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/unitedforukraine>

### The Great British Spring Clean 2022:

Details about the Great British Spring Clean 2022 is currently taking place. If you are interested in joining Keep Britain Tidy, see the flyer sent out today. The Great British Spring Clean returns for its seventh year and runs from 25 March - 10 April 2022. This year the message is simple; join the #BigBagChallenge and pledge to pick up as much litter as you can.

Have a lovely weekend.

Anna Smith

## CALENDAR DATES

25<sup>th</sup> March – 10<sup>th</sup> April  
Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> April

The Great British Spring Clean 2022 (see flyer for details)

Open classrooms to view work (3:15 to 4pm):

- o Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Y1, Y5 & Y6
- o Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Y4
- o Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Y2 & Y3 (in a change to the date previously published)
- o Friday 8<sup>th</sup> – Reception

4<sup>th</sup> April to 7<sup>th</sup> April

Sponsored daily mile 'Race for Ukraine'

6<sup>th</sup> April

PTA Uniform Sale (more details to follow from the PTA)

7<sup>th</sup> April

Tag Rugby away match against Freith School (selected children informed by letter)

8<sup>th</sup> April

All donations for the Ukraine appeal brought to school

11<sup>th</sup> April

Start of Easter break

25<sup>th</sup> April

Start of Summer Term

2<sup>nd</sup> May

May Day Bank Holiday

5<sup>th</sup> May

PTA Meeting (details to follow)

9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May

KS2 Standard Attainment Tests (SATs)

13<sup>th</sup> May

Katie Cox Cookham Festival Concert, Odney Club, 4pm & 6pm (school choir)

20<sup>th</sup> May

'It's Your Move' Workshop (Year 6)

22<sup>nd</sup> May

Ovey's Farm Concert (choir)

30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Half Term Holiday

6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> June

Year 4 Multiplication Screening Test

7<sup>th</sup> June

Early Years Health Screening (refer to letter previously sent out)

10<sup>th</sup> June

PTA School Disco (details to follow)

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> June

Arts and Culture Week

27<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July

Year 6 Residential Trip

8<sup>th</sup> July

Sports Day (tbc)

2<sup>nd</sup> July

HT Fest (details to follow)

14<sup>th</sup> July

Last day of term

15<sup>th</sup> July

First Day of the summer holiday

2<sup>nd</sup> September

First day of the new academic year

8<sup>th</sup> October

PTA Ball (details to follow)