



#### 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

### Science and Technology Week:

We do hope your child has enjoyed being part of our Science and Technology Week. We are grateful to Mrs King, Mrs Ransome, Mrs Garwood, Dr Johnson, Mrs Wingfield and Mr Cuin-Wood for coming in and delivering such interesting workshops for the children. We also enjoyed welcome two members of the Bat Conservation Trust, Jonathan a palaeontologist and Rebecca, a wonderful 'Science Boffin', to our school to share their expertise and enthusiasm in specific fields.

Alongside this, the children have fully immersed themselves in a range of design technology projects some of which they've completed at home, others in school. There have been the most delicious smells coming from the kitchen almost every day. Thank you for your support in helping them construct a whole range of products as part of their homework which they seem to have had great fun testing and evaluating in class. Many of these activities have been posted on our Twitter account so do take a look! If you've asked to follow us and you haven't yet been granted access, please email the office. Sometimes we can't be sure who is making a request.

### Themed Weeks:

Thank you if you have already responded to the letter sent to you the other day about our themed weeks this year. We are grateful for your support in helping us make workshops like the ones we have brought to the children this week possible. It was emailed to you earlier in the week and we'd be grateful if payment could be made by the start of next term (Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October).

### Maths and Computing Week – 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November:

We've only just got to the end of Science and Technology Week but we are already planning Maths and Computing Week. If you would like to be part of this event in the way that a number of parents were offering workshops this week, do get in touch with Ms O'Reilly who will be delighted to hear from you. You should contact her through the school office: [office@holyltrinitysch.co.uk](mailto:office@holyltrinitysch.co.uk)

### Trips:

Another way we aim to enhance the curriculum is by taking the children on trips to places of interest. A number of trips are coming up after half term so do refer to the calendar below for details. Letters about these events will be circulated closer to the time.

### Open House:

We do hope you enjoyed the opportunity this week to drop in to your child's class, meet informally with their teacher(s) and see the work they have completed since we began the term in September. It was lovely to see the children so keen to show you all they've achieved and we appreciated the positive comments you shared with us after your visit. Thank you.

### Drawing on our Vision:

This week in collective Worship we have turned our attention to the fact that it's Black History Month. We've particularly learnt about black women, Mark Seacole, Dr Zoe Williams, Dame Elizabeth Anionwu, Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock and Dr Anne-Marie Imafidon MBE, who have all had an influence in the field of science and technology. The children seemed fascinated finding out about their achievements.

Having worked with the charity Partners for Change, Ethiopia for over ten years, today we were delighted to welcome members of the team, Mrs. Ransome, Sarah and Jack Parfitt, Mulugeta Gebru, a special guest from Ethiopia, and his friends to assembly. They spoke about the work they do and how the money we have raised over the years have supported many of their programmes. We also learnt about Cholle School which is the school we are hoping to support this year. Do look out for the story of their visit soon to be reported in the Maidenhead Advertiser.

Today a number of Y6 children were also involved in the process of appointing a new vicar for the parish. As part of an interview panel, they posed questions to each of the candidates as they got to know them. The ten pupils did a superb job asking in depth questions and analysing responses. We were delighted to be asked.

Every month we submit an article to the Cookham Parish Magazine where we share with the community some of the things that we have been doing in school. The November edition, in which we shared with everyone the special assembly we had to say farewell to Revd. Helen, is soon to be published so do have a read.

**Sporting News:**

I can appreciate how disappointing it must have been for both our netballers and footballers that their matches this week were called off owing to matters beyond our control. We hope to reschedule them soon.

After half term, we're straight back into matches so, if your child is selected to play, do look out for letters which will be circulated in due course.

**Eco-Council Elections:**

Eco-Council elections have been held this week. We will be announcing the results after the holiday after which our new team of councillors will begin steering the school, with the help of Mrs Weller, in a range of environmental matters. Every child who put themselves forward for election and spoke in front of their class mates should be congratulated. We clearly have some very knowledgeable and passionate pupils keen to inspire others in looking after our planet.

**Clubs:**

For details of clubs running next term, please refer to newsletters at the start of term where all the club providers were listed.

[Newsletter 8\\_9\\_23.pdf \(holotrinitysch.co.uk\)](#)

**Maidenhead Advertiser's First Photo – Reception Class:**

Please remember that Maidenhead Advertiser's 'My First Class' supplement has been published today, 20<sup>th</sup> October. Do get a copy! If you would like to see additional photos they took of the children looking so smart and happy go to: [FIRST CLASS 135835 - Photo 1 of 5 - Baylis Media Photos](#)

**No Nut Policy:**

Please be mindful that we are a no nut school because of severe allergies that some of our children have. Food with sesame seeds should also not be brought into school for the same reason. Thank you for your support in helping us to safeguard the children.

**PTA Uniform Sale:**

The PTA pre-loved uniform sale, called off this week, will be rescheduled for after the holiday. Do look out for a notice about this on the PTA WhatsApp page.

Please can we politely request that over half term you check that all items of clothing and equipment belonging to your child, including water bottles, are clearly named? This allows us to reunite any mislaid property with their owner quickly. Thank you.

**Berkshire Music Trust – Free Taster Sessions:**

If your child is keen to try out a musical instrument before you commit to lessons, Berkshire Music Trust is offering a tester day on Saturday at their Reading Music Centre in Tilehurst. A flyer has been sent to you again today if you are interested. You have also been sent a Berkshire Music Trust parent newsletter.

**Head Lice:**

Following reports earlier in the week which you were emailed about, please be reminded that we have had reports of head lice in school. We ask that you check your child's hair over the holiday and treat if necessary to prevent any spread when we return after the break. Thank you.

**Flu Vaccinations:**

Immediately after the holiday the nursing team will be in to give flu vaccinations to the children. In order for your child to receive the vaccination you must complete the consent form which has already been sent to you. If you are yet to return the paperwork and would like your child to be vaccinated please pass the relevant documentation to the school office as soon as you are able. The deadline for doing so is 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 9am to give sufficient time to the nursing teams to safely plan and triage all consent forms.

**School Photographs:**

On the first Friday we are back the school photographer will be in to take individual and family photographs. Please send your child in wearing smart day uniform.

**Maidenhead's Big Read:**

Please see [Maidenhead's Big Read Newsletter \(mailchi.mp\)](#) for their October newsletter.

**Trick or Treating:**

Please see a couple of flyers sent to you today from Thames Valley Police.

**The National Sleep Helpline:**

Please see a couple of flyers sent to you today about the National Sleep Helpline offering suggestions of how to help your child if they have irregular sleep patterns.

Have a lovely half term holiday and we shall look forward to seeing you and the children back on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

Anna Smith

## CALENDAR DATES

Please continue to refer to this section in our newsletter throughout the year to keep abreast of what is happening in school. Dates will be added on a regular basis.

21 <sup>st</sup> October	Berkshire Music Trust free taster session in Reading
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Cookham Run – PTA Tea Tent - help needed
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Flu Vaccinations
1 <sup>st</sup> November	Netball A and B teams v Oldfield (away) - selected children informed by letter
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	A and B team football matches vs Oldfield (home - selected children informed by letter)
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	School Photographer in to take Individual and Sibling Photographs
8 <sup>th</sup> November	A team netball match v Holyport (away) - selected children informed by letter
8 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA AGM – wine and cheese
9 <sup>th</sup> November	A team netball match v Lowbrook (away) - selected children informed by letter
9 <sup>th</sup> November	B team football match v St Edmund Campion (away) - selected children informed by letter
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Maths & Computing Week
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Evening
16 <sup>th</sup> November	A team football match vs Braywick Court (home - selected children informed by letter)
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Y3 Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	A team netball match v Furze Platt (home) - selected children informed by letter
24 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Quiz Night (details to follow)
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Y1 Trip to Windsor Castle
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Cookham Christmas Street Fair
5 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 2pm
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Rock Steady Concert
6 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 6pm
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Y6 Trip to Bletchley Park
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Y5 Trip to Harry Potter Studios
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Service in Holy Trinity Church tbc
14 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS trip to Norden Farm (am) & KS1 Trip to Windsor Theatre's Pantomime (pm)
14 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Carols in the Courtyard
24 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Ball at Odney – save the date!
4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Book week
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Virtual Parent Consultations
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Virtual Parent Consultations
13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs
10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Arts and Culture Week
24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Residential Trip
24 <sup>th</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Week
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
6 <sup>th</sup> July	HT Fest