



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

I trust you received our emails during the week informing you of you of the two new cases of COVID-19 in school. Yesterday we were informed of another case and today another nine cases. This means that this week there have been three cases in Year 6 and eight in Year 5 and one in Year 2. School remains open and you should send your child in every day as long as they are well. For information, support and advice go to:

[Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection)

Thank you for either emailing the school office (office@holyltrinitysch.co.uk) or telephoning (01628 523766) before 9:30am if your child is unable to attend school.

Information about how to support your child if they are having to isolate at home was shared in our newsletter on 7.1.22 [Newsletter 7 1 22 .pdf \(holyltrinitysch.co.uk\)](#) when a selection of useful booklets were also circulated. We hope you found this useful. In addition, specific remote learning will be posted on Google Classroom for those children testing positive for COVID-19. If you have difficulty accessing this, please email the school office.

The Desborough Suite in Maidenhead is open today (21st) and tomorrow (22nd January) for anyone requiring a 1st and/or 2nd dose of the vaccination.

Following the Prime Minister announcing this week that all Plan B measures will be removed in England, with a full return to Plan A by Thursday 27 January, all schools have received updated guidance. With the main emphasis being on the wearing of face masks in secondary school, there is very little change for us.

News from around the school:

This week, as part of their PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) topic, Year 6 have thought about respect and tolerance. This began with them considering how diverse Britain is and how many different religions are represented amongst the population. Their posters, reflecting the importance of working together in harmony, have started to appear around school. In other news, the children are coming closer to carrying out their election campaign in a bid to be voted in as House Captain. Completing a specific piece of homework this weekend should help them secure votes!

Year 3 have also been thinking about the UK. Using atlases they have located all the major towns and cities and used the 8 points of a compass to determine how to get from one to another. The children always find it fascinating finding countries on a map; atlases and globes make wonderful birthday presents! To lift their spirits during what is supposed to be one of the more depressing weeks of the year, they have been enjoying singing Bob Marley's 'Three Little Birds'! Their study of Reggae music has taken them all the way to the Caribbean.

Teals have focused on places in Europe. Research has led them to discover all sorts of interesting and lesser known facts about countries beyond the Channel. They too have been using atlases to see where countries sit in relation to each other. Using their imagination, they have also deepened their understanding of figurative language to write dragon based poems. With some wonderful language, mythical creatures, mystical lands and dramatic backdrops have been brought to life.

Also drawing on their imagination, Swans have bounded through the frozen wastes of the Arctic in the footprints of polar bears hungrily seeking their scarce prey. They have chosen adjectives to describe parts of the bears' bodies and have linked adverbs to verbs to describe how they move. The final outcome was a series of poems which captured the majesty of these creatures!

Year 5 have been on a journey too. Having found themselves stranded on a desert island they have invented stories describing their adventures. With Michael Morpurgo's 'Kensuke Kingdom' to inspire them, their writing captured the desperation which might pervade were they ever to find themselves in such a situation. In reality, they wouldn't be lost as this week they have excelled in map work using longitude and latitude to navigate their way around the globe.

Following in the footsteps of Rosie Revere and after creating some careful designs at the start of the week, Kingfishers have built bridges with moving parts out of recycled material. These were evaluated and designs tweaked before instructions were written for someone else to follow. Do take a look in the stream section of Google Classroom where you will find pictures of their work.

Cygnets are making progress in their phonics and early reading work with the help of our new 'Bug Club' resources. They're well designed, engaging for the children and having a positive impact on their reading skills Online games and books can be accessed at home to supplement the range of reading activities we do in school. These resources are available for Year 1 and will be for Year 2 children soon.

In sports news, our netball squad were in action on Wednesday when they travelled to Oldfield School. Seventeen children went along and formed two teams. They performed superbly managing to secure one draw (5-5) and one win (5-3). We were incredibly proud of their achievement!

Collective Worship this week took us back to the Bible where we learned about some of the miracles Jesus performed during his life time. We used these stories to remind us how important it is to look out for each other, to show kindness at all times and to remember the power of saying 'thank you'. All our assemblies are posted in the 'classwork' section of Google Classroom under the subheading 'Collective Worship'.

Our 'Just One Thing' project this week is to reduce food waste. Very little food is thrown away at lunchtime but when it is, the children complain of not liking the option which has been selected for them. With this in mind they may well ask you in future, if they don't already, to join you when making those selections online. They may also ask, from time to time, if they can make their own sandwiches and have some say in what's in their lunch box! With your help guiding them in making sensible as well as healthy choices, we hope to reduce food waste in school even further.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Drop off and pick up arrangements for clubs meeting next week are as follows:

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

Mrs. Brown was thrilled that a few more children went along to her choir meets this week. However, she is still keen to recruit more! If your child has not been to choir before or hasn't been for a while he/she can still go along next week to try it out. Junior Choir meet on Tuesday at 8am and Senior Choir on Thursday at 8am. No previous singing experience is required. Do speak to your child about this and encourage them to go along for a taster session.

News from the PTA:

Despite some of the restrictions, the PTA have been ever resourceful in successfully raising a total of £2904.45 from Christmas events. This includes an incredible £1500 raised by Jason Leaf from the Christmas Eve Trot which I understand several of you joined in with! Please see the attached flyer for a breakdown of how the rest of the money was raised.

My thanks go to the PTA committee and the individuals who joined them in making this possible and to you for being so generous in your support.

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for 26th January via Zoom. Please search for the link which has already been sent to you and come along if you are able. All are welcome.

NCMP and School Entry Screening – Reception Parents:

If you have a child in EYFS you have already been sent information about the National Child Measurement Programme and School Entry Screening. This week a Child Health Questionnaire was also sent home. Please ensure this is completed and returned to school no later than 3rd February. If you wish to opt out of the programme you are required to email the nursing team directly at school.nursing@achievingforchildren.org.uk Thank you.

Parking:

Thank you for being considerate when parking your vehicle at drop off and pick up times. From time to time I am asked to remind everyone. This was the case this week when a parent brought me a photograph of a vehicle parked on a pavement close to school. It resulted in a pedestrian with a buggy having to walk out into the road to get passed. Please be mindful and vigilant.

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch:

Do look out for the instructions and recording sheets for the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch which takes place in the last weekend of January that will be posted on Google Classroom by the end of next week. If your child would like to take part he/she should simply record the number of birds they see for a total of one hour over the weekend. The hour can be broken down into smaller chunks of time over both days for ease. The important thing is that birds are recorded for 60 minutes in total to ensure a fair test. Results can be brought back to school after the weekend, where they will be submitted as a whole.

To find out more before the information is posted on Google Classroom, go to:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/everything-you-need-to-know-about-big-garden-birdwatch/>

Have a wonderful weekend. We all send our very best wishes to those children currently isolating.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

28 th January	Y5 Class Assembly (postponed)
4 th February	Y4 Class Assembly (postponed)
8 th February	Internet Safety Day
11 th February	Y3 Class Assembly (postponed)
17 th February	Y6 Road Safety
1 st March	Y4 Road Safety
10th March	Borough Dance Festival Postponed from 17th February by the organisers (Year 4)
Week beginning 14 th February	Open classrooms to view work



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