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KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Thank you for taking note of the information on last week's newsletter and supporting us in continuing to safeguard the children and wider community against Covid-19.

Thank you also for your prompt arrival in the morning. Although we have specified the times year groups should arrive (see below), the gate to the back playground is open at 8:55am so the children can enter at any time from then. Please note, however, it is locked just after 9:10am.

Bubble	Year Group	Start Time	Collection Time
1	Reception	8:50am	2:50pm
2	Year 6	8:55am	3:00pm
3	Year 2	9:00am	3:05pm
4	Year 5	9:02am	3:10pm
5	Year 4	9:05am	3:15pm
6	Year 1	9:07am	3:20pm
7	Year 3	9:10am	3:30pm

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 046 8687

Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm

Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 6pm

Attendance:

The latest guidance for schools during these exceptional times specifies that 'school attendance became mandatory again for all pupils from 8 March.' It makes clear that 'as usual, parents should plan their holiday around schools breaks and not take their children out of school during term time.' If you wish to take your child out of school for whatever reason, you are required to apply for a leave of absence and demonstrate why you believe the circumstances are exceptional. If you are in this position, you need to complete a 'Request for Term Time Absence Form' which you can download from our website before sending it to school: [Microsoft Word - Request for Term Time Absence Form.doc \(holytrinitysch.co.uk\)](http://holytrinitysch.co.uk) We can then determine whether the absence would be authorised or unauthorised and advise you accordingly.

If you need to take your child out of school for part of the day for perhaps a dentist appointment, there is no requirement in these circumstances to fill out a form. I appreciate how difficult it is to get appointments outside school hours so if you do need to collect your child for a visit of this nature, please just email the school office to inform us. office@holytrinitysch.co.uk

Parking:

When arriving to pick up your child at the end of the day, if you come by car please can I ask you not to park directly opposite the school gate. In doing so other passing vehicles have to mount the pavement where parents and children are often standing. It would be helpful if you could remind others if you see them parking inconsiderately.

It might be preferable if you wait for your child along the path rather than in the car park entrance. This area is busy with staff coming and going, especially at the end of the day when you arrive to pick up your child. Moving away quickly from the area would also help the situation.

If you wait for your child across the road, please can I ask that you look out for them so that when they do arrive, you are ready to see them across the road safely. The children could all do with a little reminder about road safety and the importance of not stepping out into the road without looking first!

There is no doubt that the congestion at the school gate has reduced considerably now we are operating a staggered end to the day. More of you walking to and from school has also made a difference. However, your continued support in all these matters will really help in keeping the children safe. Thank you.

Reading Workshops:

Later this afternoon the first of our Reading Workshops will be happening with the remainder scheduled for next week. During these virtual sessions on Google Meet your child's class teacher will explain some of the strategies we use to teach this area of the curriculum. Links to the meeting have been posted for you on Google Classroom. They will follow the timetable below:

Friday 21st May – Year 6 (4pm)
Monday 24th May - Reception and Y1 (4pm)
Tuesday 25th May - Y2 (4pm)
Wednesday 26th May - Y3 (4pm)
Thursday 27th May - Y4 & Y5 (4pm)

I do hope you can attend.

Royal Mail's Heroes Stamp Design Competition:

Entries for the Royal Mail stamp design competition have now been sent off. If your child is yet to take part and would like to do so, the official closing date is Friday 28th May. Please refer to the official website for details of how to submit any last-minute entries. [Heroes Stamp Design Competition - from Royal Mail and iChild](#)

Open Gardens and Park in Support of the NSPCC:

A little while ago, I wrote informing you of an event at Hedsor House, Taplow, in aid of the NSPCC. This is taking place this weekend, Sunday 23rd May. For information, please refer to the flyer for details.

On Monday and Tuesday of next week, Mrs. Brown will be in Cygnet Class with Mrs. Lucas in Swan Class. For the rest of the week, from Wednesday onwards, Mrs. Nicol will work with the Year 1 children and Mrs. Lucas with Cygnet Class.

I hope you have a good weekend.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

31st May – 4th June	HALF TERM
21 st – 25 th June	Arts & Culture 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



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