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KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Thank you for your support this week in helping us to keep Covid safe. As I explained in the newsletter just before the Easter break, we are continuing to follow the measures we have had in place for some time. For details of these and for information about what you can continue to do to ensure we remain open, please refer to our website: [Newsletters \(holytrinitysch.co.uk\)](https://www.holytrinitysch.co.uk/newsletters) Here you will also find the school's Covid-19 risk assessment.

Change to Drop-off and Pick-up Times:

The changes to drop-off and pick-up times have worked successfully with the slightly earlier start times allowing us to make more of the morning session. They are as follows:

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

Booster Classes:

Our catch-up programme has been enhanced this week with the introduction of many early morning booster classes. For classes that begin at 8am, doors open at 7:55am to enable the children to make their way to their classroom for a prompt 8am start. For details please refer to the letter which you will have been sent before the holiday if your child is part of this programme. Other intervention classes are happening at the end of school and of course continuing to take place during the day which means we are targeting everyone. On Wednesdays, for instance, Mrs. Bailie is working with children from several classes driving intervention programmes and Mr. Whittle is using extra P.E. sessions to deliver elements of the maths curriculum outdoors.

You can support us as we strive towards closing gaps which have developed during lockdown by listening to your child read every evening (please do write an encouraging note in their diary if you wish), overseeing them learning their weekly spellings each night and supervising them with homework tasks.

Uniform:

I believe there are a number of benefits to children wearing school uniform, some of which become evident on days when they don't! It seems to contribute positively to a child's behaviour in school, creating an affinity with learning. I appreciate that over the last few months it has been difficult for you to replace kit but now shops are open and with less need to wear additional layers because of the warmer weather, please can you ensure that you are sending your child to school wearing the correct uniform. **This should include the correct P.E. kit**, details of which can be found on our website: [School Uniform \(holytrinitysch.co.uk\)](https://www.holytrinitysch.co.uk/school-uniform)

On days when they have P.E., they should be wearing a **white polo top, navy shorts (or skort for girls) and, if necessary, a navy tracksuit.**

For footwear, on non-P.E. days they should be wearing black shoes only. Some of the children are arriving in school looking a little disheveled so any support you can give us in their area would be greatly appreciated, especially as with football club starting up many are required to come to school wearing P.E. kit on more days than not. Maintaining high standards in appearance is nearly as important as high standards in an exercise book! Thank you.

Ordering Lunch:

If you require a school lunch for your child, please ensure you order it **at least 24 hours before it is needed**, using our Scopay online ordering system. Lunches **cannot** be ordered from the classroom on the day they are required.

In a couple of weeks' time we will be introducing a new menu which will increase the number of hot options. Meals will be delivered to classrooms for the majority of classes so that we can continue to keep bubbles separate but they will be served in boxes to ensure they remain hot. Please look out for the new menu which will be circulated next week.

Dropping Off Items:

The system for leaving things left at home in the box outside the main building is working well but in order for us to distribute items they must be named. Thank you.

House Captains:

If you have a child in Year 6, I am sure they will have spoken excitedly this week about writing persuasive speeches in the hope that he/she might be elected House Captain. Unfortunately, the pandemic has put a stop to many activities but, wanting to give our Year 6 children some leadership experience before they leave Holy Trinity, we have found a way of organising elections. This week the children have written speeches, filmed themselves delivering them and posted them on Google Classroom. These have been watched and votes have been cast. We hope that our new House Captains will soon be leading their houses to success! Congratulations go to all those who stood for election and those who were elected.

Success in the Rotary Writing Competition:

Every year the local Rotary Club organise a 'Young Writers' Competition' open to children in upper Key Stage Two. This year the children were invited to write on one of three specific topics in no more than five hundred words. I am delighted to announce that the winner for Holy Trinity School, chosen by the Rotary adjudicators, is Lois Selman in Year 6. Lois and her family are invited to join a Recital & Awards ceremony via Zoom on Monday afternoon when Lois will be reading out her winning entry. Many congratulations, Lois!

TikTok Alert:

This week I have received information from the borough which I have been asked to share with you. It would appear that there is a TikTok video circulating about a 'National Rape Day' on April 24th 2021. The Police are aware of this but, as there is evidence of the video being filtered down to primary age children, you should be aware of its existence too.

Teaching the children how to stay safe online is something we regularly revisit in school but you can help us with this. During periods of remote learning, we posted lessons for the children and information for you on Google Classroom. This is still available for you to access. We teach the children how online platforms have age restrictions to protect them from inappropriate material so by observing and adhering to these they will be safe. We, of course, have filters which prevent them from accessing such material in the classroom, including online games like 'Fortnite', but if you can do the same at home we will all be working to safeguard everyone. In light of this TikTok video, now might be the time to have a conversation with your child about such things. Thank you.

Open Gardens and Park in Support of the NSPCC:

The NSPCC does a huge amount of work ensuring children are safe in all aspects of life not just online. In delivering online safety lessons, for instance, we often use NSPCC material. With that in mind, you may be interested in a local event which is being run in aid of the charity. On Sunday 23rd May, Hedsor House, just up the road, is holding an open gardens and park event. If you are interested in going along, please refer to the flyer emailed out to you.

Royal Mail's Heroes Stamp Design Competition:

The Royal Mail has recently launched an exciting competition for primary and secondary aged pupils which our school has signed up to participate in. It is a competition to honour the key worker and volunteer heroes of the coronavirus pandemic on stamps. Eight pupils from primary and secondary schools across the UK will become the designers of this stamp set and be the recipients of some fabulous cash prizes.

Children entering the competition are asked to design an image of their hero or heroes from the coronavirus pandemic. Winning designs will be selected on the basis of how well they satisfy the competition's theme of "Honouring the heroes of the pandemic... on a stamp". This includes the extent to which they are clearly of one or more heroes of the pandemic; are attractive and of immediate visual appeal; will replicate clearly on a stamp (so richer colours and clear design are

preferred); and comply with Important Entry Requirements which can be found at: [Heroes Stamp Design Competition - from Royal Mail and iChild](#) In summary, each entry must be hand drawn by a child, must be completely the child's own original work and must not copy any other work. (Drawings which copy other artwork will be disqualified.) Drawings must be flat, so no collages, materials or textures should be used. The use of fluorescent inks or highlighter pens should also be avoided but lots of colour using felt pens/ pencil crayons/ paint is encouraged. The Queen's silhouette or the value (e.g. "1st") symbol must not be shown within the design area.

Next week we will be launching the competition in school before your child brings home an official entry form on which they should create their design. The official closing date for entries is 5pm on Friday 28th May so in order to ensure they can be posted to arrive on time, **your child's entry should be returned to school by Wednesday 19th May**. For more details, please see the letter emailed to you and refer to the official website (see above) where you can also find the entry form your child will bring home, should he/she need additional copies.

Finally, I do hope you have noticed how smart the front of school looks after the superb job five of our parents did over the Easter holiday when they painted the hall's external wall. We are incredibly grateful to them for their hard work. Thank you, Mr Powell, Mr Blake, Mr Harris, Mr Lucas and Mr Ramsey.

We are also incredible grateful to you all who, as part of the PTA, continue to raise a considerable amount of money for our school to fund projects which enhance the learning environment for the children. The money you raised for one of our most recent projects has now been spent and the children are benefiting already. As part of that spend, we purchase a shed measuring 7ft by 11ft for the wildlife area. That shed has now arrived but it needs to be constructed. If you are handy with a hammer, have a bit of time to spend at a weekend and would be willing to help erect it, we would love to hear from you. Do contact the office if you are able to help. Thank you.

I do hope you have a lovely weekend.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

3 rd May	Bank Holiday
4 th May	BucksCC Transfer Test (11+) Registration Portal Opens at 3pm
19 th May	Deadline to return "Heroes Stamp Design" to school
31 st May – 4 th June	HALF TERM
21 st – 25 th June	Arts & Culture Week
5 th – 9 th July	Sports Week
9 th July	Sports Day
15 th July	Last day of Academic Term



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