



OUR MISSION

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

COVID-19 Response – Autumn and Winter Plan 2021

At the end of last week, the Government published their COVID-19 Response – Autumn and Winter Plan 2021. This guidance sets out plans for autumn and winter 2021/22 in England. It includes the government’s “Plan A” – a comprehensive approach designed to steer the country through autumn and winter 2021/22. It also outlines a “Plan B” which would only be enacted if the data suggests further measures are necessary to protect the NHS. To discover more go to: [COVID-19 Response: Autumn and Winter Plan 2021 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/covid-19-response-autumn-and-winter-plan-2021)

Thank you for all you are continuing to do to support us in helping to keep our community safe.

School Pick-Up:

One of the ways you can help to protect the community and reduce the number of people congregating in one place is by coming alone to pick up your child at the end of the day. Please also remember that dogs should not be brought onto the site. Several times already this term I have been approached by parents concerned about where cars are being parked at drop-off and pick up times. First, if you can, please park your vehicle well away from school and walk, or, if this isn’t possible do not park your vehicle on junctions or pavements. By working together, we can continue to guard the children and ensure their safety and everyone else’s as they walk to and from school. Thank you.

Naming Uniform:

Please ensure that any item of clothing and equipment worn or brought into school is clearly named. Anything not named cannot be returned to its owner. We currently have a limited stock of uniform in the office but Goyles in Maidenhead is our main supplier where you can get branded items of kit. On days when your child should be in school in full uniform, please send them in wearing a blazer and a tie if they are in KS2.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

A number of new activities running before and after school will be starting next week. Please continue to refer to flyers emailed out to you for information about what we have on offer and how to sign your child up. This week you have been sent information about Junior choir for Y3 & Y4, Senior Choir for Y5 & Y6 and Football Trials for Y5 & Y6. Places for activities are limited so we operate a first come, first served system.

Arrangements for picking up children from these activities are as follows:

Junior Choir	Before school at 8am (Tuesday)	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Football Trials	Finish time : 4:30pm (Tuesday)	Collect from the back gate
Young Enterprise	Finish time: 4:30pm (Wednesday)	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Samurai	Finish time: 4:00pm (Tuesday and Thursday)	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Senior Choir	Before school at 8am (Thursday)	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Football iPro	Finish time: 4:30pm (Friday)	Collect from the back gate
Sewing Club	Finish time: 4:35pm (Friday)	Collect from the front entrance to school Reception
Spanish Club	Start and finish times vary throughout the week-please refer to the previously sent out flyer for specific details	

If your child is coming along to Friday’s iPro Football Club, they should come to school on Friday wearing school P.E. kit. Our uniform for P.E. lessons is:

- white polo shirt
- **navy** shorts (girls may choose to wear a navy skort)
- white sports socks
- black plimsolls (for indoor P.E. sessions)
- trainers (for outdoor P.E. sessions)
- **navy** tracksuit
- Gum shields & shin pads for the term when hockey is taught

They may bring a football shirt to put on but only when the activity starts.

If your child is in Y5 or Y6 and interested in joining Young Enterprise (details emailed out to you last week) please direct them to

Google Classroom where they can see a video which will explain more about the club.

PTA Disco:

Please see the flyer sent out to you about a disco the PTA is organizing on Friday 1st October. Dave the Disco will be back in our hall for a fun afternoon of music, dance and games. Reception and KS1 are invited to join him between 4:30 and 5:45, KS2 from 6:00 – 7:15. Tickets cost £5 and includes a drink and packet of crisps. Booking is essential and must be done before the event. To make a booking go to:

<https://forms.gle/bPKst2bomvHD86aGA>

Please see attached details of the next PTA Quiz Night which will be held on 15th October at Pinder Hall.

Year 6 Residential Trip: 27th June 2022 – 1st July 2022:

The date for the meeting with Roger Cell has been confirmed and will take place on Tuesday 28th September at 4pm for those of you with children in Y6. Please look out for an email containing a link to this Zoom meeting. In the meantime, to find out more about the centre a brochure has been sent as an attachment or alternatively go to: <https://www.crsadventures.com/>

Supporting Macmillan:

Thank you for helping us to support Macmillan Cancer today by sending your child in wearing a flash of green. Together we have currently raised £172.00

Photographs:

Thank you for taking note of the newsletter and sending your child in looking smart on Tuesday for the school photographer. Details of how you can place an order will be circulated as soon as we hear back from the company.

Car Safety:

This week all schools in the borough have been contacted by Imogen Leonard, the Road Safety Education Consultant, and asked to circulate the information below:

The Legal Bit

A child must be a height of **135cm** or 12 years old before they can travel in a car without an appropriate car seat. This means that any child below 135cm **must** be in a car seat.

The Safety Bit

Legal does not mean **safe**. All cars are designed and built for *adults*. If your child does not have the height, weight and bone structure of an adult, then they are too small for the safety features within a car that are designed to keep the travelling occupants safe in a collision. Seat belts are designed to fit an adult of a minimum height of 150cm. Therefore, if your child is 135cm in height, although they will legally be allowed to sit in the car without a seatbelt, they will not be safe as the seat belt won't sit correctly across their body.

Air bags

Air bags are also designed for adults. If your child likes to sit in the front of the car, move the seat as far back from the dashboard as possible. If the air bag deploys it can seriously harm your child including internal decapitation. A child does not have the height, weight and bone structure to cope with the force that the air bag creates. Air bags, like everything else in the car, are designed for ADULTS and are only a safety feature when being used in conjunction with a seat belt.

If you put an infant carrier in the front passenger seat then you must ensure that the front airbag is switched off.

Seat belts

To check if your child is safe in an adult seat belt, have them sitting squarely on the seat. Their knees should reach the end of the seat and create a right angle to the feet. The seat belt should sit squarely in the middle of the shoulder and cross the middle of the torso diagonally to the hip. If the seat belt is too close or too high on the neck then the seat belt is not in the correct position and will not react correctly in a collision which could cause serious harm.

Does your child like to put their seat belt under their arm? This is probably because they are too small for the adult seat belt and it is uncomfortable on them. They need an appropriate car seat to put the seat belt in the correct position across their body. If the seat belt is under their arm when the car is in a collision it can cause some serious internal injuries. Also, with the seat belt incorrectly across their lower torso, there is nothing stopping their upper body from being flung forward in the collision creating a higher likelihood of serious upper body injury.

Why have Car Seats?

Car seats are designed to carry your child safely in a vehicle that has been designed for adults. There are thousands of different car seats on the market to suit all budgets. The younger the child, the more padding and harnessing the child needs in order to protect them in a car. Not all car seats fit all cars, so, check with the manufacturer before purchasing a seat. Most car manufacturers list the car seats that have been tested in their cars.

Booster Seats

Booster seats are designed to lift a child up just enough to help the seat belt fit correctly on a child. These seats are only for children who are too big for a high back booster seat but too small for the adult seat belt.

High back booster seats are preferable as they offer side impact protection and most of them guide the seat belt to sit correctly on the child.

Please refer to the flyer sent out for further details

Henley Literary Festival:

Below you will see that we have secured tickets for a number of events at the Henley Literary Festival. The event runs from 2nd to 10th October with a wonderful range family favourite authors and illustrators joining the organisers in Henley. Some events can also be accessed virtually from the comfort of your own home.

Stars from the entertainment world include fitness phenomenon Joe Wicks who presents his first children's book Burpee Bears, and much-loved broadcaster Clare Balding brings her inspiring non-fiction book Fall Off, Get Back On, Keep Going. Henley favourite Sir Michael Morpurgo is joined by an actress and cellist for a very special performance of Carnival of Animals. Illustrators Chris Riddell and Rob Biddulph will also be there. Other fun children's events include Tom Gates creator Liz Pichon, Rapping Princesses, a writing workshop with Katya Balen, Space Detectives with Dapo Adeola & Mark Powers, Kate Pankhurst's Great Women Scientists, The Pirate Mums, and Serena Patel's Granny Trouble. Younger children may enjoy That's Not My...storytime, Wonderbly story workshop, and a visit from Elmer the Elephant.

Tickets are available at <https://henleyliteraryfestival.co.uk/whats-on/> or the Box Office can be reached on: 01491575948

Thank you again for taking the time to read our newsletters which will keep you abreast of information and informed of everything coming up. Have a wonderful weekend.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

28 th September	Cygnets First Class Photo
5 th October	Y6 Zoom Meeting about the summer residential trip (4pm)
7 th October	Henley Literacy Virtual Festival (Year 3) Author Zanib Mian
7 th October	Henley Literacy Virtual Festival (Year R) Author Smriti Halls
8 th October	Henley Literacy Virtual Festival (Year 1 and 2) Dr Shini Somora
8 th October	Henley Literacy Virtual Festival (Year 4, 5 and 6) Michael Morpurgo
13 th October	Phonics Workshop
14 th October	Harvest Service
18 th – 22 nd October	Science Week
	Open House to allow you to visit your child's classroom and see their work:
	○ Monday 18 th – Year 1, 5 & 6
	○ Tuesday 19 th – Year 4
	○ Wednesday 20 th – Year 2
	○ Thursday 21 st – Year 3
	○ Friday 22 nd - EYFS



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