



KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

I hope you found the summary in last week's newsletter helpful in outlining how you should approach all matters Covid-19 related. **If you did not read the guidance on the newsletter, please take a moment to do so this weekend; it can be found on our website [Newsletter 20 11 20.pdf \(holytrinitysch.co.uk\)](#)**

Newsletters remain on our website for the duration of the academic year. Should you wish to refer any other newsletter this weekend or in the future please refer to the website. [Newsletters \(holytrinitysch.co.uk\)](#)

I urge you to remember that if you or anyone in your household is waiting to have a Covid-19 test, or if you or anyone in your household is awaiting results from a Covid-19 test **YOU MUST NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.**

Please be vigilant, on this matter in particular, as it will help us to safeguard the children and everyone else in our community.

Classroom Ventilation:

Thank you for continuing to send your child into school with a coat and dressed in layers. We are continuing to follow government guidance by ensuring the building is well ventilated and a comfortable teaching environment maintained. You may be interested in the following article which a parent sent me recently that covers this area.

[Aerosol transmission of Covid-19: A room, a bar and a classroom: how the coronavirus is spread through the air | Society | EL PAÍS in English \(elpais.com\)](#)

Maths Week:

We do hope your child has spoken positively about the events which have taken place during Maths Week. They certainly seem to have enjoyed the challenges they have been presented with and we are grateful to those of you who have run virtual workshops. Do look out for photographs taken during the week which have been posted on Google Classroom.

Christmas Nativity:

Our KS1 and EYFS team are busy working out ways of sharing with you our take on the nativity story. For reasons you will appreciate, we are not able to invite you into school for a performance; instead we will film our production ready to send out. Here you may be able to help. If you have, or anyone you know has, any expertise in filming and capturing quality sound or specialist equipment which we may borrow, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the office marking your email for the attention of Mrs Nicol if this applies to you.

PTA Events:

Holy Trinity's PTA Christmas Tree Trail - The PTA have been busy putting together a Christmas Tree Trail around Cookham. Today your child has been given a map with instructions on how to take part (this also appears as an attachment). The event runs from 1st to 31st December and by completing the trail your child will be in with a chance of winning Frosty the Snowman. The competition will close at 11am on Sunday 3rd January, 2021.

Lockdown Recipe Book - In time for Christmas, the PTA will be producing a recipe book which contains many of the recipes that the children were given as part of their home learning programme during the period of lockdown when the school was closed. This will be going on sale soon. Half of the proceeds from this project will go to the PTA, the other half to a charity. We would like to be steered by the children in what charity we support.

Today, during Collective Worship, we continued to explore the meaning behind our school vision, that of loving one another. As part of this, the children have been given the task this weekend to find out about a charity and be ready to talk about it to their classmates on Monday. We will take a vote to help us decide where the money goes. It would be helpful if you could support your child in doing this; you can refer to the Collective Worship session which has been posted on Google Classroom. If your child is a little older they might like to prepare a PowerPoint about the charity of their choice which we can share with other classes through Google Classroom.

My thanks go to Kate Winrow-Davies, Andy Silver, Kristina Smith and all the other PTA members who have worked on these two projects for us.

Bags 2 School:

Shortly your child will bring home a bag in which you can donate unwanted clothes as part of a fundraising event for Gende Tesfa School in Ethiopia. Our school Ambassadors for Change are coordinating this project so do support them in this venture. Drop off will be on Wednesday 16th December 8am to 9:30am in the driveway of Willow and Orchard House (next door to our school). Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Christmas Metre Market:

You may be aware of the weekly local produce market which has been operating at Cookham Dean's Village Hall since July. A smaller version will be running from Gantry House in School Lane on the afternoons of 4th, 11th and 18th December.

The market will run under strict covid-19 protocols, with a one-way system around the stalls, NHS check and trace, mask and sanitizers in place and marshals controlling entry. The products being sold are locally produced, ranging from sourdough breads and sweet treats to candles and flowers. For more information refer to the website www.metre-market.com.

The organisers have very kindly offered to make our school the supported charity for this event so do go along to support them.

Christmas Events:

We are currently in the process of finalising Christmas events for the children. Details of how and when we propose organising parties and other activities will be communicated soon; the dates advertised in last week's newsletter have changed.

Finally, you may have seen in last Sunday's Times a guide to the top state primary and independent prep schools in England. We were, based on most recent SATs results, ranked joint twelfth. Of course, results vary year on year depending on cohorts but there is no doubt that we were thrilled to feature; the team would like to thank you for the messages of congratulations which have been sent in.

Should you have any questions in the coming week related to coronavirus, 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

Have a good weekend, remain vigilant, please follow the guidance you have been issued with and stay safe.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

30 th Nov	11+ Results
7 th – 10 th Dec	Year 6 Bikeability Course
11 th Dec	Wear a Christmas jumper to school day in support of Save the Children
16 th Dec	Christmas Dinner (please place your child's order via your Scopay account)
16 th Dec	Bags for School Collection (8am – 9.30am)
21 st Dec – 3 rd Jan	Christmas Break
15 th Jan	RBWM Registration Portal closes for September 2021 children