



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

Welcome back to the start of a new term. In line with the government removing COVID-19 restrictions in England, in school we continue to follow the advice and steps which reduce the risk of catching and spreading coronavirus. These can be found at: [Living safely with respiratory infections, including COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/living-safely-with-respiratory-infections-including-covid-19) While regular testing has been suspended, the latest guidance suggests that if coronavirus is detected or if a child is unwell and has a high temperature they should stay at home. In testing positive for COVID-19 they should certainly stay at home and where possible avoid contact with others for 3 days after the test was taken. The risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower after 3 days if they feel well and do not have a high temperature. Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result are advised to stay at home for 5 days. In the case of a stomach bug resulting in vomiting and/or diarrhea our policy is that a child should not return to school for at least 24 hours after their last bout of illness but 48 hours is preferable.

Attendance this week has been very high but your vigilant and support in taking appropriate action quickly remains important. If your child is unable to attend school for whatever reason, please continue to phone the office (01628 523766) or email (office@holyltrinitysch.co.uk) before 9am each day they are away. Thank you.

Charity Work:

Thank you again for your response to our Ukrainian fund raising appeal. We raised an incredible £2228.32 which has now been paid to the Disasters Emergency Committee's (DEC) Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

National Testing Programme:

As you may well be aware, during the pandemic a number of national tests as set by the governments Standard Testing Agency were suspended. This year they resume. During the Summer Term all schools in England are required to carry out:

- a Phonics Screening Test for children in Year 1
- Key Stage 1 Standard Attainment Tests (SATs) which are not sent off for external marking but instead are used to support Teacher Assessment of Year 2 pupils
- a Multiplication Screening Test for all children in Year 4
- Key Stage 2 Standard Attainment Tests (SATs) for Year 6 which are sent off for external marking with results indicating whether a child is below, at or above the expected standard for moving on to secondary school.

If you have a child in Year 4 and/or Year 6 you have been emailed a letter this week providing you with further information about the tests your child will be taking in the next few weeks. If you have any questions about these tests or any other tests scheduled for this term, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.

Google Classroom:

This term we will continue to use Google Classroom not just for posting homework assignments but also for posting news and photographs of events in school. From time to time we will also post resources and links to websites which we hope help you to support your child's learning at home. With national tests approaching, we will direct the children and you to relevant material and the children are always welcome to share pictures and news of interesting things they have done away from the classroom on the site. One child is in the process of writing a book and has posted the first eight chapters for others to read and recently, several shared news of things they had done over the Easter holiday. We always try to comment on their posts and it's lovely to see their class mates doing so too. Every week, Mrs Nicol also posts a Cygnet newsletter. Please do take a moment to look in the 'stream' as well as in the 'classwork' section where homework task, among other things, can be found.

Arts and Culture Week:

At the end of this term we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with an Arts and Culture Week which focuses on our country and the decades the queen has been on the throne. On either Thursday 26th or Friday 27th May, weather permitting, we would like to invite you in to school to see the work the children have completed and to see an outside performance which we will lay on for you. This will be a morning event for which your child will need performance clothes: plain black short sleeves t-shirt and plain black shorts (no logos please). After the formal presentation you are invited to stay back and join us in an enormous picnic on the field just as we have done in previous years after Sports Day. The PTA are currently putting together plans for some entertainment. We hope this will be a fitting way to celebrate such a milestone. More details, including the confirmed date will follow, with information for you and the children posted on Google Classroom from time to time, but for the timebeing do add the event to your diary.

P.E. Lessons:

For most classes, the days when P.E. lessons take place remain as they were last term. However, there has been one change which affects EYFS and Year 3. Instead of P.E. on Tuesday and Thursday, this term EYFS will have P.E. on Monday and Thursday and Year 3 will now have their P.E. lessons on Tuesday and Thursday.

This means the P.E timetable when the children should come to school dressed in P.E. kit is as follows:

EYFS: **Monday** and Thursday
Year 1: Tuesday and Thursday
Year 2: Monday and Tuesday
Year 3: **Tuesday** and Thursday
Year 4: Monday and Thursday
Year 5: Tuesday and Thursday
Year 6: Monday and Tuesday

Uniform:

To ensure standards of uniform remain high, on days when your child comes to school dressed in P.E. kit please ensure their clothing reflects school uniform policy. Our Uniform Policy, sent out today as an attachment, outlines very clearly what should be worn on P.E. days as well as non-P.E. days.

As a reminder, our uniform for P.E. lessons consists of:

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

On other days, black shoes not trainers should be worn.

Our policy is based on a number of principles which I hope you support:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Promotes identity in a school
- Ensures that social disadvantage is minimised
- Is practical and smart
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and is considered by parents as good value for money
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

Thank you for clearly labelling your child's kit and for helping us maintain high standards in all areas of school life.

PTA Meeting:

The next virtual PTA meeting is on 3rd May so do look out for a link which will be sent out closer to the time. All are welcome. The PTA will also be holding a uniform sale after school on this day too, weather permitting.

News from around The School:

This week Kingfishers received delivery of materials ahead of taking part in the Schools' Gardening Competition with Royal Windsor Rose and Horticultural Society. Windsor Castle's Head Gardener Phil Carter, award-winning horticulturalist Jamie Butterworth and Little Muddy Boots founder Hannah Brewer devised the competition to inspire children to get into gardening and develop a love and understanding of the importance of plants for the environment. Gardening is hugely beneficial, both physically and mentally, and the project will give the children a creative outlet as they work hard towards their SATs later this term. Also on the theme of the great outdoors, the children in Swan Class rolled up their sleeves to pot up some propagated cuttings from a dying houseplant. In doing so, they contemplated what plants need to live and how all living things need care and love to thrive. On a similar note, Gosling Class have been learning about different food groups and deciding what humans, as well as plants, need to stay healthy. Cygnets on the other hand, have turned into paleontologists and embarked on a topic all about dinosaurs. It would appear that some are already experts!

In 2006 a Bottlenose Whale swam into the Thames Estuary. It was thousands of miles from it's natural environment and all alone. Teals have learnt about how and why this happened by exploring news reports and researching this beautiful creature. Michael Morpurgo's 'This Morning I Met a Whale' is an inspiring and cautionary tale about how human behaviour is threatening our oceans and those who live in it. The kind, believing nature of children in the story is the whale's only hope.

'Once upon a time (when time ran by clockwork), a strange event took place in a little German town'. This week the children in Cormorants have been making predictions about the characters and plot in their new class novel, 'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman. They have been introduced to the wonders of the great clock of Glockeheim and are ready to persuade travellers that it's a place that must be visited!

'From deep within the baking Mount Merapi the Fire-Fiend, Razvani, stirs ready to challenge Lila and see if she is a worthy firework maker'. Taking inspiration from 'The Firework Makers Daughter', another book written by Pullman, Moorhens have been describing this fearsome creature and his Grotto. Much like Lila, the Year 6's have proved equally brave and courageous in their preparation for SATS, supporting one another in their learning along the way.



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Extra-Curricular Activities:

Extra-curricular activities including Breakfast Club continue this term as follows:

Club	Year Group	Day	Start:	Arrangements for drop-off/pick-up
Breakfast Club	All	Monday – Friday inclusive	Began 25 th April - start time 8am each day of the week	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Spanish Club	Year 4	Monday	Began 25 th April - before school at 8.20am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Tag Rugby	Year 5 & 6	Monday	Began 25 th April – finish time 4:30pm	Collect from the back gate
Playball	EYFS & Year 1	Monday	Beginning 9th May - finish time: 4:15pm	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Junior Choir	Years 3 & 4	Tuesday	Began 26 th April - before school at 8am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Netball	Years 5 & 6	Tuesday	Began 26 th April - before school at 8am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Spanish Club	Year 2	Tuesday	Began 26 th April - before school at 8.20am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Little Samurai	EYFS, Y1 & Y2	Tuesday	Began 26 th April - finish time: 4:00pm	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Spanish Club	Year 1	Wednesday	Began 27 th April - before school at 8.20am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Spanish Club	Year 5	Wednesday	Beginning 27 th April - finish time: 3:50pm	Collect from the front entrance of school
Playball	EYFS & Year 1	Wednesday	Began 27 th April - finish time: 4:15pm	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Senior Choir	Years 5 & 6	Thursday	Began 28 th April - before school at 8am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Young Samurai	Years 3 - 6	Thursday	Began 28 th April - finish time: 4:15pm	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Spanish Club	Year 3	Friday	Began today, 29 th April, - before school at 8.20am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Sewing Club	Year 2 – 6	Friday	Began today, 29 th April, - finish time: 4:35pm	Collect from the front entrance of school
Knitting Club	Year 6	Friday	Beginning 6th May - finish time: 4:15pm	Collect from the front entrance of school
IPro Football	Years 1 - 6	Friday	Began today, 29 th April, - finish time: 4:30pm	Collect from the back gate

Finally, our Diocesan Advisor, Marion Standing, was in school today speaking to children, governors, parents and staff about our vision and how it impacts on the day-to-day life of our school. Thank you for continuing to support us in ensuring our vision remains strong.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

2 nd May	May Day Bank Holiday
3 rd May	PTA Uniform Sale & PTA meeting
5 th May	Year 3/Year 4 Cross Country Competition at St Pirans (letters given to specific children selected)
5 th May	PTA Meeting (details to follow)
9 th – 12 th May	KS2 Standard Attainment Tests (SATs)
11 th May	Year 1 Commonwealth Games event at Altwood School (letter to follow)
13 th May	Katie Cox Cookham Festival Concert, Odney Club, 4pm & 6pm (school choir)
13 th May	Year 5/6 Football Match v St Edmund Campion (away - information to follow)
From 16 th May	KS1 Standard Attainment Tests (SATs)
16 th May	Year 5/6 A Team, B Team and Girls Football Matches v Waltham St Lawrence (home - information to follow)
19 th May	Year 3 Cricket Skills event at Altwood School (letter to follow)
20 th May	'It's Your Move' Workshop (Year 6)
22 nd May	Ovey's Farm Concert (choir)
23 rd – 27 th May	Arts and Culture Week (not 13 th June as previously advertised)
26 th or 27 th May (tbc)	Platinum Jubilee Celebratory Event and Picnic
30 th May – 3 rd June	Half Term Holiday
From 6 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Test
6 th – 10 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Screening Test
7 th June	Early Years Health Screening (refer to letter previously sent out)
10 th June	PTA School Disco (details to follow)
27 th June – 1 st July	Year 6 Residential Trip
8 th July	Sports Day (tbc)
2 nd July	HT Fest (details to follow)
14 th July	Last day of term
15 th July	First Day of the summer holiday
2 nd September	First day of the new academic year
8 th October	PTA Ball (details to follow)