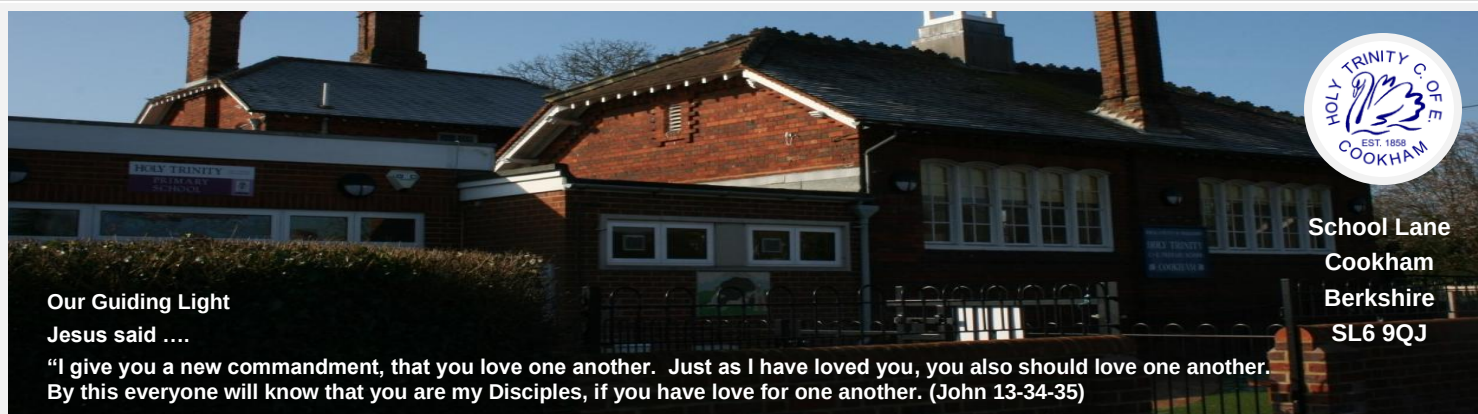




Our Guiding Light

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)

KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Celebrating Harvest:

It was wonderful to see so many of you in church yesterday for our festival of harvest. Thank you for your generosity in donating food items to Food Share Maidenhead who were very glad of the provisions when they came to collect your gifts yesterday afternoon. It was a lovely service which so many contributed positively to.



Macmillan Cake Sale:

Thank you also for supporting us as we raised money for Macmillan today. We were thrilled to have collected £294.65 which will be sent off to the charity to help them continue their work.

Confirmation Classes with Father Stephen:

Father Stephen's confirmation classes have now finished with seven pupils successfully completing the course. They will be confirmed by the Bishop of Reading in a very special service at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday at 4pm. I am sure you will join me in wishing them a very happy day.

Early Bird Club:

If you have used Early Bird Club this week you will have noticed an extra layer of safeguarding. The back door of the hall is shut and will only be opened when a child arrives for Early Bird.

Therefore, we ask that you deliver your child to the back door and see them in. If there is a slight delay in us opening up, it will be because we are signing children in. Thank you for your patience while we do this. If you drop your child off, not for Early Bird Club but before the gate is opened, please wait with your child until you see them through onto the playground. We can not take responsibility for children not in Early Bird who are left unsupervised. The gate opens at 8:45am after which the children make their way to classrooms where they are, of course, met by staff.

Thank you again for taking note of our narrower window for drop off (8:45am – 8:55am) and for bringing your child into the office to sign them in if you arrive after the gate has been locked. The number of latecomers has reduced considerably and attendance is excellent.

Beyblades:

The latest craze that has landed at Holy Trinity is that of Beyblades. As with all these trends, we review their impact and make a decision on how to proceed. This has been done with the children and rules, that they have all agreed to, have been set. They know that they are not to be brought out in class and the moment disputes arise, we make a decision on whether we prohibit their use. Thus far, of those that have chosen to engage in the activity, they have played well together and have been kind to one another. We have seen younger and older children mix and encourage each other in the game. There is of course no obligation to play and the majority of the children are engaged in other activities at break and lunchtime.

For now, the children that want to are permitted to bring in Beyblades but perhaps you might encourage your child to bring in just one and not bring in any that are particularly precious. We have told them this and that they are responsible for their own equipment. Beystadiums can also be brought in and we will store them away during lesson time. If the situation changes, we will inform the children and then of course you.

Netball News:

On Wednesday our netball team played their first match of the season. It was a home game against Oldfield which we won with great style! The final score was 19 – 4 to Holy Trinity. Our team continue to train on a weekly basis with Mr Lucas. For details of this and other clubs running this term, see below.

PTA Quiz Night:

The PTA Quiz Night is a week today (Friday 9th October). Tickets cost £7.50 per person and to sign up, go to https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeXD5IQ1PeN22JWSqiB2rJ8xlqyO1Gb58N33XbT_KW63x_z_A/viewform Booking closes on Tuesday.

Benedict's Law:

Last week I wrote about how we are meeting legally binding allergy-safety requirements following the introduction of Benedict's Law. We have a new Allergy Safety Policy which has been uploaded to our website, training has been given to staff and we have two Emergency Adrenaline Auto-Injectors in school. We are grateful to those of you with children that have allergies and other medical/dietary needs for completing Individual Healthcare Plans and returning them to school. This helps us to safeguard everyone.

This week, the children joined a live assembly to learn more about being allergy aware. As I wrote last week, the most important message is not to share food so if you can reiterate this at home, we would be most grateful. Continuing to support us by ensuring no item containing nuts or sesame are brought on site is essential.

Look out for an email next week explaining what we have put in place and guiding you in how you should liaise with club providers. It is important that you inform them of any medical conditions your child has so that they too have all they need to safeguard your child.

Cycling Proficiency for Year 6:

If you have a child in Year 6 signed up to take the cycling proficiency starting next week, please take note of the letter you were originally given (sent again today as an attachment) listing the items the children need. Your child may leave their bicycle on school premises during the week but they do so at their own risk. We strongly advise anyone choosing to do this, to chain their bike to a railing.

Parent Consultations:

You may have seen from the calendar that in just over a week's time we have parents' evening. Details of how to book an appointment will be sent to you next week via email. This will be a virtual session followed by an opportunity to come into school for Open House when you can meet your child's teacher, see their classroom and look at their books. This falls during the week beginning 19th October.

SEN Support at Holy Trinity:

Over the last few weeks, a high priority for staff has been supporting children settle into new routines that being in a new year group brings. Comprehensive transition meetings took place at the end of the summer term and since then class teachers have been reassessing children and implementing intervention programmes that are recorded on SEN support plans. This includes support in class, and interventions outside of the classroom. These plans have been reviewed and will be sent out next week for you to reflect on. During our parents' meetings, there will be an opportunity to discuss these updated plans. Thank you for your patience as we get to know your child in more depth and see how the support which is in place is continuing to impact positively on their learning. We continue to use the send@holyltrinitysch.co.uk email address for SEND matters.

Developing Resilience in our children:

During the pandemic which was a while ago now, the resilience of all of us was tested. Understanding the importance of having strategies to cope when things get tough is essential and we work hard in school to develop the children's ability to overcome adversity. To support the children in this we talk a lot about 'growth mindset'. Each classroom has a growth mindset display and the children understand how important it is to embrace challenge. We encourage them to be persistent and we praise effort regardless of outcome. They know that feedback is there to help them deepen their understanding of a topic and if they can't do something, they talk about not being able to do it YET. We want them to be inspired and motivated, not threatened by the success of others, and to always support each other on the learning journey.

We hope that throughout the year you will help us by promoting this message at home so we can work together to make our children independent and resilient learners.

Lost Property:

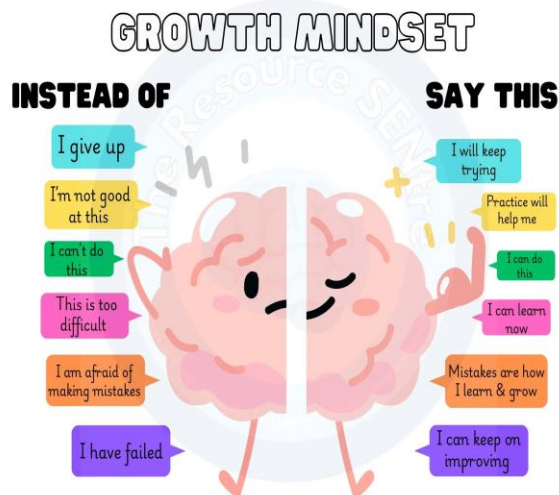
Quite a lot of lost property has started to accumulate on the wooden posts outside the Year 2 classroom at the top of the playground, all unnamed. Please could we ask that you regularly check that any property your child brings into school is clearly named. Any lost items which are found and named are immediately returned to their owner. Thank you.

In the meantime, if you are short of any uniform, you are welcome to take away any of the unnamed property.

Finally, many of you have asked after Miss Buckley. She is now home having been discharged from hospital and her road to recovery continues. Thank you for keeping her in your thoughts.

Have a lovely weekend and we shall look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Anna Smith



Extra-Curricular Activities:

Club	Year Group	Day/Time	Contact Details	Arrangements for drop-off/pick-up
Early Bird Club	All	Start time 8am each day of the week	No requirement to book Payment of £3.00 per session should be made through your ScoPay account	Arrive through the back door of the hall
After School Provision	All	From 3:15pm	Book directly: holytrinity@wraparoundcare4u.com	See WrapAroundCare4U for details: information sent out via email
Spanish Club	Years 5 & 6	Monday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:20am
Art Club	Year 3 & 4	Monday after school, finish time: 5pm	Book directly by contacting Mrs Hyslop: Nickyw1@hotmail.co.uk	Collect from the front entrance of school
Playball	EYFS & Year 1	Monday, finish time: 4pm	Book online: http://www.playballkids.com/f/southbucks	Collect from the back door of the school hall.
Junior Choir	Years 3 & 4	Tuesday before school, start time: 8am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Brown larainebrownbda@gmail.com	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Netball	Selected Year 5 & 6	Tuesday before school, start time: 8am	Book directly by contacting Mr Lucas	Arrive at the side gate promptly at 8am ready to be let in by Mr Lucas
Spanish Club	Year 2	Tuesday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:20am
Spanish Club	Year 3	Tuesday after school, finish time 3:50pm	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Collect from the front entrance of school
Football Club	Year 5 & 6	To be confirmed		
Art Club	Year 5 & 6	Tuesday after school, finish time: 5pm	Book directly by contacting Mrs Hyslop: Nickyw1@hotmail.co.uk	Collect from the front entrance of school
Smart Raspberry Cookery Club	Year 1 - 6	Tuesday after school, finish time 4:30pm	Refer to flyer for booking details	Collect from the front entrance of school
Little Samurai	EYFS, Y1 & Y2	Tuesday, finish time: 4:15pm	Book directly: 07828 534817 www.SamuraiKickboxing.com info@SamuraiKickboxing.com	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Rock Steady	EYFS – Y6	Wednesday morning	Book directly: 0330 113 0330 Rocksteadymusicschool.com	N/A lessons take place during the school day
Spanish Club	Year 1	Wednesday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:20am
Mad Science Club	Years 1-6	Wednesday after school, finish time 4:30pm	Refer to flyer for booking details	Collect from the front entrance of school
Yoga & Mindfulness	Year 1 - 6	Wednesday, finish time 4:30pm	Book directly by contacting Sallie Windsor: 07846 992824 sallie.windsor@nurturekidsyoga.com	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Senior Choir	Years 5 & 6	Thursday before school, start time: 8am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Brown larainebrownbda@gmail.com	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Smart Raspberry Cookery Club	Year 1 - 6	Thursday after school, finish time 4:30pm	Refer to flyer for booking details	Collect from the front entrance of school
Computer Xplorers	Years 4, 5 and 6	Thursday after school, finish time 4.30pm	Book directly by contacting David Reilly davidr@computerexplorers.co.uk	Collect from the front entrance of school
Young Samurai	Years 3 - 6	Thursday after school, finish time: 4:15pm	Book directly: 07828 534817 www.SamuraiKickboxing.com or info@SamuraiKickboxing.com	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Netball Club	Year 2, 3 & 4 (numbers ltd)	Thursday after school, finish time: 4:15pm	Book directly by contacting Mrs Thomas	Collect from the back gate
Maths Club	Year 4/5/6 then Year 5 & 6 (by invitation)	Friday before school at 8:15am	Organised by Mrs Neal with a rota of children invited to attend every few weeks	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:10am
Spanish Club	Year 4	Friday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:20am
Sewing Club	Year 1 – 6	Friday after school, finish time: 4:30pm	Book directly: 07782 253565 anita@dhaaga-sewing.co.uk	Collect from the front entrance of school
IPro Football	Years 1 - 6	Friday after school, finish time: 4:30pm	Book directly: Office 07908 172175 Email: office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk Children permitted to come to school wearing their school P.E. kit with just a football shirt to change into at the end of the day if they wish.	Collect from the back gate
Maestro Music Lessons	EYFS – Y6	Various days during the week	To find out more, go to: Homepage - Berkshire Music Trust berksmusictrust.org.uk	Times of lessons determined by Maestros

CALENDAR DATES

While some key dates appear below, please continue to refer to this section in our newsletter throughout the year as new dates are added in order to keep abreast of what is coming up in school. Any additions or any changes highlighted in blue.

5 th October	Start of Y6 Cycling Proficiency course
9 th October	PTA Quiz
12 th October	Start of Science and Technology Week
13 th October	Parent Consultations
15 th October	Parent Consultations
20 th October	Flu Vaccinations
20 th October	KS2 Open House
21 st October	EYFS & KS1 Open House
21 st October	School Photos
26 th October to 30 th October	Half Term Break
2 nd November	Start of Term 2
9 th November	Year 1 Trip to Windsor Castle
11 th November	Whole School Remembrance Service at the War Memorial
11 th November	PTA AGM 7:30pm
16 th November	Start of Maths and Computing Week
18 th November	Open Evening
20 th November	Children in Need
24 th November	Choirs performing at the Royal Albert Hall
27 th November	PTA Popcorn and Pyjama Party
8 th December 2pm	Nativity Performance
9 th December 6pm	Nativity Performance
9 th December	Rock Steady Concert 9:30am
15 th December	Final swimming lesson for Y3
15 th December	Carols with the Choirs 6:30pm
16 th December	EYFS & KS1 Trip to the pantomime at the Wycombe Swan
16 th December	KS2 Christmas Party
16 th December	PTA Carols in the Courtyard
17 th December	Christmas Service at Holy Trinity Church 10am
17 th December	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Party
18 th December	Last day of term
21 st December to 1 st January	Christmas Holiday
4 th January	Start of Term 3
29 th January	PTA Disco
2 nd February	KS2 Open House
3 rd February	EYFS & KS1 Open House
10 th February	Safer Internet Day
15 th February to 19 th February	Half Term Break
22 nd February	Start of Term 4
27 th February	PTA Black Tie Ball
1 st March	Start of Book Week
2 nd March	Parent Consultations
4 th March	Parent Consultations
4 th March	World Book Day
5 th March	Book Week Dress-Up Day
19 th March	Comic Relief
24 th March	Rock Steady Concert 9:30am
25 th March	PTA Make the Rules Day and Easter Trail
26 th March to 9 th April	Easter Holiday
12 th April	Start of Term 5
22 nd April	Earth Day
27 th April	KS2 Open House
28 th April	EYFS & KS1 Open House
3 rd May	Bank Holiday
10 th May to 13 th May	KS2 SATs
17 th May	Start of National Walk to School Week

31 st May to 4 th June	Half Term Break
7 th June	Start of Term 6
11 th June	PTA Disco
14 th June	Start of Arts and Culture Week
18 th June	Arts and Culture Week Show
21 st June	Y6 Residential Trip
28 th June	Start of Sports Week
2 nd July	Sports Day
3 rd June	HT Fest
14 th July	Rock Steady Concert
15 th July	Y6 Leavers' Service 10am
15 th July	Last Day of Term