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KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

It has been wonderful, again this week, to see the children skipping into school each morning. The novelty of returning to the classroom after the Easter break does not seem to have worn off; their apparent excitement about being in school is perhaps partly down to the range of activities designed to motivate and engage which we have been able to offer, despite the restrictions. This week we have participated in a virtual Rotary writing competition award ceremony, joined staff from Heathrow Airport to learn about career opportunities, met together outside to launch the 'Captain Tom 100' challenge which is taking place this weekend and participated in a number of extra-curricular events which are running successfully. Perhaps you have seen some of our posts this week on Twitter. If not, they're there for you to enjoy!

Booster Classes:

Following a number of queries this week from parents about our Catch-Up programme, can I direct you to last week's newsletter if you still unsure of the ways in which we are trying to close any gaps. This week we have added to our programme by welcoming Mrs. Ros Brown back to the classroom. She was in school yesterday and today, working with small groups of children as they tackled a range of tasks.

As always, you can continue to support your child by: listening to him/her read every evening (please do write an encouraging note in their diary if you wish), overseeing their learning of weekly spellings and supervising homework tasks. Don't forget that Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots can also be accessed at home.

Uniform:

Thank you for taking note of my request in last Friday's newsletter. The children have been arriving in school a little more smartly dressed this week and certainly without the multi-coloured range of clothing they had been bringing in before! Your help in ensuring the children are wearing the correct uniform, especially when it comes to P.E. kit, is very much appreciated. If you are unclear of what your child should be dressed in, please refer to our website: [School Uniform \(holytrinitysch.co.uk\)](http://holytrinitysch.co.uk)

If your child attends our after-school football club on Friday, they should come to school on that day wearing the correct P.E. kit (not a range of football shirts).

PTA Meeting:

The next virtual PTA meeting is on Tuesday 4th May to which you are all invited. Please see your class rep for the Zoom details.

Ordering Lunch:

Next week we will be introducing a new lunch menu. The choices will be greater with all hot meals served in specially purchased boxes designed to keep them hot as they are transported from the kitchen to classrooms. The new menu, as well as being sent to you as an attachment, can be viewed on our website. When ordering via Scopay you will be able to see the options for each day. It will be available from tomorrow.

If you do 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. Unfortunately, lunches **cannot** be ordered from the classroom on the day they are required.

Sports Day:

You will have seen on last week's newsletter that we have set aside a date for Sports Day. At the moment we are not in a position to release many details about this event. It is our intention to organise Sports Week in the final term, as we have in previous years, and end the week with a celebration of track and field events. Whether or not we will be able to invite spectators in remains unclear. More information will be circulated closer to the time.

Arts and Culture Week:

It is also our intention to organise an Arts and Culture Week for the children. As this is only a short time away, we will be unable to invite you to attend our exhibition and performance. However, we will make it as memorable for the children as we possibly can and aim to capture moments to post on Google Classroom for you to see. If you are able to support us in this by offering a virtual workshop sharing your knowledge or expertise on a particular country we would be most grateful. Please see the letter from Mrs. Nicol and Mrs. Lucas, sent to you as an attachment, for further details. Thank you

Captain Tom 100 Challenge:

This week there is an event taking place across the country. The 'Captain Tom 100 Challenge' invites everyone, to dream up a challenge involving the number 100. It could be 100 skips, reading 100 pages of a book, building a Lego model using 100 bricks – anything. We are asked to nominate a charity to support which will benefit from us successfully completing our challenge whatever it might be.

The children were very excited when we launched this event on Wednesday so we hope everyone in school will get involved. They have been asked to nominate a charity to support, decide on a '100 challenge' and complete it in the next few days. It would be wonderful if you could encourage them to join in.

On Google Classroom, you and your child will find a post which explains more about the event. There is a video featuring several celebrities promoting it, a letter from Captain Tom's daughter, Hannah, a page of ideas for different 100 challenges if anyone is struggling to get started, and a sponsor form if your child decides to raise money this way. Here they can also watch some clips of several members of staff getting involved!

It would be wonderful if you could help your child attach a photo or video of them doing their challenge on Google Classroom, fixed to the 'Captain Tom 100' post. We would also love to hear which charity they have decided to support. Thank you for making this happen.

Royal Mail's Heroes Stamp Design Competition:

After explaining last week, the recently launched Royal Mail competition for primary and secondary aged pupils which our school has signed up to participate in, I am including the same information again so that if your child is keen to participate and asks for help, you have all the information you need. 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 other 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.

Today your child will be bringing 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 (listed above) where you can also find the entry form your child will bring home, should he/she need additional copies. After today's collective worship, you can find all the details, including a PowerPoint also containing all the information your child needs, on Google Classroom in the section headed 'Collective Worship'. There is a separate post too, entitled 'The Royal Mail Heroes Stamp Design Competition', where you will find a more detailed PowerPoint. Please do encourage your child to take part.

Finally, Mrs. Brown will be returning to Cygnet Class, initially just for one day, next week. The children will see her on Tuesday. I know you will do all you can to make her feel welcome while at the same time remaining sensitive to her situation. This means that on Tuesday when Mrs. Brown is in, Mrs. Lucas will be in Swan Class. For the rest of the week, from Wednesday onwards, Mrs. Nicol will work with the Year 1 children and Mrs. Lucas with Cygnet Class.

I do hope you have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend. We look forward to seeing you and the children on Tuesday 4th May.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

1 st & 2 nd May	Captain Tom 100 Challenge Weekend
3 rd May	Bank Holiday
4 th May	BucksCC Transfer Test (11+) Registration Portal Opens at 3pm
4 th May	PTA Meeting at 8pm via zoom
19 th May	Deadline to return "Heroes Stamp Design" to school
31st May – 4th 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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