



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

Despite the news at the weekend, we were pleased that up until today no new cases of Covid-19 had been reported in school. However, as you will have seen from the email earlier, we have been notified of a case in Year 4 and Year 5. Information from the borough sent out to Head Teachers on 30th November indicates that the situation in RBWM is worrying with a high number of cases in school aged children. An update from Stuart Lines (Director of Public Health), Kevin McDaniel, (Director of Children's Services) and Duncan Sharkey (Chief Executive) has been circulated and sent to you today as an attachment.

The schools' COVID-19 operational guide has been updated to reflect the emergence of the new variant which has resulted in amendments to our risk assessment. This can be found on our website. To summarise:

- While the wearing of face coverings amongst primary aged children is not stipulate, we will not deter pupils wearing masks if that is your preference. Some staff are doing so. We have also asked that you consider wearing a face covering when coming on site to pick up your child at the end of the day. We are grateful to those of you who are doing so.
- The rule remains that individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 who is **not** a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19 who is **not** a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant, and any of the following apply:
 - they are fully vaccinated
 - they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
 - they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
 - they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. All individuals are encouraged to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

- **All individuals who have been identified as a close contact of a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, irrespective of vaccination status and age, will be contacted directly and required to self-isolate immediately and asked to book a PCR test. They will be informed by the local health protection team or NHS Test and Trace if they fall into this category and will be provided with details about self-isolation.**
- All travellers arriving into the UK will need to isolate and get a PCR test by 'day two' after arrival. They may end their isolation once they receive a negative result. If the result is positive, they should continue to isolate and follow rules on isolation following a positive test. Unvaccinated arrivals aged over 18 will follow the existing, more onerous, testing and isolation regime. All Red list arrivals will enter quarantine. **Please be especially mindful of this if booking a trip abroad over the Christmas period.**

It has been unfortunate that a small number of sporting events have had to be cancelled recently. These things are out of our control but we do apologise for any disappointment the children have experienced and the inconvenience cancelling at short notice may have caused you.

EYFS & KS1 Nativity:

Under current guidance from the East Berkshire Health Protection Board events like Nativity plays, are permitted. However, several recommendations have been made in order to reduce the risk of catching and transmitting COVID-19. If you have a child in EYFS or KS1 and have booked tickets for one of our four performances next week, you will today have received tickets in your child's book bag. Please do take time to read the information which is attached to them (sent also by email today). Compliance will help in our efforts to safeguard everyone.

This year tickets are numbered so a specific seat has already been allocated to you. Please note, we are unable to allocate seats which have not been booked to other members of your family. 50 is our absolute maximum capacity but in the interests of safety, we are hoping that some performances will have fewer.

Do also refer to the email which was sent out at the beginning of the week advising you on how to book tickets. This contained relevant information about costumes, taking photographs and dropping off/picking up children. Thank you.

We hope you will enjoy our performance and that nothing else happens between now and then to thwart our plans.

Bikeability (Year 6):

Enough spaces have been booked for the training to go ahead next week. If you have booked a place for your child they should bring their bicycle and a change of clothing on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. You should also refer to the details which were emailed to you and ensure that you have completed and returned to the office the parental consent form. Bikes left on site overnight are done so at the owner's risk and they must be chained up.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

As I reported in last week's newsletter, some of our club providers are starting to think ahead to next term. Do look out for flyers about iPro, sewing club and playball which have already been circulated.

Next week choir resumes with Junior Choir meeting before school on Tuesday 7th December and Senior Choir on Thursday 9th December.

Information about Spanish Club next term is as follows:

- Year 1 Wednesday 8.20 - 8.50 am
- Year 2 Tuesday 8.20 - 8.50 am
- Year 3 Friday 8.20 - 8.50 am
- Year 4 Monday 8.20 - 8.50 am
- Year 5 Wednesday 3.20 - 3.50 pm

Arrangements for picking up/dropping off children from the extra-curricular clubs running at the moment are as follows:

Breakfast Club	Start time 8am each day of the week	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Playball	Finish time: 4:15pm (Monday)	Collect from the back gate
Junior Choir	Before school at 8am (Tuesday, beginning 7.12.21)	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Netball	Before school at 8am (Tuesday)	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Football Club	Finish time : 4:30pm (Tuesday)	Collect from the back gate
Samurai	Finish time: 4:00pm (Tuesday)	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Samurai	Finish time: 4:15pm (Thursday)	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Senior Choir	Before school at 8am (Thursday, beginning 9.12.21)	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	

Eco-Council News:

Please continue to support our Eco-Council in their latest projects by turning off lights, not wasting water, remembering to reuse, reduce and recycle and saving paper. Thank you.

Christmas Dinner:

Christmas dinner will be served on Thursday 16th December. Please refer to the email sent out yesterday for details of how to book. The Christmas menu is now live on Scopay. Bookings via Scopay must be made by 7th December to allow time for the food order/delivery.

Christmas Jumper Day:

On the same day that Christmas dinner is served (Thursday 16th December) your child is invited to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper. This is in support of Save the Children. They should bring in a donation which we will send to the charity.

PTA Events:

Please refer to last week's newsletter about the various events the PTA are planning this side of the Christmas holiday. These include:

- 'Carols in the Courtyard' (please remember to drop off items for the tombola with your child on the morning of 10th December)
- 'Christmas Eve Trot'
- Christmas cards and gifts designed by your child (to order go to www.mychildsart.co.uk, follow the instructions using our unique school code and confirm your child's name.
 - Username: **HolyTrinity**
 - Password: **XcTNVD29**
- Christmas trail

Have a lovely weekend.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

6 th – 10 th December	Year 6 Bikeability (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)
7 th & 8 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity (further possible dates to be announced)
9 th December	Football Match away Freith School (please refer to letter sent to individual Y5 and/or Y6 pupils)
14 th December	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Party (please send your child in with £1 to cover the cost of light snacks)
15 th December	KS2 Christmas Party (this will be planned by the children who may ask for your help – if sending them in with in food, please be mindful of our strict no-nut policy)
15 th December	Christmas Church Service (led by Father Nick over Zoom linked directly to classrooms)
16 th December	Christmas Dinner (booking required)
16 th December	'Wear a Christmas Jumper Day' (proceeds to Save the Children)
16 th December 5 – 6:30pm	PTA 'Carols in the Courtyard' event (see flyer)
17 th December	Last day of term – normal finish time: 3:15pm
24 th December	'Christmas Eve Trot' (see flyer)
Tuesday 4 th December	First day of the new term



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