



KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Welcome to the beginning of the academic year and a particularly warm welcome to those of you who are new to our school. I have enjoyed meeting you and your children as well as seeing familiar faces return.

Several projects were completed over the holiday, perhaps most notably the replacement of three toilet blocks in one part of our building, and I do hope you have noticed the beautifully restored Holy Trinity School sign on the outside wall of Reception Class. This was a project coordinated and paid for by the parents of our Year 6 Leavers 2021. We are incredibly grateful for this kind and generous gift; thank you Leavers of 2021.

Thank you, everyone, for your support this week in helping us to ensuring a smooth transition back to the classroom for the children. While we continue to follow the Government's COVID-19 operational guide for schools which has helped us complete our risk assessment, how we do things has changed considerably. I do hope your child has spoken positively about these first two days back. They certainly seem very excited about returning to the hall to eat their lunch, being able to move more freely around the site and having the entire field to play on at break times. We have used this week to establish routines so that everyone is clear on how systems have changed and what we all need to do to stay safe. Thank you for taking note of the ways in which you can help us with this, as outlined in the letter sent to you on Wednesday. The system for dropping off the children in the morning ran smoothly as did the afternoon pick-up. We will continue to follow these procedures in the coming weeks. Please note the window for dropping children off in the morning is between 8:45am and 9am. Please do make every effort to be here between these times; we want to restrict footfall through the main reception and ensure the children are in the classroom in time to complete important early morning work. Thank you for your understanding.

If you have a child who has just started in Reception, from next week, you will join the rest of the school in dropping your child off at 8:45am and picking them up at 3:15pm. You should continue to use the gate at the front of school.

Meet the Teacher Meetings:

Next week we will be inviting you to attend virtual 'Meet the Teacher' meetings. This will give you an opportunity to hear from your child's class teacher(s) about specific matters related to the term ahead. These will be at 4pm according to the following timetable.

Monday 6th – Year 1, 5 & 6

Tuesday 7th – Year 4

Wednesday 8th – Year 2

Friday 10th – Year 3 (please note this meeting is a change to the previously published timetable)

A link to the Google Meet session will be posted on Google Classroom by your child's class teacher which you simply click on to gain access. I do hope you will be able to attend.

If you have a child in Reception Class, Mrs Brown and Mrs Nicol will be telephoning you next week instead.

P.E. Timetable:

Thank you for taking note of the days that your child has P.E. and sending them in wearing the correct school kit. Please note, the P.E. timetable has slightly changed from that published on Wednesday. P.E. lessons will take place on the following days:

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

For information on the correct P.E. kit and regular school uniform, please follow the link to our website:

<https://www.holytrinitysch.co.uk/policies.aspx>

Thank you for your support in naming all your child's kit and sending them in looking smart and ready for learning!

This term our Year 4 children will be visiting Braywick Leisure Centre on a weekly basis for swimming lessons. If you have a child in Year 4, do look out for the letter which will be circulated next week giving you further information about the course. It is our intention to offer swimming lessons to those children in Year 3 after Christmas.

Keeping Safe:

If you have sent your child in this week with a small bottle of hand sanitiser and a packet of pocket tissues, thank you. Sadly, these now are part of their essential kit so ensuring that your child has this equipment every day, along with all the other things stipulated in Wednesday's letter, will help to keep them and everyone else safe.

Birthdays:

As has been the tradition here in the past, on a child's birthday he/she has brought in sweets to share with everyone else in the class. In recent months, because of the pandemic, we have requested that these are given out at the gate. With certain restrictions lifted, these may now be brought into school to be handed out at the end of the day. Please note, however, that we are a nut-free school so do ensure that anything you send in is free of nut products or traces of nuts. We currently have children in school who have severe allergies.

If sending your child in with a packed lunch please also be very vigilant on this matter. Items containing sesame seeds are also prohibited.

Hot meals are of course available every day from our catering team. Thank you for taking note of the fact that meals need to be ordered at home at least 24 hours before they are required.

Buckinghamshire Transfer Tests:

If you have a child in Year 6, you will be aware that transfer tests are scheduled next week for those children whose names have been submitted. The familiarisation test will be carried out on Tuesday in the Year 6 classroom and the transfer test on Thursday. The results of these tests will be in October.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend; the team here will look forward to seeing you and the children again after the weekend.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

7 th September	Bucks CC Transfer Test (11+) Practice Test
9 th September	Bucks CC Transfer Test (11+) Test
21 st September	School Photographer (individuals and siblings)
24 th September	Macmillian Event (details to follow)
5 th October	Henley Literacy Virtual Festival (Year 3) Author Zanib Mian
7 th October	Henley Literacy Virtual Festival (Year R) Author Smriti Halls
8 th October	Henley Literacy Virtual Festival (Year 1 and 2) Dr Shini Somora
8 th October	Henley Literacy Virtual Festival (Year 4, 5 and 6) Michael Morpurgo
14 th October	Harvest Service
18 th – 22 nd October	Science Week



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