



KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

For a summary of what to do on circumstances which relate to COVID-19, please refer to the newsletter from 20.11.20 which can be found on our website using this link: [Newsletter 20_11_20.pdf \(holytrinitysch.co.uk\)](https://www.holytrinitysch.co.uk/newsletter-20-11-20.pdf)

In response to questions that have been asked, and queries which have arisen this week, I hope the following, some of which has come directly from the latest 'Guidance for full opening: schools' published by the government on 26 November 2020 (in italics), is helpful.

- *Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school.*
- *If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new and persistent cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and advised to follow [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) which sets out that they should self-isolate for at least 10 days and should [arrange to have a test](#) to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).*
- *Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.*
- *[Book a test](#) if you or your child are displaying symptoms. The main symptoms are a high temperature, a new continuous cough and/or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste. Staff and pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school.*
- *Self-isolate if you have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), or if anyone in the household develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19). This should be for a period of 14 days.*
- **In the case of someone in the household displaying signs of COVID-19, do not send your child to school from the moment you book a test. Even while waiting for a test to be carried out, you MUST NOT send your child to school. They can only return if the test result comes back negative.** If a test comes back positive the household must start their period of isolation for 14 days.

Please be vigilant, on these matter in particular, as it will help us to safeguard the children and everyone else in our community.

Statutory Assessment:

Despite the fact that children missed a critical period of their education in the 2019 to 2020 academic year, the Department of Education plans to maintain national curriculum assessments in the 2020 to 2021 academic year to allow it to measure the impact of coronavirus. Therefore, the DfE has stated that '*early years foundation stage profile and all existing statutory key stage 1 and 2 assessments, should return in 2020 to 2021 in accordance with their usual timetables. This includes:*

- *the phonics screening check (for Year 1 pupils)*
- *key stage 1 tests and teacher assessment (for Year 2 pupils)*
- *the year 4 multiplication tables check*
- *key stage 2 tests and teacher assessment (for Year 6 pupils)*
- *statutory trialling (of EYFS baseline assessment)*'

These tests, with the exception of the trialling of EYFS baseline assessment which has already happened in our school, will take place in the summer term.

In addition for this year only, schools are required to administer a past version of the phonics screening check to all Year 2 pupils during the second half of the 2020 autumn term. Year 2 pupils who meet the expected standard in the autumn check will not be required to complete any further statutory assessments in phonics. Year 2 pupils who do not meet the expected standard in the autumn check will be expected to take the statutory check in June 2021 with Year 1 pupils. These tests for our current Year 2 pupils are being carried out by Mrs. Nicol before the Christmas break.

Bikeability:

Next week the Bikeability course for our Year 6 students will be happening. The children should have their bicycles in school from Monday to Thursday and they should come dressed in their cycling gear remembering to bring a warm waterproof jacket. Please refer to the letter you were sent a while ago as a reminder of all the details needed for this course.

Christmas Nativity:

Before the end of term, we will share details with you on how you can access our Nativity. The team remain keen to hear from you if you have, or anyone you know has, any expertise in filming and capturing quality sound or specialist equipment which we may borrow. Please contact the office marking your email for the attention of Mrs Nicol if this applies to you.

Holy Trinity's PTA Christmas Tree Trail:

The PTA's Christmas Tree Trail around Cookham has now begun. Last week you received a map with instructions on how to take part and details of how your child could win Frosty the Snowman. The trail continues until the end of the month with the competition closing at 11am on Sunday 3rd January, 2021.

Lockdown Recipe Book:

Our lockdown recipe book will be going on sale soon just in time for Christmas. What a wonderful present this would be! Half of the proceeds from any sales will go to the PTA, the other half to the Brett Foundation, a local charity chosen this week by the children which addresses homelessness and food poverty. To find out more about their work go to [The Brett Foundation](https://www.brettfoundation.org.uk/) – Homeless charity based in Maidenhead

Bags 2 School:

Organised by our school ambassadors for change and in support of 'Partners for Change, Ethiopia', the Bags 2 Schools collection will be on Wednesday 16th December 8am to 9:30am in the driveway of Willow and Orchard House (next door to our school). Do get collecting. To find out more about this charity, which we have created strong links with and been supporting for many years, go to <https://www.pfcethiopia.org/>

Christmas Metre Market:

The Christmas Metre Market will be running from Gantry House in School Lane on the afternoons of 4th, 11th and 18th December. As the organisers have very kindly offered to make our school the supported charity for this event, it would be wonderful if you could go along to support them. For more information refer to the website www.metre-market.com.

Don Hanson Charitable Trust:

The Don Hanson Charitable Trust is a UK registered charity established in 2007 which aims to help communities by particularly supporting the education of students across the UK. This week we were one of 20,000 UK schools lucky enough to receive a Hanson Box filled with five beautifully illustrated books, a magic beans activity kit, native wildflower seeds and an insect bug hotel which will be shared among the classes. Our thanks go to the trustees for their kind gift.

Christmas Events in School:

Christmas Post Box – this year each classroom will have a Christmas post box which the children should use to send cards to their friends. They should label each envelope clearly with the full name of the child they are sending the card to and the class they are in before posting it. Cards for children in other classes will be delivered by staff. Postage is a penny per card with all the money going to the charity the children have decided to support this Christmas, The Brett Foundation.

Christmas Jumper Day, 11th December in support of Save the Children – On 11th December, your child is invited to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper. They should bring in £1 which will be donated to Save the Children. If you would like to find out more about this annual fund-raising event go to: <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day>

During the day we have planned special events for the children including, in conjunction with the PTA, a movie afternoon. You may like to send your child in with an indulgent afternoon snack (small packet of popcorn, small bag of sweets etc.) This will be purely for them to eat but please do remember not to send in anything containing nuts. This will replace our usual KS1 and KS2 Christmas parties which we are unable to organise because of Covid-19 restrictions.

Supporting the Community – Over the next couple of weeks the children will be involved in a number of projects which will put the local community first. Do look out for their art work around the village which we hope will send others the message that we are thinking of them. We will aim to post images of these projects on Google Classroom so you can see what we are up to.

Christmas Dinner – Christmas dinner adapted for a grab-bag will be served on 16th December. If you wish to see the menu and order for your child please do so in the way you have been used to doing recently, online at home. The cost will be charged to your ScoPay account.

Advent - The children may have spoken this week about how we are marking Advent. Each day we open a window on two virtual Advent windows, one from the Oxford Diocese, the other from Holy Trinity Church Cookham. To access them at home, go to: [Advent Calendar \(anglican.org\)](http://Advent Calendar (anglican.org)) and [Advent Calendar 2020 - St John the Baptist, Cookham Dean \(cookhamdeanchurch.org.uk\)](http://Advent Calendar 2020 - St John the Baptist, Cookham Dean (cookhamdeanchurch.org.uk)) or alternatively you can find them on Google Classroom in the Collective Worship section.

Talking Therapies:

Talking Therapies is a free NHS service which supports the residents of Berkshire aged 17+, including parents and carers who may be struggling with difficulties including: low mood, anxiety and stress at this unprecedented time. If you are in need of support, you can call the Talking Therapies admin team on 0300 365 2000 or alternatively you can sign up via their website referral form. To find out more about Talking Therapies and the services they offer please visit their website. [Our Therapies | Talking Therapies \(berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk\)](http://Our Therapies | Talking Therapies (berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk)) Having contacted me this week, I know they are keen to offer support if anyone requires it.

Lighthouse Christmas Party: Friday 18th December 5.00pm.

Wayne Dixon of from Christian Connections in Schools (CCiS) who visits Holy Trinity each year to work with our Year 6 students, is inviting you and your child to a virtual event on 18th December. The Lighthouse Christmas Show offers, in Wayne's words, an hour of carols, craft, Bible stories, REAL donkeys, reindeer antlers, custard, talking dogs, rap, Christmas jumpers and the chance to go to the Nativity & beyond!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/669748130570294/>

On Wednesday, England moved out of lockdown and into local restriction tiers. To find out what this means for you go to: [Local restriction tiers: what you need to know - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://Local restriction tiers: what you need to know - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk))

To help alleviate any confusion, the government has published a series of posters that provide information about the local restriction tiers. The poster for tier 2 is attached but all can be accessed by going to: [Tier posters: Medium, High and Very High - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://Tier posters: Medium, High and Very High - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk))

Should you have any questions in the coming week related to coronavirus, the Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline remains open and is available to answer questions about COVID-19 which relate to education settings and children's social care. Please note the telephone lines will also remain open over the Christmas period.

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm

Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 6pm

(24 December – 8am to 4pm, 25 to 28 December – Closed, 29 to 30 December – 8am to 6pm, 31 December – 9am to 4pm, 1 January – Closed, 2 to 3 January – 10am to 6pm)

Finally, two weeks ago I wrote to you with sad news of the death of a former chair of governors at our school, Arthur Burgin. On Monday I learnt that Terry Jackson, who served on the governing body in more recent times, had also passed away. Terry too had been a great friend of our school. Some of you will remember him accompanying the children on trips, you may have seen him taking on the role of DJ at our services in church, or perhaps you encountered him in school when, every week until fairly recently, he would dutifully turn up to carry out a fire alarm test. Terry gave a huge amount of his time to Holy Trinity and his sudden death has shocked us all. He was a kind and well-respected member of our community. Our thoughts are with his wife and family at this sad time.

Have a good weekend, remain vigilant, please follow the guidance you have been issued with and stay safe.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

7 th – 10 th Dec	Year 6 Bikeability Course
11 th Dec	Wear a Christmas jumper to school day in support of Save the Children
16 th Dec	Christmas Dinner (please place your child's order via your Scopay account)
16 th Dec	Bags for School Collection (8am – 9.30am)
21 st Dec – 3 rd Jan	Christmas Break
15 th Jan	RBWM Registration Portal closes for September 2021 children