



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)

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KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

I trust you have received our emails during the week informing you of new cases of COVID-19 in school as they've been reported to us. The number has dropped considerably which hopefully indicates that we are over this recent outbreak. It has been lovely that children who were previously isolating have been able to return to the classroom. Thank you for following the latest guidance and only sending your child back when it is safe to do so.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Thank you also for either email the school office (office@holytrinitysch.co.uk) or telephone (01628 523766) before 9:30am if your child is unable to attend. It is important that you continue to do this so we can be sure of the reasons why pupils aren't in. This information helps us to report accurate figures to the borough which I am required to do on a weekly basis.

Despite the number of children off, I do hope that those at home have been well enough to engage with the learning posted on Google Classroom to ensure continuity at home as well as in the classroom. A post was added to the stream on 1st February signposting the children to some useful online lessons and resources which were also shared with you in our newsletter on 7.1.22 [Newsletter 7_1_22_.pdf \(holytrinitysch.co.uk\)](#) and other messages have been left by staff. If you or your child has difficulty accessing anything, please do email the school office. We will continue to post remote learning on Google Classroom at regular intervals; any help you can give your child in accessing this is sure to help.

News from around the school:

Continuing their study of Michael Morpurgo's *Kensuke's Kingdom*, this week Cormorants have taken on the role of Kensuke. After practising interview techniques, they took part in a hot seating activity which resulted in some wonderful drama improvisations. As you may have seen on Twitter, they have also been learning about Pop Art and creating their own Andy Warhol inspired collages.

A love of animals has now spread to Year 3. Goslings have been exploring the world of badgers having met Mr Badger in their study of Kenneth Graeme's *'Wind in the Willows'*. They've also travelled far and wide to find out more about the Chinese New Year. The children have worked out their own Chinese astrological character and discovered they are a class full of snakes and horses! Now safely back home in Berkshire, they've been learning about counties and trying to locate them on maps. It produced some interesting results!

Swans have continued their study of animals by considering what animals need to survive – air, food, water, shelter and sleep. They have compared what these requirements look like for themselves with what they are like for animals living in Polar Regions. Using this learning along with their growing knowledge of animal adaptations, they have created their own imaginary cold weather creatures...both wonderful and abominable!

Now deep into their states of matter topic, Teals made mini water worlds which allowed them to see the water cycle in action. The cress they planted is growing into a small rain forest and should be ready to eat next week! Cressida Cowell of *'How to Train Your Dragon'* fame has been the focus in English lessons. With her help, the children have become skilled in note taking, planning, drafting and editing.

Moorhens have been busy tinkering with all things technical. They have calculated volume and created complex mazes for Bee-Bots to navigate their way around. The machines were helped with some input from the children who had to use their programming skills and think about control as well as directional language. Take a look at Year 6's Google Classroom to see a cinematic version of the work that Harry, Matthew and William completed.

Some real-life superheroes in the form of police officers have helped Cygnets teacher Burglar Bill the error of his ways. Cygnet cops created wanted posters for their own imaginary villains and a reformed Burglar Bill helped them with some addition activities. The class have enjoyed working with a number of different teachers this week who have all commented on how well they work together as a team.

Everyone in KS2 got involved in the NSPCC Number Day today by playing in the NSPCC Times Tables Rock Star Tournament. For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question the children earned their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will then calculate our class average before the winning class is announced. There's still time for them to make a difference to those scores! Games have to be played today, Friday 4th February, but they have until 7:30pm to participate. Once they log onto <https://play.ttrockstars.com/> they should know their login details so do encourage them this evening to add to their class total. For more information, see the message Ms. O'Reilly has posted on Google Classroom.

Year 5 and 6 were in action on the football field on Thursday in an away game at Holyport. Holy Trinity started well with Hayden giving the team the lead after some skillful play down our left involving both Williams. However, Holyport's response was swift and with a fierce shot that Yaseen got a hand to but couldn't quite keep out, the match was leveled. The rest of the half was tense with Holyport piling on the pressure until a fantastic free kick into the top right hand

corner of the goal gave them the lead just before half time. In the second half Holyport looked dangerous down both flanks and would have extended their lead had it not been for some excellent defending from Jacob and William. HT managed to weather the storm and nearly sneaked an equaliser at the end but unfortunately, despite a fiercely fought contest, they just lost out with a final score of 2 -1. Man of the match was awarded to Jacob for some excellent defending and composure under pressure. Congratulations go to the entire team for some excellent sportsmanship!

The children in KS2 have delved deeper into some of the topics Mrs Thandi has already introduced them too but Year 3 started something new, 'Dans la Trousse'. They were amused when they discovered that the French use the word 'crayon' for a pencil and 'stylo' for pen!

For Kingfishers there was an unexpected delivery from the Lazy Pet Company at the beginning of the week. With the contents mostly hidden by a blanket, it caused great intrigue! The children made predictions about what might be inside the carrier before considering the attributes of various types of pets. When a sloth was revealed they began their research in order to find out more about the animal which then helped them to write wonderful information texts.

With a number of children isolating this week, it was the perfect opportunity to invite them, along with everyone in school, to our Wednesday virtual assembly. For the last few weeks ever since COP26 we worked on weekly projects to help save our planet that we've called 'Just One Thing'. We've all made a real effort to switch lights off, turn off taps and reduce food waste to name a few. After the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch at the weekend, this week's project is protecting wildlife, notably the birds in our garden, by ensuring that they have what they need to survive the winter. During assembly, the results from last year's bird watch were shared and then the children were shown how to make bird cake! If your child missed it or if they need a reminder of what to do, all the details can be found in the Classwork section of Google Classroom under the heading 'Collective Worship'.

In other Collective Worship sessions this week we have learned about Chinese New Year and continued to explore some of the miracles of Jesus. In all of the stories the message was how important it is to look out for others, to be kind and to have the conviction to do the right thing. The children continue to embrace this whether in the classroom, on the playground or linking with friends virtually.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Again, next week clubs will continue to operate as normal next week. Drop off and pick up arrangements are as follows:

Club	Year Group	Time	Arrangements for drop-off/pick-up
Breakfast Club	All	Start time 8am each day of the week	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Spanish Club	Year 4	Before school at 8.20am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Playball	EYFS & Year 1	Finish time: 4:15pm	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Junior Choir	Years 3 & 4	Before school at 8am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Netball	Years 5 & 6	Before school at 8am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Spanish Club	Year 2	Before school at 8.20am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Football Club	Years 5 & 6	Finish time : 4:30pm	Collect from the back gate
Little Samurai	EYFS, Y1 & Y2	Finish time: 4:00pm	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Spanish Club	Year 1	Before school at 8.20am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Spanish Club	Year 5	Finish time: 3:50pm	Collect from the front entrance of school
Playball	EYFS & Year 1	Finish time: 4:15pm	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Senior Choir	Years 5 & 6	Before school at 8am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Young Samurai	Years 3 - 6	Finish time: 4:15pm	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Spanish Club	Year 3	Before school at 8.20am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Sewing Club	Year 2 – 6	Finish time: 4:35pm	Collect from the front entrance of school
Knitting Club	Year 6	Finish time: 4:15pm	Collect from the front entrance of school
IPro Football	Years 1 - 6	Finish time: 4:30pm	Collect from the back gate

Book Week:

Plans are currently being compiled for Book Week which this year runs from 28th February to 4th March. It is proving to be a little difficult to find speakers this year so if you have any contacts or know of any authors/story tellers who would be willing to give up their time to come into school or link with us via Zoom, we would love to hear from you. We would also be interested to hear if you have any connections in the world of books, maybe in manufacturing or publishing, for instance. If you can help, please email the office.

Junior Bake Off:

This week school was contacted by a Casting Assistant Researcher at Love Productions; the company behind The Great British Bake Off, The Great British Sewing Bee and The Great Pottery Throw Down. He explained that applications for the 8th series of **Junior Bake Off**; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain, have recently opened and that the team are looking for young budding bakers between **9-12 years old**. Filming is set to take place from July 2022, but **applications close on Sunday 13th March 2022**. Interested bakers can apply online at - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk A flyer has also been sent to you today.

Alfred Major Recreation Ground Playpark Consultation 2022 - Cookham Parish Council

Cookham Parish Council is about to commission an update and renovation of the Alfred Major recreation ground play area, costing over £80,000. The council is keen to get the views of children as well as parents so you are asked to follow a link where you will find two designs with supporting pictures and a detailed plan, a small survey/ questionnaire to feedback any general comments, a FAQ list, a link to the supplier's website and an email address should you have any questions. Do take a moment to take a look: https://www.cookhamparishcouncil.org.uk/crbst_0.html

Have a good weekend and once again our very best wishes go out to those children currently isolating. We continue to miss them and wish them all a speedy recovery.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

8th February

10th February

11th February

17th February

1st March

10th March

Week beginning 14th February

Internet Safety Day

Year 5/6 Football Match at Cookham Rise – Kick off 3:45pm

Y3 Class Assembly (postponed)

Y6 Road Safety

Y4 Road Safety

Borough Dance Festival Postponed from 17th February by the organisers (Year 4)

Open classrooms to view work:

- Monday 14th – Y1, Y5 & Y6
- Tuesday 15th – Y4
- Wednesday 16th – Y2
- Thursday 17th – Y3
- Friday 18th - Reception



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