



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

Thank you for your all your support this week as we've welcomed many visitors to school including OFSTED. It has been exceptionally busy but the children have embraced everything with enthusiasm. I do hope that they have come home and told you about all the different events. Our OFSTED inspector, who spent two full days on site, left on Thursday evening confirming that her report should be with us in approximately 30 days. We await to receive it before we then share it with you.

During last week, three confirmed cases of COVID-19 were reported to the office. These were in Reception, Year 1 and Year 4 and today a further case in Year 2 has been reported. For details of how we are managing the pandemic under new guidance from the Government, please refer to the letter which was emailed to you last Monday.

It remains important that if your child is off school for whatever reason the office should be emailed (office@holytrinitysch.co.uk) or telephoned (01628 523766) before 9:30am. This will help us to be sure of the reasons why pupils aren't in so that we can continue to report accurate attendance figures to the borough.

News from around the school:

Book Week began on Monday with a visit from former professional football and now children's author, Seth Burkett. Seth visited every class and spoke about his journey to becoming an author before guiding the children in how to get started on the book writing process themselves. His message of determination and resilience when faced with rejection was heartfelt. By the end of the day several children had already started writing their own stories using the suggestions he offered.

Jo North, author of a series of 'Shine' books which help to normalise specific SEND conditions within society, met many of the children on Tuesday when she read from some of her books and spoke about the conditions some of the characters within them deal with, as well as the challenges they face. The pupils were fascinated by what she had to say. Then, towards the end of the week, Year 6 had a visit from Aurelia Young who has grandchildren at our school. Aurelia has written a book about her father the sculptor Oscar Nemon, and she spoke about his life and meetings with some of our country's greats including Winston Churchill. It was a privilege to host her.

Some workshops were delivered virtual including one for Year 5 & 6 who met Will Rainey and heard him read from his book 'Grandpa's Fortune Fables'. Naomi Jones also read from her book 'A Perfect Fit' but during her workshop the children joined in with an art activity which helped to reinforce the message in the story.

On other days, our younger children enjoyed followed a book trail around school searching for clues which helped them piece together a story specially written for World Book Day by local author and poet Simon Mole called 'I Love my Bike!'

Everyone seemed very excited about the prospect of visiting The little bookshop in Cookham. While there, the older pupils heard from author Nikki Thornton and the younger children from Fiona Barker. Year 2 are all set to share Fiona's book again next week, before creating their own dogs from models given to them to take back to school. Thank you if you were able to come along to the bookshop and help us in getting the children there and back safely.

Friday's dress up event is always a favourite and this year the costumes didn't disappoint! During the day book swaps were organised and buddy reading sessions took place. We ended the week with our usual assembly during which the newest members of our 'Book-Mark Club' were sworn in!

Dispersed around all this, the whole school worked from a chosen text, a wordless picture book written by Istvan Banyai called 'Zoom'. It created deep discussion and is a fascinating watch if you follow the link to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kgi-RCEjOLw>

Cormorants analysed the pictures to ask big questions, discuss differences between cultures and religions, research world wide cruises, investigate air resistance based on streamlined supersonic cars tested in the desert, learn about night and day, use atlases to discover the location of the Solomon Islands, and carry out careful close up studies of animals using coloured pencils. They astounded Mrs. Bailey and Miss Buckley with their philosophical thinking! The book also brought Goslings new stories and adventures! They exploring the delights of cruising, as did Teal Class and were transported across the continents and oceans of the world. They also opted to explore cruise holidays, producing some fantastic persuasive writing! To support their maths work which has involved measuring length and converting units of measurement, they wondered how long the biggest cruise ship is! Moorhens studied postcard writing and also took a mathematical approach looking at measures and distances between objects! The children finished the week with some 'zoom artwork', looking at fine details when drawing a picture. Kingfishers made predictions about whether the book was set in bygone days or modern times. They wrote in role and used clues from the illustrations to deduce the setting, before asking questions and researching the answers. Swans focused their attention on an arid scene from an Arizona desert in the book. The children used some sizzling hot vocabulary to write their own postcards, imagining that they were resting from the roasting sun. Having learned all about polar habitats last term, they were able to compare and contrast habitats and sorted animals that they'd expect to find in both. Computing work is set to take them into next week as the children sequence photographs on iPads to create their version of the book based in Swan

Class! It was all about zooming into space for Cygnets and describing what they saw. Some fantastic writing and drawing resulted from this. They also used iPads to take photos of objects from very close, quite close and then far away.

Outside Book Week Year 6 enjoyed the opportunity to meet virtually with eleven other schools from across the borough, plus the mayor and representatives from Rotary Club, in a prize giving ceremony for the 'Rotary 2022 Young Writer Schools' Competition' on Tuesday. During the event, the winning entry from our school written by Rosemary Lucas was read out and Rosemary was presented with a certificate and book token prize. Year 4 also had a visit from Imogen Leonard, the borough's Road Safety Education Consultant, who spoke to the children about being safe when out and about.

On Tuesday the Year 5 and 6 football team travelled to Frieth for a football friendly fixture. On a boggy pitch, Holy Trinity found it difficult to find their feet in the first half and both teams failed to score. With William moving to centre midfield the squad were able to dictate play more and Harry was a constant threat down our right flank. Kyan was unlucky not to score on a couple of occasions and if the referee (Mr. Whittle) had remembered his lenses, Holy Trinity would have been awarded a penalty for a handball incident! Unfortunately, with no VAR system in place at Frieth the decision could not be overturned! Yassen then made one good save from their striker and Jacob and Rhys held firm in defence. Holy Trinity continued to try and find a winner late in the match with a number of threatening set pieces but Frieth held on for a 0-0 draw. Player of the match, as voted for by the opposing team, was Rhys for showing great energy and adaptability in midfield and defence.

On Wednesday afternoon, Kingfisher Class set off for Desborough College for an afternoon session focusing on cricket skills as part of the Ascot and Maidenhead Sport Partnership's 'All Stars Cricket Skills Festival'. The focus was on hand to eye coordination and everyone worked hard to learn new techniques and represent our school well.

It was a home game for the netball squad, also on Wednesday, when Freith School returned for a second match following the one last term in which Holy Trinity narrowly missed a win. This time, with skills perfected and a feeling of determined in the air, the weather was not going to hinder anyone. The match ended in a convincing 21-10 win for Holy Trinity. Player of the match, as voted by the Freith team, was Cerys. Their play was outstanding and everyone was proud of the achievement.

On Friday afternoon, a group of Year 5 children took part in an Under 10s football tournament hosted by Claire's Court Junior School. Twenty teams took part and were split into groups of 5. Holy Trinity began with a match against OPS from Goring - the eventual group winners. Despite a strong performance, we lost the match 2-0. Next up was Gayhurst. The cavalry was called forward in the form of Brooke and Billie-Mai - the only two female participants amongst 180 children. Holy Trinity were steeled and were unlucky not to take all three points from a game that ended 1-1. Frustration continued when the team met Beacon. Mesmerised by their opposition's garish stripes, the squad failed to find the net in an anything but drab 0-0 stalemate. The group stage finished with a match against local challengers Herries. In the hunt for a win, and throwing caution to the wind, Holy Trinity were picked off with some efficient attacks and lost 3-0. Undeterred, we took on Davenies in a final bonus fixture. A very even game ended in a 1-0 defeat. The children took solace from their camaraderie and are aware that on another day - with a little more luck - they would have gained a handful more goals and points. Many thanks to the parents who helped to transport the children and who supported the team. We hope you've managed to rescue your footwear!

For news of things as they happen during the week don't forget to turn to our Twitter feed. Reports and photographs are regularly posted. If you request to follow and don't get an immediate response, do inform the office. Occasionally it is not clear who is asking to join from requests made. Thank you for your patience and for helping us to safeguard the children.



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Open House:

We do hope that if you have a child in Reception you enjoyed the opportunity to come into school on Friday to see your child's classroom, meet their teacher(s) and view their work. We will invite everyone in again towards the end of next term. In the meantime, this week we have parents' evening. Please refer to the email sent out at the weekend with details of how you go about booking a slot.

Book Week:

Payment for our Book Week activities is still outstanding in some cases. If you have not yet paid £5 for the speakers we have booked, please use your Scopay account to do so as soon as possible. Events continue next week when on Monday we invite author Leisa Stewart-Sharpe in to meet the children and deliver a workshop in every class.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

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

Last week was an exceptionally busy week and with lots going on again this week including more visits from authors, the Dance Festival, the final of the Junior Bake-Off Competition and class photos, we do hope the children enjoy the next few days!

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

8 th March & 10 th March	Parent Consultation (please refer to email sent out)
9 th March	Winning Y5 Junior Bakers to Ascot Racecourse
10th March	Borough Dance Festival Postponed from 17th February by the organisers (Year 4)
11 th March	Class Photographs (full school uniform required – after school footballers to come to school wearing uniform bringing in kit to change into)
18 th March	Red Nose Day (details to follow)
18 th March	PTA Quiz Night
21 st March	Heathrow Young Explorers in school event
29 th March	Before School Netball Club cancelled: Junior and Senior Choir meeting together at 8am to rehearse for the Cookham Festival
1 st April	Deadline for Mr. Redjeb's KS2 Writing Competition
1 st April	PTA School Disco (details to follow)
Week beginning 4 th April	Open classrooms to view work (3:15 to 4pm): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monday 4th – Y1, Y5 & Y6 ○ Tuesday 5th – Y4 ○ Wednesday 6th – Y2 & Y3 (in a change to the date previously published) ○ Friday 8th – Reception
11 th April	Start of Easter break
10 th June	PTA School Disco (details to follow)
2 nd July	HT Fest (details to follow)
8 th October	PTA Ball (details to follow)