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## KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Welcome back to the start of a new term which, for the most part, will run during a full national lockdown. What we have in place at the beginning of the term could differ considerably with how things may look at Christmas, therefore, I will continue to use weekly newsletters to keep you posted on the latest guidance so you are clear on how we are putting it into practice in school. However, please also look out for emails and text messages from the office in case we need to contact you more urgently. If you have any queries or matters you wish to raise, you can do so by contacting the office staff at [office@holytrinitysch.co.uk](mailto:office@holytrinitysch.co.uk)

For clarity on what the new national restrictions will mean for you and your family, you may find the link below useful. [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november?utm\\_source=2%20November%202020%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november?utm_source=2%20November%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19)

All has gone well at Holy Trinity this week. The children have seemed excited about starting a new term and the staff, after a much-needed rest, have enjoyed welcoming them back into the classroom where they have shared some of the topics they will be studying over the next few weeks.

### Morning Drop-Off and Afternoon Pick-Up:

This term, unless we are directed otherwise, we will continue to use the same system for drop off using the timetable below:

Bubble	Year Group	Start Time	Collection Time
1	Reception	8:50am	2:40pm
2	Year 6	9:00am	2:50pm
3	Year 2	9:05am	2:55pm
4	Year 5	9:10am	3:00pm
5	Year 4	9:15am	3:10pm
6	Year 1	9:20am	3:20pm
7	Year 3	9:25am	3:30pm

Please observe the one-way system in operation and only enter the site at the exact time shown. While waiting either with, or for, your child, please observe social distancing; posts along the path will help with this. It would also be helpful if you could leave promptly once your child arrives, to avoid congestion. I have noticed this week that a lot of you are arriving wearing masks. While this is not compulsory, it would appear a sensible move so I would encourage you all to adopt this approach.

Please remember to avoid parking directly opposite the school gate if you need to park your vehicle along the lane. This will give other road users more space to pass and prevent the need for them to mount the curb near the waiting area, which is clearly dangerous. I have also been asked by a parent to remind you about being considerate to others when parking. Please leave pavements clear for pedestrians and be mindful of our neighbours. A leaflet which I have been asked to circulate by the borough's road safety officer containing information on these matters, is attached. Thank you.

If your child is in Year 6 and you are willing for them to walk home without being collected by an adult, please inform the school, if you have not yet done so. This way we can be clear that you have given permission for us to release them at the end of the day. In these circumstances your child may bring a mobile phone with them to school but it must be handed to the class teacher on arrival.

#### Equipment:

Thank you for sending your child to school with all the equipment they need, as outlined to you in newsletters previously. We are enormously grateful to you for clearly naming all items brought in. Please continue to do this as well as check that names remain visible; it will help us to return any mislaid property quickly. Current government guidance makes clear the importance of schools limiting the number of things pupils bring in each day. Therefore, please help us in this by ensuring that only items which are absolutely necessary (which includes those for specific projects) are brought to school.

The children are, however, permitted to bring in small bottles of hand sanitiser and pocket tissues; it would be most helpful if they did. It at all possible, please send your child into school with these two items each day.

If your child has a birthday, please **do not** send them in with sweets to distribute. Instead, if they wish to hand out treats, please bring them yourself at the end of the day. Your child can meet you at the gate where they can then hand them out to their class mates.

As the weather is now getting colder, it is imperative that you send your child to school each day with a coat. We aim to use the outside space as much as we possibly can again this term. Also, with classroom doors and windows continually open to ensure good ventilation, additional under layers will help to keep them warm.

#### P.E:

The timetable for P.E. lessons this term continues as before:

Monday:	Y1, Y2, Y4, Y6
Tuesday:	Reception, Y1, Y3, Y5, Y6
Thursday:	Reception, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5

The 'Daily Mile' is also timetabled so your child should have trainers in school every day which they can leave here. On P.E. days they can come in wearing school shoes if they don't have an additional pair of trainers and they can change in the classroom. For information on uniform, including sports' kit, please see our website. Again, I stress the importance of sending your child in with warm clothing for P.E. Navy tracksuit trousers and a navy hoody are ideal. On days when it might rain, I would also advise that you to send your child in with spare kit which they can change into if they get caught in a shower.

#### Breakfast Club:

Anytime between 8am and 8:45am you may drop your child off at school. As last term, breakfast will not be served so your child should arrive having first eaten at home. You will be charged £2:20 for this service through your Scopay account. With perhaps more of you having to work from home during lockdown, it may be that numbers attending Breakfast Club dwindle. If this becomes the case, running it will not be financially viable. We would like to be able to keep it operating especially for those of you who rely on the service, but we will keep you informed if we have to make difficult decisions further down the line.

#### Reporting Absence:

It is important, certainly in the current climate, that on days when you do not send your child to school, we are made aware of why he/she is absent. Please either email the office [office@holyltrinitysch.co.uk](mailto:office@holyltrinitysch.co.uk) or telephone (to speak to someone or leave a message) by 9:15am. Voice messages and emails will be picked up by office staff.

#### Extra-Curricular Activities:

Last term we were able to run a number of extra-curricular activities and we had certainly hoped to be able to introduce a few more this term. However, lockdown and the government guidance that comes with it, makes things more difficult. For the time being Junior and Senior choir is suspended as I hope you saw from messages sent out this week, and, from Monday, Spanish Club will operate via Zoom. Mrs Pow will be in touch with those of you that this affects. Samurai runs independently from school (please contact the team for information on whether or not they will keep operating) but Pro-Direct Football on a Friday will continue to meet as it did last term (as long as the weather allows it). The reason for this is that it is conducted outside, the coaches do not enter the building and they can keep bubbles separated from each other. Should this change, you will be notified immediately.

### Lunch:

This term you again have a choice with regard to lunch. You can either send your child to school with a packed lunch or you can order a 'grab-bag' using our online ordering system. Orders must be made from home and you will be charged through your Scopay account. Whether you are sending your child in with a packed lunch or a mid-morning snack, please remember that we are a no-nut school. For details of our menu, which does include a hot option every day, please see our website.

### Buckinghamshire Schools Transfer Tests:

A number of children in Year 6 completed transfer tests for entry into grammar school this week. Papers have been sent off and you will receive the result around 30<sup>th</sup> November.

### Firework Safety:

As bonfire night and Diwali are this month, the Royal Berkshire and Fire Rescue Service have put together a safety information sheet. You will have received this yesterday via email. You can also find a short, animated film about firework safety, which the children have watched in school, by using the link: <https://vimeo.com/standardfireworks/bfasafetyvideo>

### Supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal:

Next week your child may like to bring in some change to give to the Royal British Legion. As well as distributing poppies, we have a number of poppy related items which your child might like to receive in exchange for a donation. These include zip pulls (suggested donation: 50p), reflectors (suggested donation: 50p), silicon wrist bands (suggested donation: £1:00) and snap bands (suggested donation: £1:50). They are permitted to bring in some money next week for this if they wish.

Unfortunately, this year we will not be able to hold our usual Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial in the village. Instead, in class we will be tuning in to a specially recorded service filmed by the clergy and church wardens. Two pupils, on behalf of all the children and staff, will lay a poppy at the memorial on Wednesday.

### Children in Need:

Next week we will also be supporting 'Children in Need' where, this year there is an emphasis on boosting children's mental wellbeing. You may have heard that Joe Wicks is the BBC Children in Need's School Ambassador and he will be leading their 'Five to Thrive' campaign. All week we will be doing events in class based on this project but we would love to do something together as a school which will also help to raise money for the charity. Therefore, we have decided to organise a daily mile relay which will ensure that throughout the day at least someone will be doing a lap! We will pick a sunny day and Mr Whittle will coordinate proceedings safely. To take part, we are asking every child to donate £1 which they can bring in any day next week. We hope to complete a school record for the number of laps run in one session; we will let you know how we get on!

### Maths Week:

After the success of Science Week, just before the half term break, Ms O'Reilly is busy coordinating events for Maths Week which we hope to hold during the week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Although this won't quite coincide with 'Maths Week England, 2020' which begins on Monday, we hope ours will be just as engaging for the pupils. During our week we will be exploring maths through stories, finding out about historical mathematical figures, participating in daily 'problems of the day' and trying to accumulate even better scores on Numbot and Times Table Rock Star challenges, among other things! A poster is attached for your information.

We would also love to involve you as much as we can. In the same way that those of you with a science background led workshops on Google Meet, are any of you able and willing to lead workshops on an aspect of maths? To give you an idea, in the past the children have enjoyed tasks which, for instance, have involved buying bricks with a set budget and then building Lego structures, organising PTA projects to run at a profit and designing dream bedrooms using scaled modelling! Tasks have been many and varied. Unfortunately, this year we will be unable to run Young Enterprise projects or do any cooking so if you can offer something different and would be happy to present through Google Meet, we would love to hear from you. To offer your services or find out more, please contact the office marking your email 'for the attention of Ms O'Reilly'. In the meantime, if you would like to find out more about 'Maths Week England, 2020' go to: <https://mathsweekengland.co.uk/> Thank you.

### 'Catch-up with the Teacher' Meetings:

The general feedback last term seemed to be that the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings were useful. Therefore, this term, during the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> November, we will invite you to catch up with your child's class teacher in virtual follow-up sessions. During these you can find out what gaps staff have identified in the children's learning following a considerable period away from school before the summer, and discover ways you can help your child at home. The most success comes from school and home working together so we do hope you will be able to find time to tune in.

You will receive an invite to a meeting, which will be held on Google Meet, through your child's Google Classroom which you are used to logging into. Meetings will be scheduled according to the timetable below, all beginning at 4:30pm and lasting no more than about 30 minutes:

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 and Year 6
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 and Year 5
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception

During the meeting, you will have opportunities to ask questions do hope that your child has enjoyed their first week back and thank you for all the kind messages of support you have shared with us. The staff are all desperate to keep school operating as normally as we possibly can during these difficult times. You can help us to do this by being vigilant and following advice. It is our hope that we can come out of lockdown without the need to close bubbles so please be sure to inform us immediately if you or anyone in your family begins to show symptoms of Covid-19 and do consider the necessity of things like playdates. Hopefully, there will be plenty of opportunity to reinstate all the things the children enjoy doing out of school before too long.

The school's Covid-19 risk assessment has been regularly updated and the latest version can be found on our website. Here you can see what we have in place to keep everyone safe and you can also find links to useful websites. I appreciate that it is an anxious time for everyone but the team is committed to doing everything it can to help see you and the children through. With this in mind, today you have been sent a link to a survey. In carrying it out we have a clear objective, to gauge how you view what we are doing in school and to find out how your child has adapted to life under COVID-19. If you could find a moment to complete it, I would be most grateful. Thank you.

I hope you have a lovely weekend. Stay safe.

Anna Smith

## CALENDAR DATES

10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	PTA AGM via zoom
13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need (details to be confirmed)
16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Meet the Teacher Year 1 & 6 via Google Classroom
17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Meet the Teacher Year 4 & 5 via Google Classroom
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Meet the Teacher Year 2 via Google Classroom
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Meet the Teacher Year 3 via Google Classroom
20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Meet the Teacher Year R via Google Classroom
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Maths Week (please see above)
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	11+ Results