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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 and it's been lovely to see familiar faces return. We all hope you've had a lovely summer break.

Several projects were completed over the holiday, perhaps most notably the redecoration of the Year 1 and Year 6 classrooms. The site is looking smart and welcoming. This term we have welcomed a number of new staff which you may remember from a letter sent out towards the end of last term. Mrs Weller has joined our Reception and Key Stage 1 team, teaching Monday and Tuesday in EYFS, and on Wednesday in Y1. Miss Bowater, who many of you will already know, is also in Y1. Miss Martin and Mrs Perry have joined our team of Teaching Assistants and Mr Whitson will be working alongside Ms O'Reilly and Y3 this term gaining a deeper knowledge of primary education. I know you will do all you can to make them feel welcome.

Thank you for your support this week in helping us to ensuring a smooth transition back to the classroom for the children. I do hope your child has spoken positively about the week. We have used the time to establish classroom routines, introduce new topics and design a new School Charter, a set of statements which guides us in ensuring the year ahead is happy for everyone. The children came up with the most wonderful ideas which reflect our vision and values perfectly. They have demonstrated throughout the week how strongly embedded our message of love and kindness is.

The usual system for dropping off children in the morning, Reception children arriving at the front everyone else making their way to classrooms by entering at the back of the school, continues to run smoothly as does the afternoon pick-up so 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 after which the gates are locked. 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 support.

Meet the Teacher Meetings:

Over the next two weeks 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 11th – Year 6
Tuesday 12th – Year 1
Wednesday 13th – EYFS
Thursday 14th – Year 4

Tuesday 19th – Year 2
Thursday 21st – Year 5
Friday 22nd – Year 3

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. For those of you with children new to the school, instructions on how to access this learning platform will be sent to you so do familiarise yourself with how to log on before the meeting. Please note **that in order to gain access to the site you must log in using your child's school email address not yours**. This is sometimes where parents become unstuck. If you follow the instructions on the letter the office sends you, you should have no issue. I do hope you will be able to attend these sessions.

Google Classroom is a learning platform primarily for the pupils. The 'Steam' allows us to post messages to the children and them to share news with their class mates. The 'Classwork' section is separated out with headings where homework is posted along with other things like Collective Worship. We also use the 'Classwork' section to post stories and photographs of special events which have happened in school. For instance, last year we posted images of the children celebrating Christmas, Book Week, Arts and Culture Week, Sports Week, King Charles's coronation and the Y6 residential trip to Devon. It's a lovely way to bring the whole school together through shared experiences. Do take a look!

How You Can Help your Child Manage the Routines of the Day and Access Learning:

At the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings, the class teacher will offer you a range of specific strategies to support your child. Some important ones include sending your child to school each day with the correct equipment including a water bottle. When ordering a lunch for your child get them involved in choosing. Reading to them or hearing them read every day has an enormous impact. Please feel free to write in their reading diary-we enjoy seeing your positive comments. And do help them to access Google Classroom. You will have seen today that homework tasks have been posted and we encourage you to get involved in supporting your child complete these tasks. Everything they do in school is supported by teacher input so doing the same at home helps to broaden their knowledge. We are looking forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year to help your child reach their full potential.

P.E. Timetable:

This year the children will continue to come to school wearing P.E. kit on the days when P.E. lessons fall. Therefore, on these days please send your child in wearing the correct school P.E. kit, looking as smart as they did on sports day! This requires them to wear **navy** shorts/skort (or **navy** tracksuit trousers/leggings) with a white polo shirt with or without the school logo on. Only **navy** hoodies/tracksuit tops are permitted. For information on the correct P.E. kit and regular school uniform, please follow the link to our website:

[Policies \(holytrinitysch.co.uk\)](http://www.holytrinitysch.co.uk)

If your child attends a sports club, for instance Play Ball and iPro Soccer School, they may also come to school wearing school P.E. kit on the day the club meets if they wish. However, if they prefer to wear alternative gear like football kit **they must come to school in uniform and change before the club begins.** This will ensure they are smart and in the correct kit at all times.

This term P.E. lessons will take place on the following days:

EYFS (Cygnet Class): **Tuesday and Thursday**

Year 1 (Swan Class): **Tuesday and Thursday**

Year 2 (Kingfisher Class): **Monday and Tuesday**

Year 3 (Gosling Class): **Monday and Thursday** (in Term 1 & 2, swimming sessions will be on Tuesday – please refer to the swimming letter. Your child should come to school with their swimming gear wearing their usual school uniform **not** PE kit.)

Year 4 (Teal Class): **Monday and Thursday**

Year 5 (Cormorant Class): **Monday and Tuesday**

Year 6 (Moorhen Class): **Tuesday and Thursday**

Thank you for your support in naming all your child's kit and sending them in looking smart and ready for learning whatever day of the week it is.

On a regular basis throughout the year our PTA will be running pre-loved uniform sales. Look out for details of when these will be on PTA WhatsApp. You may have noticed a black bin at the back of the hall. If you have any uniform to donate to the PTA, it can be placed here. Please ensure items of clothing are washed and in a good state of repair. Many thanks go to the PTA for managing this for us.

Our PTA do a wonderful job fundraising for the school and bringing the community together. I hope that those of you who went to breakfast organised by them enjoyed the event. This year, continue to look out for things happening which are published on the PTA Sharing WhatsApp Group and Facebook page. Their next meeting, to which you are all invited, is on 20th September. Save the date!

Attendance:

As some of you will be aware from newsletters last year, the expectation of the DfE is that attendance for every child should be above 95%. If a child's attendance is below 90% he/she is regarded as persistently absent and anything below 50% is classified as severely absent. Attendance figures are reported on end of year report cards and low absence can trigger involvement from the Borough's Education Welfare Team and an officer making a visit to a home. Absences for anything other than examinations, illness or medical appointments are not permitted. If you have a need to take your child out of school for any one of these things you must complete a 'Request for Absence' form which you can get from the office. Absences for anything else will be marked as unauthorised.

Before the holiday many children received a certificate for 100% attendance during the Summer Term with several having an attendance figure of 100% for the whole year. This is a fine achievement for which they were congratulated.

Next year we hope to see more children on the list. While I appreciate how difficult it can be to arrange appointments outside school hours, any time away from the classroom is incredibly disruptive and days out of school for family events or holidays are not allowed. A lesson missed puts a child at a disadvantage especially when that lesson falls within a sequence of planned learning activities. We ask for your support in helping us focus on ensuring those children who are absent because of genuine illness are helped to catch up.

Nut Free:

Please note, we have a very strict No Nut policy because of a number of children with severe allergies. When sending your child in with a packed lunch or snacks to eat at breaktime, please also be very vigilant on this matter. Items containing sesame seeds are also prohibited. This policy must also be adhered to if you choose to send your child in with treats to hand out to the class on their birthday.

As part of our science and Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE) programmes, we promote healthy eating. To support us in delivering a consistent message please send your child in only with healthy snacks, i.e. fruit to eat at break time. We provide the children in Reception and KS1 (Y1 & Y2) with a healthy snack.

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. This helps the team when placing orders.

Contact and Medical Details:

In the interests of safeguarding, please ensure you keep the office informed on any changes to your child's medical or dietary needs and emergency contact details.

Clubs:

We are delighted to be able to offer a number of extra-curricular clubs again this year which we hope will interest and excite the children. Do look out for flyers from club providers which the office will send out periodically. Please note, places get booked up quickly, so to secure a place and avoid disappointment book as soon as you are able. We are thrilled to offer a new club this term, 'Yoga and Mindfulness for Kids'. See below for details.

Extra-Curricular activities running this term and details of providers:

Club	Year Group	Day/Time	Contact Details	Arrangements for drop-off/pick-up
Early Bird Club	All	Start time 8am each day of the week	No requirement to book, simply drop off anytime between 8am and 8:45pm. Payment should be made through your ScoPay account	Arrive through the back door of the hall
After School Provision	All	From 3:15pm	Book directly: holytrinity@wraparoundcare4u.com	See WrapAroundCare4U for details: information sent out via email
Spanish Club	Year 5 & 6	Monday before school at 8:20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive through the back door of the hall (starting 11.9.23)
iPro Football	KS2 boys	Monday lunchtime	Book directly: Office 07908 172175 Email: office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk	Pupils taking part may come to school in their school PE kit to avoid the need to change
Playball	EYFS & Year 1	Monday, finish time: 4:15pm	Book online: http://www.playballkids.com/f/southbucks	Collect from the back door of the school hall (starting 11.9.23)
Junior Choir	Years 3 & 4	Tuesday before school, start time: 8am ALL WELCOME	All welcome, simply come along larainebrownbda@gmail.com (starting from 26 th September)	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Spanish Club	Year 2	Tuesday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive through the back door of the hall (starting 12.9.23)
Little Samurai	EYFS, Y1 & Y2	Tuesday, finish time: 4:15pm	Book directly: 07828 534817 www.SamuraiKickboxing.com info@SamuraiKickboxing.com	Collect from the back door of the school hall (starting 12.9.23)
Football	Year 5 & 6 boys and girls	Tuesday, finish time 4:30pm	All welcome; please refer to Mr Whittle's letter	Collect from the back gate
Rock Steady	EYFS – Y6	Wednesday morning	Book directly: 0330 113 0330 Rocksteadymusicschool.com	N/A lessons take place during the school day
Netball	Years 5 & 6	Wednesday before school, start time: 8am	All welcome (starting from 13 th September)	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Spanish Club	Year 1	Wednesday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive through the back door of the hall (starting 13.9.23)
iPro Football	KS2 girls	Wednesday lunchtime	Book directly: Office 07908 172175 Email: office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk	Pupils taking part may come to school in their school PE kit to avoid the need to change
Spanish Club	Year 3	Wednesday after school, finish time 3:50pm	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Collect from the front entrance of school (starting 13.9.23)
Yoga & Mindfulness	?	Wednesday, finish time 4:30pm	Book directly by contacting Sallie Windsor: 07846 992824 sallie.windsor@nurturekidsyoga.com	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Senior Choir	Years 5 & 6	Thursday before school, start time: 8am ALL WELCOME	All welcome, simply come along larainebrownbda@gmail.com (starting from 28 th September)	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Young Samurai	Years 3 - 6	Thursday after school, finish time: 4:15pm	Book directly: 07828 534817 www.SamuraiKickboxing.com or info@SamuraiKickboxing.com Collect from the back door of the school hall	
Spanish Club	Year 4	Friday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive through the back door of the hall (starting 15.9.23)
Sewing Club	Year 1 – 6	Friday after school, finish time: 4:30pm	Book directly: 07782 253565 anita@dhaaga-sewing.co.uk	Collect from the front entrance of school
IPro Football	Years 1 - 6	Friday after school, finish time: 4:30pm	Book directly: Office 07908 172175 Email: office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk	Children attending this club are permitted to come to school wearing their school P.E. kit with a football shirt to change into at the end of the day if they wish. Collect from the back gate
Maestro Music	EYFS – Y6	Various days during the week	Book directly: lornarennie@berkshiremaestros.org.uk	Times of lessons determined by Maestros

Parking:

Because of the narrowness of School Lane and the congestion this can cause, it has been helpful that, with the weather so lovely this week, so many children have been able to walk. If there is need to park a vehicle please be considerate of our neighbours and avoid parking across driveways. Please also avoid parking close to junctions or on pavements which forces those walking, sometimes with younger children in buggies, to step onto the road.

Pick – Up:

If someone other than yourself is collecting your child, please email or phone the office in plenty of time to inform us. Do also let us know in writing if you grant permission for your child to walk home on their own.

Buckinghamshire Transfer Tests:

If you have a child in Year 6 and you have registered them with Buckinghamshire Country Council, you will be aware that transfer tests are scheduled for next week. The familiarisation test will be carried out on Tuesday 12th and the transfer test on two days later. We expect the results of these tests in October.

Charity Work:

Last year we were hugely successful in supporting a number of charities some of which came from initiatives led by the children. For many years we have had a special relationship with a school in Ethiopia, Gende Tesfa, which we learnt about through the charity 'Partners for Change, Ethiopia'. More recently Basso School has also benefitted from our fundraising. Through our Lent 'Pennies for Change' project last spring we raised £1052.72 in support of their Breakfast Club Campaign which included £500 from the Shanly Foundation who added to our pot having been so inspired by the work we did. The money we raised provided 80 of the poorest children with a nutritional daily breakfast along with school materials to help them learn. This week's ice cream and lolly sales after school, organised by Mrs Ransome, were also to raise money for 'PfC, Ethiopia'. On Sunday she will be hoping to raise more by taking on the 50k Thames Path Challenge. If you would like to support her in reaching her target simply go to:

[Gemma Ransome is fundraising for Partners for Change Ethiopia \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/GemmaRansome)

School Ties:

In recognition of their graduation from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2, every child in Y3 was given a school tie this week as a gift. Their homework this weekend is to learn to tie it!

Finally, we finished the week celebrating Holy Trinity's 165th birthday. For news on this and other things as they happen in school why not sign up to follow us on 'X' previously known as Twitter. If we don't immediately grant you access, please email the office. Sometimes we can't be sure who is making a request.

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

Please continue to refer to this section in our newsletter throughout the year to keep abreast of what is happening in school. Dates will be added on a regular basis.

11 th – 22 nd September	'Meet the Teacher Meetings'
12 th September	Bucks CC Familiarisation Test (11+)
14 th September	Bucks CC Transfer Test (11+)
18 th - 21 st September	Year 6 Cycling Proficiency (See letter sent out this week)
20 th September	PTA Virtual Meeting 7:30pm
20 th September	Y6 Residential Trip Virtual Meeting with Roger Sell of CRS Adventures 4:00pm (details to follow)
28 th September	Maidenhead Advertiser 'My First Class Photo' to be taken in school 9:30am (Reception Class)
30 th September	PTA Inter Committee Football event
3 rd – 7 th October	Henley Festival (virtual workshops organised for the children in school)
3 rd & 5 th October	Virtual Parent Consultations (information to follow)
16 th – 20 th October	Science & Technology Week
16 th – 20 th October	Open House Session to view classrooms 3:15pm -4pm (KS2 on Tuesday, EYFS & KS1 on Wednesday)
19 th October	PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale
23rd - 27th October	HALF TERM
13 th – 17 th November	Maths & Computing Week
5 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 2pm
6 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 6pm
4 th – 8 th March	Book week
5 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations
7 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations
13 th – 16 th May	KS2 SATs
10 th – 14 th June	Arts and Culture Week
24 th – 28 th June	Y6 Residential Trip
24 th – 4 th July	Sports Week
5 th July	Sports Day