



KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Thank you for taking note of the systems we have introduced, which I wrote about in last week's newsletter, to ensure the safe drop-off and pick-up of children. The procedures for arriving promptly and leaving forgotten items outside the main entrance only on occasions, have freed up the office staff to answer calls from those parents who are ringing in to report a child's absence. It would also appear that the information we have provided you with on how to distinguish between the symptoms of coronavirus and other common ailments is helping you to make your own decision on whether it is appropriate to send your child to school. This remains enormously helpful. Please continue to refer to the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/> if needs be, and take your children's temperature each morning before sending them.

Arrangements for drop-off and pick up next week remain the same:

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

This week I received a letter from local councillor Stuart Carroll containing an attachment 'COVID19 Info. for Young People'. As well as containing information for young people there is some helpful advice for parents. This has been sent to you as an attachment. You were also sent a letter from Public Health England on Wednesday about coronavirus testing which will be sent to you again today. Do take a moment to look at the latest school risk assessment which contains these letters and which can be found on the school website.

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline also remains available to answer questions you may have about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education and children's social care. To support the transition back to education, their opening hours have been extended and are now available 10am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline by calling: 0800 046 8687. Opening hours are Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm and Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm.

Finally, after the Prime Ministers announcement on Tuesday and the introduction of measures to address the rising cases of coronavirus in England, you may find the following website useful in helping you understand what has changed.

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/coronavirus-covid-19-what-has-changed-22-september?utm_source=23%20September%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Reporting Absence:

If your child is not in school it is important that you inform the office of their absence **on each day they are away** (even if these days are consecutive). An email is sufficient or alternatively you can telephone, and if necessary leave a message.

Individual Photographs:

On Wednesday the school photographer was in school taking individual photos of the children. In the coming weeks you will receive notification of how to order your child's photo. This information will appear in the newsletter and will also be emailed to you.

Macmillan Coffee Morning:

Thank you for helping us to support Macmillan today by sending your child to school wearing something green. Together we have raised £218 which will be sent off to the charity in due course. Thank you.

Lost Property:

We are finding that the number of mislaid items is considerably less this term. When things do go missing, as so much is now named it is very easy to return them. Thank you for taking the time to label everything your child is bringing to school. Please do continue to check that names remain visible and clear in the coming weeks as we are unable to return any lost property items not marked.

Lunch:

The introduction of a new menu this week seems to have gone down well with the children. They certainly seem to have enjoyed the hot choices which we have still been able to deliver to classroom in grab bags. The new menu, which was emailed to you last week, can also be found on our website. If you wish to order a school lunch for your child, you should continue to do so from home; you will be charged through your Scopay account (if applicable).

Please note there will be a special menu served on Thursday 1st October. Do look out for this.

Nasal Flu Immunisation:

Yesterday you will have received a letter (via email) which contains an E-consent link which you will need to complete should you wish for your child to take part in the flu immunisation scheme in school this year. The immunisation programme at Holy Trinity is scheduled for 22nd October and, this year, is for all year groups. Please take a moment to read through the leaflet which was sent out with the letter as it contains important information on things like allergies.

Extra-Curricular Clubs:

As I wrote in the newsletter last week, the surveys you completed really helped us to organise extra-curricular activities with external providers. The timetable is shown below with the addition this week of Spanish Club. With some club providers requiring a minimum number to operate, they are still in the process of determining if a club can go ahead but many are set to start. Please note, **clubs will run on a weekly basis unless otherwise stated below.**

You will have received, or are about to receive, further details from each club provider so do look out for letters and flyers which will be emailed directly to you. **Any enquiries you may have should be made to the specific club provider, not the school office.** They will be able to inform you if clubs are able to start because enough are signed up or if there are any spaces available for new comers.

As I indicated in the newsletter last week, after school clubs will finish at the time stated below with our external providers handing your child over to you at the side gate where you ordinarily pick them up. In order to help us keep bubbles apart, please arrive promptly at the time given so we can be sure all children from one bubble have departed before a new bubble arrives for their hand-over. It would be most helpful if you could then leave promptly with your child/children and avoid congregating around the gate. If you have more than one child at Holy Trinity, when one is staying behind to take part in an extra-curricular activity we are unable to make provision for siblings to stay. Therefore, you will need to make two pick-ups on a club day, one at the time when school finishes for one child, another when the club finishes.

If your child is attending a club before school (as indicated below), they should arrive just ahead of the club starting, enter the building through the back of the hall as those attending Breakfast Club do, make their way to an outside sink to wash their hands then head to the appropriate location where the club provider will be waiting. In the case of siblings, you can either send them to Breakfast Club (£1 for an early drop off) or you can bring them later at the time when their year group arrives.

We are now in the process of establishing which clubs the staff might run. Current provision means there is a fairly even distribution of activities across both key stages and we will continue to be fair in the way extra-curricular activities are allocated. However, our top priority will always be on providing safe provision where bubbles can be isolated from each other.

The list will be published in the next couple of weeks in the hope that all clubs will be up and running after half term. Thank you for continuing to remain patience as we find ways of introducing things in a safe and organised manner.

Club:	Year Group:	Day/time:	Beginning on:	Location:	Additional Details:
Samurai, Kickboxing	Reception, Y1, Y2	Tuesday after school - times vary depending on year group	Currently running	Parish Centre	Please refer to the letter from Samurai for specific details and to sign up (already sent via email)
Samurai, Kickboxing	Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6	Thursday after school - times vary depending on year group	Currently running	Parish Centre	
Choir	Y3	Fortnightly on Tuesdays at 8am	Tuesday 29 th September (and fortnightly from then on)	SHEL	Children should arrive at 8am, enter school through the hall and make their way to the SHEL after washing their hands
Choir	Y4	Fortnightly on Thursdays at 8am	Thursday 1 st October (and fortnightly from then on)	SHEL	
Choir	Y5	Fortnightly on Tuesdays at 8am	Tuesday 6 th October (and fortnightly from then on)	SHEL	
Choir	Y6	Fortnightly on Thursdays at 8am	Thursday 8 th October (and fortnightly from then on)	SHEL	
Enterprise	Y5				Cancelled by provider owing to low numbers
Spanish	Y5 & Y6	Monday 8:20am to 8:50am	Monday 28 th September	SHEL	Children should arrive at 8am, enter school through the hall and make their way to the SHEL after washing their hands
Spanish	Y2	Tuesday 8:20am to 8:50am	Tuesday 29 th September	Y2 classroom	Children should arrive at 8am, enter school through the hall and make their way to Y2 after washing their hands
Spanish	Y1	Wednesday 8:20am to 8:50am	Wednesday 30 th September	Y1 classroom	Children should arrive at 8am, enter school through the hall and make their way to Y1 after washing their hands
Spanish	Y4	Wednesday 3:20pm to 3:50pm	Wednesday 30 th September	Y4 classroom	Children will wait in the Year 4 classroom for Mrs Pow.
Spanish	Y3	Friday 8:20am to 8:50am	Friday 2 nd October	Y3 classroom	Children should arrive at 8am, enter school through the hall and make their way to Y3 after washing their hands
Pro-Direct Football	Y1	Friday 3:20 – 4:20pm (may have to be cancelled in poor weather)	Friday 25 th September	School field	Please refer to the letter from the team for specific details and to sign up. Your child should come to school wearing school P.E. kit.
Pro-Direct Football	Y2	Friday 2:55 – 3:55pm (may have to be cancelled in poor weather)	Friday 25 th September	School field	Please refer to the letter from the team for specific details and to sign up. Your child should come to school wearing school P.E. kit.
Pro-Direct Football	Y3 & Y4	Friday 3:30 – 4:30pm (may have to be cancelled in poor weather)	Friday 25 th September	School field	Please refer to the letter from the team for specific details and to sign up. Your child should come to school wearing school P.E. kit.
Pro-Direct Football	Y5 & Y6				Cancelled by provider owing to low numbers
Sewing	Y2	Friday 2:55 – 3:55pm	Delayed start until 2nd October	Y2 classroom	Please refer to the letter for specific details and to sign up
Sewing	Y3	Friday 3:30 – 4:30pm	Delayed start until 2nd October	Y3 classroom	Please refer to the letter for specific details and to sign up

Please note all registration forms and payments for clubs must be sent directly to the provider and not handed into the school office.

Homework:

Next week we will continue to circulate homework through Google Classroom with the children completing tasks in homework exercise books; your child can either answer directly into their book or print off activity sheets and answer on them before trimming and sticking the sheet into their book. Staff will aim to set activities which do not require you to do lots of printing or for the children to look at a screen for extended periods.

With a need to change our timetable, we are forever mindful of maximising curriculum time. Issuing homework through Google Classroom has saved a considerable amount of time in class and we are finding there are no longer problems with the children mislaying sheets. The system also reduces the number of people having to handle sheets of paper, especially paper going back and forth from home to school. If you have any difficulty accessing homework tasks, please do email the school office marking your email for the attention of your child's class teacher. We are grateful for your patience while we continue to refine this new system of homework setting.

Last week recommended reading lists were issued which we hope you found useful. This week, along with the usual homework tasks, we will post maths booklets on the site. These, relevant for your child's year group, the year above and the year below, are designed to help you understand key areas of the maths curriculum and how it is taught in school. They should help you appreciate some of the strategies taught and they also direct you to useful websites. Do take a look.

I was thrilled this week to see some decorated pebbles appear along the path. I hope they made you smile as you too saw the positive messages they convey. If your child is yet to design a pebble, do encourage them to do so; we require enough to extend along the entire length of the front of school. The School Charter which I referred to has now been posted on Google Classroom as a reference point for this project.

Science Week:

Despite the current guidelines and the restrictions these place on schools, we are trying as best we can, within the confines placed upon us, to make things as normal as possible for the children. This week the staff have been exploring how we might organise Science Week which has provisionally been timetabled for the 19th – 23rd October. We are limited on what we can do but already ideas are starting to form. You might be able to help us. Please look out for a letter from Mrs Cornwell, our science lead, which will explain all.

Henley Literary Festival:

Just as we are investigating new ways of organising events, so too are the organisers of Henley Literary Festival. This year many personalities will be speaking to audiences in a virtual way. We have been lucky enough to book workshops for every class in the school which means that, at certain times during the week, we will be logging in and hearing authors speak about the books they have written and what has inspired them. We do hope that the children will come home and tell you about the sessions they have been part of.

Design a Christmas Card:

As in previous years, Theresa May, is inviting children aged 11 and younger who live in her constituency to design a Christmas card for her to send out this year. The theme is 'my favourite thing about Christmas'. Entries for the competition should be marked 'Theresa May's Christmas Card Competition' and sent to Maidenhead Advertiser, 48 Bell Street, Maidenhead, SL6 1HX. **The closing date for entries is Friday, October 16.** A flyer, containing further details is attached.

I do hope that you and your family have a happy and safe weekend.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

28 th Sep	Henley Virtual Festival - Author Katherine Rundell (Year 6)
29 th Sep	Henley Virtual Festival - Author Marion Deuchars (Year R, 1 & 2)
30 th Sep	Henley Virtual Festival - Author Leila Rasheed (Year 3 & 4)
2 nd Oct	Henley Virtual Festival – Authors Omar Mohamed & Victoria Jamieson (Year 5)
14 th Oct	Phonics Workshop (Reception & KS1) details to follow
16 th Oct	Closing date for Theresa May's Christmas Card competition
19 th – 23 rd Oct	Science Week
22 nd Oct	Nasal Flu Immunisation (All Years) details to follow
31 st Oct	Deadline for Secondary School Applications (Sept 2021)
26 th – 31 st Oct	Half Term
3 rd Nov	BucksCC Transfer Practice Test (11+)
5 th Nov	BucksCC Transfer Test (11+)