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*Jesus said, "Just as I have loved you, you should also love one another."*

John 13:34-35

## KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

As the weather becomes colder it is incredibly helpful if you can send your child to school each day with a coat, **particularly a waterproof one on the days when it is raining and when your child has P.E.** We aim to use the outside space as much as possible. Reception children should also come to school with wellington boots which can be left in their cloakroom to avoid the need to take them home each evening.

As all sports lessons are currently being conducted outside wherever possible to avoid multiple bubbles using the hall, on days when your child has P.E, please also consider sending them in wearing navy tracksuit trousers and hoodies as well as a waterproof jacket. (For details on uniform, including P.E. kit, please refer to our policy on the website.) On P.E. days when it is, or might become wet, please also send them in with spare P.E. kit (including socks) which they could change into if they get caught in a shower. Trainers should also stay in school for the week for the purpose of completing the daily mile.

Keeping doors and windows open throughout the day to ensure a good level of ventilation remains imperative. We will continue to review how we do this as the days get colder but, in the meantime, vests and other underlayers are advisable.

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child comes to school each day with only the essential items listed in last week's newsletter. As a reminder, pupils in Reception and KS1 will be provided with writing equipment which will be named and which only they will use. However, pupils in KS2 are encouraged to bring their own named writing equipment to school each day in a simple, see-through, plastic, zipped pencil case. This should consist of:

- 2 x pencils (HB grade)
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- Handwriting pen (not a biro or cartridge pen please)
- Child-safe pair of scissors
- Glue stick
- 30cm clear, rigid, ruler
- Colouring pencil crayons

They will be provided with additional equipment which only they will use.

In addition, your child, whether they are in Reception, KS1 or KS2, should bring to school every day:

- a water bottle (please note our outside water fountain is no longer available)
- a packed lunch (unless a school lunch has been ordered-please no nut products)
- reading book and reading record book
- packet of tissues
- hand sanitizer

Everything should be clearly named. Thank you for your continued support; it does make a difference and with cases of Covid-19 on the rise in borough schools it is imperative that we all remain vigilant and follow procedure.

### School Protocol for Managing Covid-19:

Please do continue to refer to newsletters from the start of term (which can be found on the school website ([holytrinitysch.co.uk](http://holytrinitysch.co.uk)) that outline what you should do if your child starts displaying symptoms of coronavirus. In such cases, the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> also provides clear guidance.

If your child becomes ill at school with Covid-19 symptoms, we will isolate them and ask you to come and collect them (and any siblings) as soon as possible so that you can seek advice from the NHS on whether or not they require a test.

If your child, currently in a different setting, is sent home to get a test, please inform us immediately and be prepared to come and collect siblings from our school office. While awaiting test results please do not send your child to school and only do so when you are in receipt of a negative test result for whoever has been tested.

Should you receive a positive test result for anyone in the household, please inform the school office without delay to allow us to contact Public Health England to seek advice on what to do as a result. We have a strict protocol to follow in such circumstances.

Should we need to, we will disseminate work to those children unable to attend school for an extended period through Google Classroom. **Please do email the school office ([office@holytrinitysch.co.uk](mailto:office@holytrinitysch.co.uk)) if you are still having difficulty accessing this system for homework tasks.** Sorting out these problems early on, will help us to ensure everyone is set up should we need to rely more on our online platform date for sending out work at a later. Increasingly, we will also use this platform and Google Meet to communicate with you, particularly as virtual events are planned.

#### Science Week:

We are now just a week away from the start of Science Week, (19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> October). Last week you were sent a letter from Mrs Cornwell outlining some of the things we have been able to plan safely for the children. In making it a week which the pupils remember, we are after your help. If you work in the field of science and feel you would like to be part of our Science Week by presenting to a class in a virtual way, we would love to hear from you. Please refer to the letter from Mrs Cornwell, our science lead, which explains how you can get involved. Already several have registered interest which we are delighted about. Thank you.

Do look out for the DT challenge that will be set for your child on Thursday of next week. It will be posted on Google Classroom and your child will have a week to complete it. Finished products should be brought to school on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October (during Science Week) for testing and evaluating. They will be brought home the same day.

#### Phonics Workshop (Reception, Y1 & Y2):

Next week, if you have a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 you are invited to a virtual workshop which will focus on early reading and phonics. The team will explain how phonics is taught in school and guide you in ways of helping your child become a more confident reader. **The session, which is at 4pm on Wednesday (14.10.20)**, can be accessed via Google Classroom. You will be sent an invite through this platform so do look out for details. It would be wonderful to present to a full house.

#### Nasal Flu Immunisation:

There is not much time left for you to indicate if you wish your child to take part in the nasal flu immunisation programme this year. Two weeks ago, you received a letter (via email) which contained an E-consent link which you were asked to complete should you wish for your child to take part. The immunisation programme at Holy Trinity is scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> October and, this year, is for all year groups. If you haven't already done so, 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. **It would be helpful if you could complete registration as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.** The details of how to do this are contained within the email you were sent. Thank you.

#### Harvest Festival:

For reasons you will understand, we have not been able to visit Holy Trinity Church for our annual celebration of harvest this year. However, on Tuesday (13.10.20), we will be celebrating this special time in school and thanking God for the gifts he has given us. We would like to support the church by collecting food products which will be passed to 'Foodshare, Maidenhead'. 'Foodshare' is a Registered Charity with a simple charitable objective: to help people in and around Maidenhead who are, for whatever reason, unable to feed themselves and their families properly. If you would like to donate to this charity, on Tuesday you can send your child in with and dried or tinned products. There will be an outside drop off point for these goods at the side gate; the children should leave their gift here. We will then ensure they are delivered to church. We hope for a bountiful collection.

#### Breakfast Club:

When we returned to school in September, we made a decision to offer you an early drop off and we would like to continue to be able to do this. However, at the moment Breakfast Club is running at a loss. Currently, we are not in a position to reinstate the serving of breakfast but the numbers attending still demanding two members of staff being on duty. Therefore, **from next week (Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October) if you wish to drop your child off early, anytime between 8:00am and 8:45am, the cost of doing so will be £2.20.** This will be charged to your Scopay account. Thank you for your understanding.

#### Extra-Curricular Clubs:

A number of extra-curricular activities began last week with the arrangements we have put in place jointly with external club providers running smoothly. Unfortunately, a couple have been cancelled as a small number of sign-ups did not make running them viable. However, if there is new interest, clubs can be reinstated. Club providers will be able to inform you if

there are any spaces available so do contact them if and voice your interest. (Please refer to the joining sheets, which were emailed out to you initially, for the contact details if you wish to enquiry about space availability.) **We kindly ask you to note that any enquiries you may have should be made to the specific club provider, not the school office.** The weather last Friday meant Pro-Direct Football had to be cancelled. If your child has signed up to this club, thank you for being vigilant in looking out for the message from the team informing you of this. It meant everyone turned up at the regular pick-up time and no child was left waiting. However, for the system to run smoothly, it is important that you pass to them contact details for both parents. Please do this as soon as you are able. In the meantime, Pro-Direct will contact you with details of how they will credit you for the session missed.

The current timetable for extra-curricular activities is:

Club:	Year Group:	Day/time:	Beginning/started 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	<b>Fortnightly</b> on Tuesdays at 8am	Began Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> 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	<b>Fortnightly</b> on Thursdays at 8am	Began Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October (and fortnightly from then on)	SHEL	
Choir	Y5	<b>Fortnightly</b> on Tuesdays at 8am	Began Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October (and fortnightly from then on)	SHEL	
Choir	Y6	<b>Fortnightly</b> on Thursdays at 8am	Began Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> October (and fortnightly from then on)	SHEL	
<b>Enterprise</b>	<b>Y5</b>				
Spanish	Y5 & Y6	Monday 8:20am to 8:50am	Began Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> September (weekly)	SHEL	Children 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	Began Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September (weekly)	Y2 classroom	Children 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	Began Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September (weekly)	Y1 classroom	Children 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	Began Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September (weekly)	Y4 classroom	Children remain in their classroom at the end of the day for the club provider to arrive. Pick up is at 3:50pm at the gate where you ordinarily wait.
Spanish	Y3	Friday 8:20am to 8:50am	Began Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October (weekly)	Y3 classroom	Children 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)	Began Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September (weekly)	School field	Please refer to the letter from the team for specific details and to sign up. Your child should come to school wearing <b>school P.E. kit.</b>
Pro-Direct Football	Y2	Friday 2:55 – 3:55pm (may have to be cancelled in poor weather)	Began Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September (weekly)	School field	Please refer to the letter from the team for specific details and to sign up. Your child should come to school wearing <b>school P.E. kit.</b>
Pro-Direct Football	Y3 & Y4	Friday 3:30 – 4:30pm (may have to be cancelled in poor weather)	Began Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September (weekly)	School field	Please refer to the letter from the team for specific details and to sign up. Your child should come to school wearing <b>school P.E. kit.</b>
<b>Pro-Direct Football</b>	<b>Y5 &amp; Y6</b>				<b>Currently cancelled by provider owing to low numbers</b>
<b>Sewing</b>	<b>Y2</b>				<b>Cancelled</b>
<b>Sewing</b>	<b>Y3</b>				<b>Cancelled</b>

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

### Design a Christmas Card:

Over the last couple of weeks, I have drawn your attention to the fact that again this year, Theresa May, is inviting children aged 11 and younger who live in her constituency to design a Christmas card for her to send out. 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. There is still time for your child to take part; **the closing date for entries is Friday, October 16**. A flyer containing further details is attached again for your convenience.

### Samaritan's Purse-Operation Christmas Child:

Samaritan's purse is a charity which we support each year. Shoe boxes filled with small gifts are sent to poverty-stricken children worldwide. Perhaps now more than ever, as the world faces fear and uncertainty, is the time to get involved. We will not be collecting boxes in school this year. However, you may wish to mobilise your family and friends to create a gift ahead of the National Collection Week which this year falls between 9<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> November. By using the link:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/find-your-drop-off-location/>

you will be able to find your nearest drop-off location. Here you can also learn more about the work of Samaritan's Purse. If you and your family do create a gift, please send a photograph to the office; it would be lovely to share your images with the children in school.

### Twitter:

Don't forget to follow the school on Twitter. To sign up and be the first to hear of events as they happen @HTSchoolCookham

Finally, after a virtual meeting with Kevin McDaniel, RBWM's Director of Children Services and head teachers from across the borough this morning, I have been updated on the situation regarding Covid-19 locally. It would appear from the data, that although the South East has fewer cases than other areas in the country, notably in the north, the rate of infection in the borough is generally running at approximately double the rate in the rest of the south east. The worry is, that if this continues, we will fall into a threshold which will result in much more stringent lockdown procedures being imposed on us.

I, along with all heads, have been asked to share this information with you and remind you of the advice published by the government on how to stay safe, notably the 'Hands, Face, Space' campaign. I have learnt today that approximately 80% of the cases in the borough are isolated cases i.e. cases not spread within one organisation but caused by infected people moving from place to place, from one organisation to another and therefore, passing the virus to others across multiple locations. Children's play dates seem to be a major contributory factor. Please be mindful of this and limit such activities wherever possible.

I do hope that you and your family enjoy the weekend.

Anna Smith

## CALENDAR DATES

14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Phonics Workshop (Reception & KS1)
16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Closing date for Theresa May's Christmas Card competition
19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Science Week
22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Nasal Flu Immunisation (All Years)
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Deadline for Secondary School Applications (Sept 2021)
26 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Half Term
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	BucksCC Transfer Practice Test (11+)
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	BucksCC Transfer Test (11+)
10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	PTA AGM via zoom
13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need (details to be confirmed)
17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Virtual Open Evening for Parents of Children starting in September 2021
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Maths Week (details to follow)