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KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Thank you for your attendance at Meet the Teacher Meetings this week; we hope you found the discussion with your child's class teacher helpful. If you were unable to attend, the slides, class newsletters and other useful handouts will appear on your child's Google Classroom within the next few days. Should you have any additional pressing questions or matters you still wish to raise, you can do so by contacting your child's class teacher **through the office**, simply email office@holytrinitysch.co.uk.

With routines now embedded, the children are becoming increasing confident in how to keep themselves and others safe. They have been remarkable adaptable and resilient. While it hasn't made an enormous difference to you, the merging of some bubbles this week has made visits to the cloakroom easier and it is also helping us put together a workable extra-curricular timetable. The new configuration of the classroom has made an enormous difference to our Year 1 children who are, like the rest of the school, working hard and enjoying their learning.

Morning Drop Off:

Thank you for continuing to stick to the timetable and observing our one-way system; it is working well. We will continue to use the same system for drop off next week.

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

Afternoon Pick-Up:

The slightly modified timetable for pick-up worked very well this week so it will continue. Times are listed above. If you could continue to leave promptly and avoid congregating around the gate having picked up your child it would help us to spot waiting parents. Thank you.

Spotting Signs of Illness and Acting Appropriately:

I hope you found the email I sent out at the beginning of the week useful in helping you to decide how to manage illness. The official guidance school has received, states that if pupils (or staff) feel unwell they should get tested if:

- They develop one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms which are:
 - A high temperature (this means feeling hot to touch on the chest or back)
 - A new, continuous cough (this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours particularly if those who usually have a cough find it is worse than usual)
 - The loss or change in a sense of taste or smell (this means noticing an inability to smell or taste anything or realising that things smell or taste different from normal)
- They are recommended to get tested by a health care provider e.g. doctor or nurse.

Guidance goes on to state that it's only if a pupil or staff member develops one or more of the above symptoms that they should be tested. In such cases there is no requirement for their household to be tested unless they too are symptomatic. The advice is very clear that if anyone has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus they should:

- Get a test as soon as possible to determine if they have or haven't got it
- Stay at home and not have visitors until test results have been received (one is only permitted to leave home to have a test)

In these circumstances, the guidance specifies that anyone you live with and anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home until test results have been received. You may find the NHS website useful in helping you to determine whether or not to send your child to school. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Clearly, as we approach winter it is likely that we will all develop colds and other ailments. In order to prevent the spread of any illness, if your child is sneezing, for instance, and releasing particles into the air, it may be advisable for them to stay away from school. There is undoubtedly a need to be cautious. However, only you can make the decision as to whether or not your child is well enough to come to school if they have symptoms of illness other than those associated with coronavirus. Unfortunately, we are unable to give advice over the phone should you choose ring the office. Regardless, continuing to send your child to school with pocket tissues and hand sanitiser is helpful.

You may have read that another sign of coronavirus in children may be an upset stomach, sickness and/or diarrhoea. School policy is, and always has been, that if a child is ill with any of these problems, on no account should they be in school. Please wait at least 24 hours, better to leave it 48 hours, after a bout of vomiting or diarrhoea before sending them back. Thank you for being vigilant, cautious and sensible in making the right decisions to help us to keep everyone safe.

Reporting Absence:

On days when you do not send your child to school, please continue to either email the office 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. It is essential that we know when, and understand why, a child is absent.

Breakfast Club:

As reported last week, from 8am up until 8:45am you may drop your child off at school. For the time being, breakfast will not be served so your child should arrive having eaten at home first. You will be charged £1 for this early drop off service which should be paid through your Scopay account.

As soon as we are able to finalise a timetable for other before and after school clubs, you will be informed.

Extra-Curricular Clubs:

As I reported last week, we are in the process of working with external providers to establish ways of reintroducing extra-curricular activities to the timetable. This week, Mrs Fisk will send you a survey to complete. On it you should indicate which club(s) your child might be interested in joining. Using this information, we will allocate specific clubs to 'bubbles' and then determine on what day they might operate. This information will also help us to decide which other extra-curricular activities school staff might run. We will aim to be fair in the way clubs are allocated but always our priority will be provide safe provision. **Please could you complete this survey by Monday 14th September at 12pm.**

Data Collection Forms:

Thank you for being prompt in ensuring data collection forms were returned in a timely fashion. Should your contact details change at any point during the year, please inform the office immediately. In current circumstances, it is essential that we have accurate and up-to-date details to allow us to contact you quickly should the need arise.

Lost Property:

Before lockdown, a number of items belonging to the children were left in school. Many of you took up the invitation to come in and collect things as lockdown began. However, some belongings remained and were put in lost property. These were sorted out this week and all named items will be returned in due course. Unfortunately, some items that were not collected have perished. Items that were able to be salvaged have been washed by Mrs Betts and will be placed along the fence next to the car park on days next week when the weather is fine. Thank you, Mrs Betts, for taking on this mammoth task!

Although we now anticipate fewer items becoming mislaid as there is no necessity to change for P.E., it is essential that anything you send your child to school with (clothing, writing equipment and items like water bottles etc.) is marked clearly with their full name. In future, we will only be able to return items to the children which are named.

Parents' Evening:

As last year, Parents' Evening is scheduled for Term 3 on Tuesday 9th February. If, at any point, you need to speak to your child's teacher about matters other than those which can be shared at the gate, you should do so by emailing them through the school office office@holyltrinitysch.co.uk

Reading Books:

If you would like to send your child to school with a book they are currently reading at home, you are welcome to do so. This book can go home with them each evening. We will, of course, continue to monitor the level at which they are reading but you can support us in this by guiding your child on the suitability of the book they choose. As always, it continues to be important that they have variety. We can do this in school but you can help by suggesting different authors, different genres, different kinds of reading material. Please refer to the suggested reading lists which were posted on Google Classroom at the end of last academic year, which will be posted again next week.

Homework:

I hope that the information you were given about homework during Meet the Teacher sessions was helpful. If you are not aware, homework this year will be disseminated through Google Classroom which the majority of you are familiar with. Tasks will be completed 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. Weekly spellings will be issued and specific maths tasks related to our Times Tables and Competency Programme will be set. As you will expect, there is an expectation that your child will read each evening and that either you or they keep a record in the Reading Record Diary. Please do refer to 'Meet the Teacher' presentation to find the particulars related to your child's year group. If anything is not clear from this or you require help logging onto Google Classroom, do email your child's class teacher.

Over the next couple of weeks, on your child's Google Classroom, we will post booklets which we hope will help you guide your child through some of the core areas of the curriculum. These were posted just before the summer break but as the children have now moved up a class we will post them again. You will see appearing Reading Lists, Maths Booklets and Spelling Booklets along with handwriting sheets and phonics activities for our younger year groups. Booklets will be posted that are relevant for your child's year group along with booklets designed specifically for the year below and above. The purpose of this is to provide support and challenge. You will also find Spelling Star words which will be changed on a termly basis.

Teaching Assistant Vacancy:

We are looking to recruit an additional member to our team. If you are interested in the position of Teaching Assistant, please see our website for details.

Finally, I will continue to use the newsletter to inform you of any changes, one of which is that our risk assessment has been updated to reflect the very latest guidance. It has replaced the previous one on our website.

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

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

23 rd September	School Photographs
25 th September	MacMillan Event (to be confirmed)
28 th September	Henley Virtual Festival (Year 6)
29 th September	Henley Virtual Festival (Year R, 1 & 2)
30 th September	Henley Virtual Festival (Year 3 & 4)
2 nd October	Henley Virtual Festival (Year 5)
22 nd October	Nasal Flu Immunisation (All Years) details to follow
31 st October	Deadline for Secondary School Applications (Sept 2021)
26 th – 31 st October	Half Term
3 rd November	BucksCC Transfer Practice Test (11+)
5 th November	BucksCC Transfer Test (11+)