



#### Our Guiding Light

Jesus said ....

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my Disciples, if you have love for one another. (John 13-34-35)

## KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

If you are coming along to the PTA quiz night later this evening, I am looking forward to seeing you. The staff team have been busy revising so bring your a-game! In the meantime, here's news of what has been going on in school this week and what's to come before half term.

#### Macmillan Bake Sale:

Thank you again for helping us support Macmillan recently. With the additional cake sale at the beginning of the week, I am delighted to inform you that we have now raised a total of £295.76 My thanks also go to the children in Year 5 and Year 6 who did a wonderful job manning the stalls.

#### Eco-Council Elections:

As you will be aware, last Friday we celebrated the success of those children who had been elected onto the Eco-Council by their class mates. One of our elected eco-councillors, Wilf Konn, in Year 5, was the subject of our assembly yesterday. His presentation was shared with the school as an illustration of how hard work, determination and going that extra mile can bring about success. As part of his campaign, Wilf reached out beyond the school community to gain endorsement for his campaign. In doing so he received a letter of support from local MP Joshua Reynolds and a video message from Steve Backshall! His efforts were certainly rewarded.

During the assembly Wilf handed out beautiful wooden Eco badges which he had purchased as a gift for everyone else elected. Do look out for those wearing them and thank you, Wilf, for your generosity.

Today World Space Week starts: [World Space Week | Celebrate UN-declared World Space Week, 4-10 October annually, the largest space event in the world](#) which we will be celebrating in assemblies next week as part of our campaign to become increasingly climate aware. Do ask your child about it.

#### Year 6 Cycling Proficiency

I was delighted that all of our Year 6 children decided to take part in the cycling proficiency course we organised this year. They have spent the week out and about learning the rules of the road and how to stay safe. Everyone passed so look out for the badges they are now wearing. If your child's bicycle is still in school, we would be grateful if it could be taken home this evening but of course they are welcome to ride it back and forth from school going forward.

#### Henley Literary Festival:

A number of children this week have met authors as part of the Henley Literary Festival. Year 5 and 6 heard Joseph Coelho, Children's Laureate, speak on Monday and on Wednesday while Year 3 tuned in to hear Cressida Cowell, author of 'How to Train Your Dragon' Year 4 went to meet her in person in Henley. Both sessions were interesting and inspirational.

#### Getting Active with the Ascot and Maidenhead Sports Partnership:

Yesterday Year 2 went to Altwood School to take part in an 'Active 60' event organised by the Ascot and Maidenhead Sports Partnership which we have signed up to again this year. The children competed in a range of activities which involved running, jumping and throwing. They returned to school proud of their efforts.

#### Netball Win:

Yesterday our netball squad played their first match of the season. It was against Braywick and ended with a 10-4 win. We are incredibly grateful to coach, Mr Lucas, who every week gives up his free time to coach the children and prepare them for competition. He has got off to a fabulous start.

#### Success in Running:

As many of you will be aware, this year Mr. Reynolds has joined the team as a trainee teacher. If you didn't know, Mr. Reynolds is a cross-country runner who has already achieved lots of success in his athletics career. On the 21st of September he ran in the South of England Road Relays for Windsor, Slough, Eton and Hounslow; his team finished 20th out of 106 teams which meant they qualified for the National Relays as a top 25 team. This weekend in Birmingham he will be running with his team against another 100 teams from across the country and I am sure you will join me in wishing him well for the event. Mr. Reynolds has been running for several years with great success. He is keen to share his passion for running by organising an after-school club for children in Year 3 and Year 4 on Tuesday finishing at 4:20pm. If your child would like to come along, please email the office; the first 15 children responding will be guaranteed a place. The club starts on Tuesday (8<sup>th</sup> October) with pick-up at the back gate. Participants will need to bring a water bottle, P.E. kit to change into and appropriate trainers for running in.

**Extra-Curricular Activities:**

The full list of other clubs running this term can be found on our website listed on previous newsletters. Early Bird Club continues to run on a daily basis as does Wrap Around Care with many other options in between. Do take a look.

**Half Term Activities:**

Although half term is still a little way off, we are beginning to receive flyers from activity providers advertising events they are running in our area. One of these, which you have been sent a flyer about today, is a performing arts afternoon organised by Mrs. Lucas. Please see the leaflet for details of how to book a place for your child.

**First School Photo:**

The Maidenhead Advertiser dropped into school this afternoon to take a photograph of Cygnet Class. This will appear in their 'First Photo' edition published in the coming weeks.

**School Photographs:**

On Monday the photographer will be in school taking individual photos and photographs of siblings together. Please send your child in looking smart in full school uniform with a blazer if they are in Year 3-6. If your child normally has P.E. on Monday they should still come to school in full uniform; there is no need to send them in with their P.E. to change into.

**Parents' Evening:**

You will see from the calendar that we have set time aside for Parents' Evening in just over a week's time. Next week you will be sent details of how to book a slot so do look out for the email. We have selected two days, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October, with a range of time slots, some early, some later in the hope that there is a time which suits all. If you are unable to make this Parents' Evening, please do not worry, there will be another opportunity to meet with your child's teacher in March and there is an Open House coming up soon as well.

Unfortunately, we cannot offer additional times to meet because of other school commitments which keep us all busy! Thank you for your support in aiming to attend on either of these two days..

**Open House – 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> October:**

In a couple of weeks' time you are invited to come into school to see your child's books and have a look around their classroom when staff will be available to chat to. The sessions will start immediately after school so do add the date to your diary.

**Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum and Phonics Workshops:**

One of the things which will be keeping our Reception Team busy next week is their Curriculum and Phonics Workshop which, if you have a child in Reception, you are invited to attend. This is a virtual session starting at 4pm on Wednesday. Mrs. Nicol and Mrs. Weller will be posting a link on Google Classroom early next week for you. Simply log on in the way you did for our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings recently.

The team will share with you information about the Early Years Curriculum, offering suggestions for how you might help your child navigate their way through it. They will also guide you in our approach to teaching phonics. I do hope you will be able to join.

**Harvest Festival:**

On Thursday afternoon Father Stephen will be in school to lead a service of harvest thanksgiving. Ordinarily we would go to church for this event but because the church is now closed for a large renovation project which you have perhaps read about, the service will be in school. As a result, it is with regret that we cannot invite you to attend, there is simply not enough space for the 210 children, staff and you.

We will be joining the church community in supporting FoodShare, Maidenhead again this year so if you would like to send your child in with dried or tinned produce on Thursday morning which the vicar will bless during the service, we will then ensure it is passed onto the charity. Thank you.

**Sunday Services at Holy Trinity School:**

For the next six months, while the renovation work is being carried out in the church, the congregation will meet for their 11am Sunday service in our school hall starting on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October. We are delighted to be able to support Father Stephen and the local community during this time and hope that you may be able to join them for some of the services here.

**Do We Have UpToDate Information on your Child?**

Please ensure that if the information we hold on record for your child (contact details, medical information, photograph permissions etc.) is current and kept up to date. In doing so, we are better able to safeguard your child. Thank you.

**Job Vacancy – Lunchtime Supervisor and School Business Manager:**

We are currently looking for someone who might be interested to join our team of lunchtime supervisors on a daily or part-time basis and for a school business manager to work full time in the office. If you, or anyone you know, are interested, the details for both roles can be found on our website along with an application form: [Vacancies | Holy Trinity C. of E. Primary School \(holytrinitysch.co.uk\)](https://www.holytrinitysch.co.uk/vacancies)  
Do spread the word!

Have a lovely weekend if I don't see you later at the quiz.  
Anna Smith

## CALENDAR DATES

Please continue to refer to this section in our newsletter throughout the year as new dates are added in order to keep on top of what is coming up in school. We will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible. Anything new will be highlighted in blue.

7 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photographer in
<b>8<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>A team netball match v St Edmund Campion (home)</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> October	EYFS Curriculum and Phonics Workshop 4pm
10 <sup>th</sup> October	A and B team football matches v Oldfield (home) Selected children informed by letter
14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Science & Technology Week
15 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Virtual Parent Consultations (information to follow)
15 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Travelling Book Fair in school
17 <sup>th</sup> October	A and B team football matches v Holyport (away) Selected children informed by letter
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	KS2 (Year 3-6) Open House Session to view classrooms 3:15pm -4pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	EYFS & KS1 Open House Session to view classrooms 3:15pm -4pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Year 3 Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	A team netball match v Cookham Dean (home) Selected children informed by letter
19 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale
<b>28<sup>th</sup> Oct – 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Annual General Meeting
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 Trip to Windsor Castle
11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Maths & Computing Week
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service at Cookham War Memorial
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	PTA Pyjama and Popcorn Party
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Cookham Christmas Street Fayre
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	NCMP Year 6 screening
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Year 5 Trip to the Harry Potter Studios
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Trip to Bletchley Park
10 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 2pm
11 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 6pm
12 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Carols in the Courtyard
18 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS & KS1 Trip to the Braywick Pantomime
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
<b>20<sup>th</sup> December – 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Christmas Holiday</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Book week
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Virtual Parent Consultations
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Virtual Parent Consultations
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 4 Trip to Starlight Express, Wembley Park Theatre
12 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Arts and Culture Week
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Residential Trip
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Sports Fortnight
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day

### Harvest Festival:

Please note that because of the closure of Holy Trinity Church, our Harvest Service next week will be held in school.

As space is limited, we are unable to invite parents this time but we hope to invite you back to special service in the church once the work there is complete. Thank you for your understanding.