



#### **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**

It seems to be the growing tradition at Holy Trinity, we end the term having had an exceptionally busy week! I am sure your child is tired after all the things that have been going on and is looking forward to the week ahead when they can take a moment to rest and recharge the batteries!

#### **Walk to School Week:**

Walk to School Week has been highly successful because of the way the children, with your support, have embraced the messages behind this year's campaign [Walk to School Week \(livingstreets.org.uk\)](http://livingstreets.org.uk). Throughout the week the children have been filling in class charts and individual passports. We hope they have enjoyed finding creative ways to come to school and learning about the magic of nature, movement, happiness, friendship and community.

#### **Tri-Golf at Winter Hill:**

Part of the Ascot and Maidenhead's School Sports Partnership is encouraging every young person to engage in at least 60 minutes of physical activity a day. Walk to School Week really helped with this but several other sporting events have taken place, organised by the partnership, that we have taken part in. On Monday a squad of ten Year 3 and Year 4 children met at Winter Hill Golf course to take part in a carousel of golfing activities designed to give them a taste for the sport. We competed against several other teams all hoping to qualify for the Berkshire games next term. We didn't make it but great fun was had by all.

#### **Outdoor Athletics for Year 6:**

On Tuesday, Year 6 headed off to Newlands school to participate in an afternoon of outdoor athletics in a 'QuadKids' tournament. They competed in long distance and short distance races, throwing events and a long jump. Despite the drizzle, our squad of ten thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

#### **A Win for our Netballers:**

Our netball squad continue to train on a Wednesday morning before school and we remain incredibly grateful to our coaches Mr. Lucas and Mrs. Parker for the time they give training and preparing our team for events. One of these events took place yesterday when the squad faced All Saints Junior School in their latest match. As we have come to expect, they played brilliantly and were proud of their 9-0 win!

#### **Girls' Football:**

At the same time as the netballers were on court, our girls football team, made up of Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 players, took on Oldfield in a home game. They too played brilliantly up against a team of Year 6 players but, as the match finished, they were 2-1 down. Undeterred, they have been out practicing at lunchtime today getting ready for the next game!

#### **It's Your Move:**

Earlier in the week, Year 6 welcomed Wayne Dixon from Christian Connections in School, in to their classroom to speak about transitioning to secondary school. At the end of the session everyone was given a book, 'It's Your Move', full of advice and top tips.

#### **Junior Music Festival:**

Yesterday, Year 3 headed off to Courthouse Junior School for their first rehearsal with a number of other primary school in the borough ahead of the Junior Music Festival in Reading on 26<sup>th</sup> June. All went well and they are already looking forward to meeting again soon.

#### **Summer Music Concert:**

One of the highlight of my week was our Summer Music Concert on Wednesday. Our Junior and Senior Choirs, our ukulele band and several individual musicians performed superbly in a concert that was full of variety and incredible talent. Our thanks go to Mrs. Laraine Brown for masterminding the event.

**Year 1 Phonics Screening:**

If you have a child in Year 1 please refer to the DfE leaflet sent to you today as an attachment about the Phonics Screening check your child will be doing after half term.

**Year 4 Multiplication Check:**

If you have a child in Year 4 please refer to the DfE leaflet sent to you today as an attachment about the Multiplication Check your child will be doing after half term.

**PTA News:**

Thank you for supporting our PTA by sending your child to school today with items for a stall at the HT Fest which is on 6<sup>th</sup> July. There are a couple of PTA events coming up before then. Booking forms for these, the children's disco and adult quiz night, can now be found on the PTA WhatsApp group or Facebook page.

PTA fundraising really enhances the experiences we can give the children as those of you at the music concert will have seen. Money raised by you in the past has allowed us to purchase a new sound system in the hall, and a class set of ukuleles. Thank you for your continued support in allowing us to make projects like this happen.

**Book Fair:**

Thank you for supporting our travelling book fair. We hope the children have enjoyed purchasing books to read over the holiday. Your support means we receive free books for our school which everyone will benefit from.

**Lunch Orders:**

Please can I remind you to spend a moment over the half term holiday ordering lunches for when your child returns to school? The menu, which hasn't changed, can be found on line and orders should be placed in the usual way. Thank you.

**Naming Items of Clothing:**

We would also be grateful if you could check that items which your child brings to school: uniform, packed lunch boxes, water bottles, writing equipment etc. are clearly named. Today, any unnamed and unclaimed items will be cleared.

**Class photos:**

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June the photographer will be in to take class photos and individual photographs of our Year 6 leavers. If your child has P.E. on this day please send them into school looking smart wearing full school uniform. There is no need for them to bring PE kit to change into.

**Mrs. Hyslop's Art Club News:**

Inspire Art Club continues next term on Monday and Tuesday after school. For more info please text 07764884747 or email: [nickyw1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nickyw1@hotmail.co.uk)

**Attendance:**

As we approach the end of another term, I write to remind you that attendance at school is compulsory unless a child is poorly. Requests for holidays, even if it's just one day, should not be made; I am not permitted to grant them. Absence because a holiday has been taken goes down on a child's record as an unauthorised absence. These unauthorised absences are scrutinised by the school's Education Welfare Officer who meets with me on a regular basis and who requests meetings with parents when attendance becomes a concern.

As I'm sure you can appreciate, any time away from the classroom is incredibly disruptive. A lesson missed puts a pupil at a disadvantage especially when that lesson falls within a sequence of planned learning activities. You may be interested to read findings from some DfE research, published in 2022, which highlights the link between absence and attainment at KS2 and KS4.

[The link between absence and attainment at KS2 and KS4, Academic year 2018/19 – Explore education statistics – GOV.UK \(explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk\)](https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk)

The NHS website below, which shows common illness in children, offers advice on what to do if they show symptoms and what action to take when your child is poorly.

[Should my child go to school/nursery today? :: Frimley HealthierTogether \(frimley-healthiertogether.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-together/should-my-child-go-to-school-nursery-today?:::FrimleyHealthierTogether)

Over the last couple of weeks, several families have requested term time absence specifically for holidays which makes it very difficult for us to provide the best possible learning outcomes for your child. Please can I ask you to do all you can to avoid taking your child out of school for reasons other than illness.

In a move by the DfE to crack down on unauthorised absences, I am sharing information with you (sent as an attachment) about Fixed Penalty Notices coming in in Autumn 2024. Please take a moment to read about these changes. Term dates for the next academic year can be found on the borough website at: [School term dates 2024/25 | Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead \(rbwm.gov.uk\)](https://www.rbwm.gov.uk)

### Open Water Safety:

As we look forward to a week's holiday with hopefully lovely weather to enjoy, I am sharing as an attachment a letter from the Metropolitan Police about open water dangers.

### Arts and Culture Week:

Finally, when we return after the break we will only have a week before we embark on another themed week, this time Arts and Culture Week. If you have particular skills in music, script writing, art and crafts or dance and would be willing to run a workshop for the children, we would love to hear from you. Please email the office marking your message for the attention of Mrs Lucas. Thank you

Have a wonderful week and we shall look forward to seeing you all on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

Anna Smith

## CALENDAR DATES

Please note, new dates added to the calendar this week have been highlighted in blue to help you see any changes.

27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term break
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Term starts
3 <sup>rd</sup> June – 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Window for completion of Year 4 Multiplication Check
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Trip to the West End (please refer to the letter sent out today)
7 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Disco (details tbc)
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Royal Windsor Flower Show
10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Arts and Culture Week
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 at Junior Music Festival Rehearsal (tbc)
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 at Junior Music Festival Rehearsal (tbc)
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Arts and Culture Week performance pm (tbc)
10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Window for completion of Year 1 Phonics Screening
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Photographer in to take class photos
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Mighty Maths Competition for Year 2 (details to follow)
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Arthur Burgin Science Exhibition (tbc)
21 <sup>st</sup> June	PTA Quiz Night tbc
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	The Big Cookham Wildlife Weekend
24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Residential Trip
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Junior Music Festival Year 3
24 <sup>th</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Weeks
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
6 <sup>th</sup> July	HT Fest
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Spanish Assembly – 9:30am
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Rock Steady Concert 9:30am
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Service (tbc)
19 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term – Summer Holiday begins (normal finish time: 3:15pm)