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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

Parents' Evening:

It was wonderful that so many of you booked an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher(s) so early in the term. We do hope you found the sessions useful. Thank you for your support in helping us ensure that your child continues to flourish at our school.

Next week the EYFS Team will be running a workshop for parents of children in Reception to introduce you to our Phonics scheme and guide you in supporting your child at home with reading. An invitation to attend the virtual meeting which will be on Google Meet will be posted early next week.

Macmillan Coffee Morning Appeal:

Thank you again for helping us support Macmillan Cancer. In particular I would like to thank all the children who bought cakes and those in Year 6 who helped to run our stall. I am delighted to inform you that together we have raised £290.50

Drawing on our Vision:

This week we have continued to explore themes in our shared text 'In Our Hands' written by Lucy Farfort. Taking one step at a time, as the children had to do in the story, especially when things might seem difficult is an important message. In school, we place a heavy emphasis on growth mindset so having patience and determination to put one foot in front of the other to start a daunting journey illustrated what can be achieved.

We have also taken time to enjoy some harvest songs and we do hope you might be able to join us for our festival of harvest next week in church. You are all welcome. If you are able to help us walk the children safely there and back, we'd be grateful for your support. We shall leave school at 10:10am so do come to the front entrance to meet us if you are able. We will be supporting the parish in collecting goods for Maidenhead Foodshare so if your child would like to bring a tin or an item of dried food to school on Thursday, we will make sure it is delivered safely.

We finished the week with a shaken bottle of muddy water to represent how, in a busy and active week our distractions, thoughts, fears and worries can all swirl around inside us. Yet when we are still these little bits of mud eventually sink to the bottom. We thought about the fact that they don't disappear but they aren't in control; we can see them more clearly, we can name them and we can leave them there. When we can see other things more clearly, we can see ourselves, others, our world and even God if we are open to him. In a world where anxiety is more prevalent, messages like this become increasingly important and help everyone on their spiritual journey.

Henley Literary Festival:

This week a number of classes enjoyed virtual visits to the Henley Literary Festival. They heard from authors and had the chance to pose questions. We do hope your child spoke positively about the experience. Year 4 also marked National Poetry Day with an online session with poet and author Simon Mole. They had great fun learning from him.

Sporting News:

It was with regret that our netball fixture against Lowbrook Academy and our football fixture against Furze Platt had to be postponed this week. This was because of matters beyond our control.

Earlier today, however, Mr Redjeb headed over to Desborough College with a mixed team of ten Y6s for a Rugby World Cup Inspired Tag Rugby Festival. They all showed terrific sportsmanship! With two wins, two losses and a draw a great time was had by all.

Another news story we celebrated this week was the success of a former pupil in gymnastics. In the summer we welcomed Leo Harris, who was at Holy Trinity six years ago, to school with his coach for our Sports Week. He worked with all the children on a range of gym activities.

On the 23rd and 24th September Leo competed at the Utilita Arena in Birmingham at the British Gymnastics Regional Challenge Cup Finals representing the South of England. Leo put out some amazing tumbling and after a nail biting wait he won the Bronze medal placing him 3rd in the United Kingdom. We are immensely proud of Leo's achievement and we wish him every success in future events.

Learning to Play the Violin with Maestros:

Anne Marie, one of our peripatetic teachers, was in this week giving children who had signed up a taste of playing the violin. If you missed the opportunity you can still email Anne Marie to express an interest at annemariechristensen@berksmusictrust.org.uk Alternatively, on Saturday 21st October at the Berkshire Music Trust's centre in Reading the team will be offering free taster sessions for a whole range of instruments. Do see the flyer emailed out again today for further details.

Year 6 Residential Trip to CRS Adventures in Devon:

Following our meeting with Roger Sell a fortnight ago, you may have followed the link posted on last week's newsletter. If you would prefer to hear the meeting we had with him, go to: [video1737558031.mp4 - OneDrive](#) This link, along with a link to his website, has been posted on Year 6's Google Classroom.

Themed Weeks:

If you are yet to respond to the letter sent to you the other day about our themed weeks this year, we would be grateful for your support in helping us make the events we would like to happen possible. It has been emailed to you again today for your convenience.

Mrs Cornwell and Mrs Redjeb are still in the process of planning Science & Technology Week which falls at the end of term. Do take a look at the letter emailed to you again today about how you can support us in making this a fabulous week for the children.

This week your child has been set a Design Technology challenge to complete at home. The children have until the end of Science & Technology Week to perfect and make their design before bringing it into school for testing. Please see posts on your child's Google Classroom for details.

Job Vacancy – Lunchtime Supervisor:

We are still looking for someone who might be interested to join our team of lunchtime supervisors on a daily or part-time basis. If you, or anyone you know, are interested please see the attached flyer for details.

Ordering Lunch:

You perhaps saw the email sent out from the office earlier in the week urging you to pre-order a school lunch for your child ahead of time. This week we have had a number of children who the catering team have struggled to feed because lunches have not been booked. Often these children are not able to be given their first choice of meal as a result of meals being cooked to order. It is helpful if you can order a meal for your child at least 24 hours ahead of time. Thank you.

Clubs:

For details of clubs running this term, please refer to newsletters at the start of term where all the club providers are listed. [Newsletter 8_9_23.pdf \(holyltrinitysch.co.uk\)](#)

Enjoy your weekend.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

Please continue to refer to this section in our newsletter throughout the year to keep abreast of what is happening in school. Dates will be added on a regular basis.

11 th October	EYFS Phonics Workshop (via Google Meet)
12 th October	Harvest Festival in church 10:30am
12 th October	A and B team football matches vs Cookham Rise (away - selected children informed by letter)
16 th – 20 th October	Science & Technology Week
16 th – 20 th October	Open House Session to view classrooms 3:15pm -4pm (KS2 on Tuesday, EYFS & KS1 on Wednesday)
19 th October	PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale
21 st October	Berkshire Music Trust free taster session in Reading
21 st October	Cookham Run – PTA Tea Tent - help needed
23rd - 27th October	HALF TERM
31 st October	Flu Vaccinations
2 nd November	A and B team football matches vs Oldfield (home - selected children informed by letter)
8 th November	PTA AGM – wine and cheese
13 th – 17 th November	Maths & Computing Week
15 th November	Open Evening
16 th November	A team football match vs Braywick Court (home - selected children informed by letter)
24 th November	PTA Quiz Night (details to follow)
3 rd December	Cookham Christmas Street Fair
5 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 2pm
6 th December	Rock Steady Concert
6 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 6pm
14 th December	PTA Carols in the Courtyard
24 th February	PTA Ball at Odney – save the date!
4 th – 8 th March	Book week
5 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations
7 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations
13 th – 16 th May	KS2 SATs
10 th – 14 th June	Arts and Culture Week
24 th – 28 th June	Y6 Residential Trip
24 th – 4 th July	Sports Week
5 th July	Sports Day
6 th July	HT Fest