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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

After an extraordinary few days, I begin the newsletter by thanking you for all you have done this week to support us through incredibly difficult circumstances. When we were aware of the situation last Friday and saw how dire it became over the weekend, our immediate concern was for everyone's safety. Realising, however, how important it was to keep things as normal for the children as possible and with guidance from the borough and advice from other agencies, we formulated a plan which allowed us to open and function successfully. We appreciate that slightly shorter days at the start of the week and the lack of wrap around care has caused some disruption but we hope the provision we have put in place has helped. Our thoughts go out to those who have been more severely affected by the flooding and we hope that it isn't long before things return to normal for you.

We are incredibly grateful to The White Oak who, all week, have allowed the staff to park in their car park. This has given us one less thing to worry about and we've enjoyed the walk each morning and evening. If you happen to be passing, please drop in, give them some custom and tell them how much we have appreciated their support. [White Oak Homepage - The White Oak](#)

You have also really helped out the office staff this week who have been able to focus on pressing matters without having to stop to answer quite so many phone calls and deal with interruptions at the front door. We are grateful to you for managing organisational matters so effectively. We hope, with your support, to continue in this manner.

Next week, unless there is a dramatic change over the weekend, things return to normal here. School will start at 8:45am and finish at 3:15pm. Clubs, including Early Bird Club and WrapAround4U, will resume and we hope to start introducing sporting fixtures and other activities which the children seem to enjoy so much. Keep referring to the newsletter to find out what these events are and when they will be happening. If there is a change to the plan on Monday you will be emailed over the weekend. If you hear nothing, we operate as normal.

As well as continuing to send out important details via email, I will also keep posting on our social media site, 'X'. If you have requested to follow us but not yet been granted access, please inform the office. We can't always be sure who requests are made from.

Litter Pick Initiative:

You may remember from last week's newsletter that a handful of children in Year 6 were all set to hike from Cookham to Henley last weekend to raise money for WWF. Along the way they were going to litter pick.

As you can perhaps guess, the rising flood water meant they had to postpone their walk. They have moved the event to Saturday 16th March when, hopefully, the weather is a little kinder. If you would like to help 'Team Panda' in their fundraising efforts, you can sponsor them by going to: [Litter Pick Walk | givestar](#)

Supporting your Child Through the Curriculum:

Next week we will be running short workshops which focus on the curriculum and what you can do to support your child on their learning journey. These will be virtual meetings which you can access via Google Classroom using your child's account.

A link to the Google Meet session will be posted on Google Classroom early next week by your child's class teacher which you simply click on to get into the meeting. Please note **that in order to gain access to the site you must log in using your child's school email address not yours**. This allows us to see who is trying to gain access so our safeguarding arrangements are not compromised. If you can aim to log in just before the meeting starts that would be incredibly helpful because once staff start sharing PowerPoint presentations it is not so easy to see who is waiting to be let in. Thank you. We are looking forward to seeing you there. Together, by continuing to work in partnership, we can ensure your child reaches their full potential and enjoys the learning experience.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

It has been unfortunate that we have been unable to run clubs this week. However, they resume on Monday. Please refer to our list of activities and club providers for what will be happening this term. Please note that there are still places available for most activities so, if your child is interested in taking up a new hobby, do contact the relevant provider. An additional club added to the list is Mrs Lucas' Thursday Ukulele Club. At the moment this is for invited pupils only who can read, and have an ear for, music but Mrs Lucas hopes to extend it to others before too long.

Dates this Term:

As well as seeing clubs which will be running this term, below you will also find term dates. New dates will be added as time goes on and as events are organised so do continue to take a look at this section of the newsletter each week. We will aim to give you as much notice as possible.

Extra-Curricular activities running this term and details of providers. Please see individual providers for start dates:

Club	Year Group	Day/Time	Contact Details	Arrangements for drop-off/pick-up
Early Bird Club	All	Start time 8am each day of the week	No requirement to book, simply drop off anytime between 8am and 8:45pm. Payment should be made through your ScoPay account	Arrive through the back door of the hall
After School Provision	All	From 3:15pm	Book directly: holytrinity@wraparoundcare4u.com	See WrapAroundCare4U for details
Spanish Club	Year 5 & 6	Monday before school at 8:20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 or francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive through the back door of the hall
iPro Football	KS2 boys	Monday lunchtime	Book directly: Office 07908 172175 Email: office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk	Pupils taking part may come to school in their school PE kit to avoid the need to change
Playball	EYFS & Year 1	Monday, finish time: 4pm	Book online: http://www.playballkids.com/f/southbucks	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Art Club	Years 3 & 4	Monday, finish time 5pm	Contact Mrs Hyslop directly nickyw1@hotmail.co.uk or 07764884747	Collect from the front entrance of school
Junior Choir	Years 3 & 4	Tuesday before school, start time: 8am	All welcome, simply come along larainebrownbda@gmail.com	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Spanish Club	Year 2	Tuesday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow 07939 045722 or francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Little Samurai	EYFS, Y1 & Y2	Tuesday, finish time: 4:15pm	Book directly: 07828 534817 or www.SamuraiKickboxing.com See: info@SamuraiKickboxing.com	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Football	Year 5 & 6 boys and girls	Tuesday, finish time 4:20pm	All welcome Please note, this arrangement will run up until February Half Term	Collect from the back gate
Art Club	Year 5 & 6	Tuesday, finish time 5pm	Contact Mrs Hyslop directly nickyw1@hotmail.co.uk or 07764884747	Collect from the front entrance of school
Rock Steady	EYFS – Y6	Wednesday morning	Book directly: 0330 113 0330 see: Rocksteadymusicschool.com	N/A lessons take place during the school day
Netball	Years 5 & 6 squad training	Wednesday before school, start time: 8am	Selected children informed	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Spanish Club	Year 1	Wednesday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 or francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive through the back door of the hall
iPro Football	KS2 girls	Wednesday lunchtime	Book directly: Office 07908 172175 Email: office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk	Pupils taking part may come to school in their school PE kit to avoid the need to change
Spanish Club	Year 3	Wednesday after school, finish time 3:50pm	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 or francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Collect from the front entrance of school
Yoga & Mindfulness	All	Wednesday, finish time 4:30pm	Book directly by contacting Sallie Windsor: 07846 992824 or sallie.windsor@nurturekidsyoga.com	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Senior Choir	Years 5 & 6	Thursday before school, start time: 8am	All welcome, simply come along larainebrownbda@gmail.com	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Ukulele Club	Years 5 & 6	Thursday lunchtime	Mrs Lucas will be running the club for those invited	Look out for more details of an Easter Ukulele experience soon to be advertised
Young Samurai	Years 3 - 6	Thursday after school, finish time: 4:15pm	Book directly: 07828 534817 or www.SamuraiKickboxing.com See: info@SamuraiKickboxing.com	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Spanish Club	Year 4	Friday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 or francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Sewing Club	Year 1 – 6	Friday after school, finish time: 4:30pm	Book directly: 07782 253565 anita@dhaaga-sewing.co.uk	Collect from the front entrance of school
iPro Football	Years 1 - 6	Friday after school, finish time: 4:30pm	Book directly: Office 07908 172175 Email: office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk Children attending this club are permitted to come to school wearing their school P.E. kit with a football shirt to change into at the end of the day if they wish.	Collect from the back gate
Maestro Music Lessons	EYFS – Y6	Various days during the week	Book directly: lornarennie@berkshiremaestros.org.uk	Times of lessons determined by Maestros

CALENDAR DATES

17 th January	Parent Workshops on Supporting Your Child Through the Curriculum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3:30pm to 4:15pm - EYFS & Year 1: with a focus on early reading, Phonics and the Y1 National Phonics Screening Check ○ 4:15pm to 5pm – Year 2: with a focus on supporting your child through the Year 2 curriculum ahead of teacher assessments at the end of the year
18 th January	Parent Workshops on Supporting Your Child Through the Curriculum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3:30pm to 4:15pm – Year 3 & Year 4: with a focus on supporting your child through the lower Key Stage 2 curriculum and the Year 4 National Multiplication Check ○ 4:15pm to 5pm – Year 5 & Year 6: with a focus on supporting your child through the upper Key Stage 2 curriculum and the Key Stage 2 Standard Assessment Tests (SATs)
26 th January	PTA Disco (details tbc)
6 th February	Open House (EYFS & KS1)
7 th February	Open House (KS2)
8 th February	Dance Festival (Year 4)
9 th February	Term ends for half term break (normal finish time: 3:15pm)
12 th – 16 th February	Half Term break
19 th February	Term starts
24 th February	PTA Ball at Odney – save the date!
4 th – 8 th March	Book week
5 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations (no after school clubs running other than WrapAround4U)
7 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations (no after school clubs running other than WrapAround4U)
8 th March	Book Week Dress Up Day
15 th March	Comic Relief event (details tbc)
23 rd March	Inter PTA Netball Tournament (details tbc)
28 th March	Easter Service at Holy Trinity Church (tbc)
28 th March	End of Term – Easter break begins (normal finish time: 3:15pm)
29 th March - 12 th April	Easter Holiday
15 th April	Start of Summer Term
13 th – 16 th May	KS2 SATs
24 th May	Term ends for half term break (normal finish time: 3:15pm)
27 th – 31 st May	Half Term break
3 rd June	Term starts
3 rd June – 14 th June	Window for completion of Year 4 Multiplication Check
7 th June	PTA Disco (details tbc)
10 th – 14 th June	Arts and Culture Week
10 th – 14 th June	Window for completion of Year 1 Phonics Screening
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
19 th July	End of Term – Summer Holiday begins (normal finish time: 3:15pm)

Have a wonderful weekend, stay safe and we shall look forward to seeing you on Monday for hopefully a more normal week.

Anna Smith