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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

It's been an incredibly busy but wonderful final week in school with many events happening. Cormorants enjoyed a magical day out at the Warner Bros. Harry Potter Studios in Watford, Goslings had terrific fun in their final swimming lesson at Braywick, Cygnets went to the theatre at Norden Farm on Thursday morning and then Swans and Kingfishers enjoyed the pantomime in Windsor. We had a delicious Christmas lunch served by Sharon and her team on Wednesday which I certainly appreciated. The two Christmas parties went off with a swing and we even had a special visitor join us for the Carols in the Courtyard event on Thursday evening! My thanks go to the PTA for organising such a lovely event for us. Don't forget about the Christmas Trail the team have set up around the village for you and your family to enjoy over the holiday.

We have continued to reflect on the meaning of Christmas all week in Collective Worship and if you were able to join us for our church service on Wednesday, we hope you enjoyed it as much as the children said they did. For me it was definitely one of the highlights of the week. We were delighted that former pupil, Jadie Muckle and her father were able to come along and share their beautiful rendition of 'Mary, Did You Know?' and our thanks also go to Mrs Laraine Brown, her choirs and all those who contributed in such a positive way.

Our support of Partners for Change, Ethiopia has continued this week. The children have been raising money by sending Christmas cards to each other using our internal postal system and buying and selling gifts they have made. Today we even had buskers in the form of Jude, Amelia and others from Teal Class who entertaining the crowd as they shopped! With the collection taken after our church service and the money the children have made, added to last week's total, we are sending £738.49 to the charity in support of their Christmas project to provide breakfast for children in Chole School, Ethiopia. Thank you for helping us make this possible.

To see their campaign which mentions us go to: [Mama Harmony 1st Stop - Holy Trinity School Cookham \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

If you would still like to donate you can by using the link: <https://justgiving.com/campaign/mamaharmonychristmascampaign>

Your donation really does make a difference:

£1 can provide a breakfast meal for one child

£12 can buy a school uniform for a child for a year

£30 can purchase casual clothing and shoes for a child for a year

£100 can help provide training to parents/guardians to start a business, including start-up funding.

In addition, today we collected £115 for Save the Children by wearing Christmas jumpers to school. Thank you.

To read about these events and see pictures, why not sign up to follow us on our social media site, X, formally known as Twitter. If you do request access and we don't immediately grant it, please email the office. Sometimes we can't be sure who is making a request.

Sarah Parfitt who is heavily involved in PfC Ethiopia is also a Community Engagement Manager for the Friends of Cookham Abbey. The group are holding a Christmas party for budding archaeologists on 29th December at the Cookham Parish Centre. If your child was interested in the archaeological dig at Holy Trinity Church recently and would like to go along, you can find more details by going to: [Young Archaeologists' Christmas and New Year Party at Cookham Parish Centre event tickets from TicketSource](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/young-archaeologists-christmas-and-new-year-party-at-cookham-parish-centre)

Start of Term:

Our Spring Term begins on Wednesday 3rd January and important dates for the new term can be found below. The calendar will be added to as time goes on so do continue to take a look each week to keep abreast of what is happening.

Today we celebrated the fact that 53 children have had 100% attendance since September, something we hope to top next term with your support.

During the holiday we would be most grateful if you could find a little bit of time to order school meals for your children before the new term starts. This will help our fabulous catering team place orders during the break. To pre-order, go to your ScoPay account; a menu has been attached to you today for your convenience.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you all for your support over the last four months and your generosity in the form of gifts; we have all been touched by your kindness. Enjoy the holiday and we wish you a wonderful Christmas full of peace, joy and happiness.
Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

18 th December – 2 nd Jan	Christmas Holiday
3 rd January	Start of Spring Term
17 th January	Parent Workshops on Supporting Your Child Through the Curriculum (times tbc)
18 th January	Parent Workshops on Supporting Your Child Through the Curriculum (times tbc)
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
7 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations
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)