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KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

If you were able to attend this week's PTA meeting, thank you for giving up your time. It was a productive meeting during which a number of plans were made for upcoming events. Please refer to the calendar below for what these are and what other things are happening as we venture towards the Summer Term.

Drawing on our Vision and News from Around the School:

The week began on a positive note for Year 6 who spent Monday morning working with the Learning to Work team on a 'Heathrow Explorers' project. During the session the children were free to let their imagination run wild as they explored and designed new modes of transport fit for the future. The focus was on sustainability and innovation while at the same time learning what it is like to work at an airport. The children were supported in small teams to use 3D design software while developing skills of teamwork, communication, problem solving, creative thinking and adaptability. The Learning to Work team was incredibly impressed by the children's designs and presentations which they were able to put together in a relatively short space of time.

On Monday we were also delighted to welcome friend and colleague, Carol Pearce to Holy Trinity. She came bearing gifts from the Lions Club of Maidenhead. Our Eco-Council received from her seven beautiful books each focusing on different environmental issues. They hope to use the messages in the book to guide them in future school eco-projects.

Year 3's trip to the Henley River and Rowing Museum yesterday also had an environmental theme. The children enjoyed a Wind in the Willows workshop and a meadow walk around the site. It was a fabulous way to conclude their study of Kenneth Grahame's famous book.

Making the most of the spring weather we've been having, Cygnet Class took to the field for a Little Muddy Boots workshop yesterday afternoon. The purpose of the session was to think about what can be grown at home and locally ahead of us planting and growing in a wheelbarrow which will be entered into the schools' competition at this year's Royal Windsor Flower Show. Look out for more news about this in the coming weeks.

Today your child has brought home a packet of seeds given to them by WildCookham. Please refer to the packet for details of what they should do with their seeds to support the group ahead of The Big Cookham Wildlife Weekend. They come with the following message from WildCookham's Brian Clews (brian.clews@btconnect.com):

As spring has officially arrived, WildCookham is making final arrangements for the big garden safari opportunity on June 22nd and 23rd, when we hope as many households as possible in the Cookhams will take part in finding out how many different creatures and plants you can discover in your gardens.

We have been suggesting a pond be added and have a 30-page booklet to help create and maintain one so do get in touch if you would like one delivered. But also we have given each child at the four primary schools a packet of wildflower seed, just enough for a one square metre patch, with instructions how to prepare the ground beforehand. We would be grateful if you could encourage them in creating this additional habitat during the break which hopefully by summer will be attracting even more insect species into our gardens.

The packet contents are known as the Adrian Doble Seed Mix, in remembrance of our Cookham friend Adrian who did so much for many decades for bees and other pollinating insects.

As Easter is a time in which to be even more thankful for the Creation, we hope as many of us as possible can help achieve the most nature-friendly village we can.

Sporting News:

It was disappointing that our football match against Holyport was postponed this week but the squad was delighted that their games against White Waltham went ahead at the start of the week especially given the scores. Both the A and the B team stormed to victory in two extremely exciting games which were watched by a number of spectators.

Earlier in the day a team of Year 4 and Year 6 children set off to Altwood Senior School for an Invictus Games Competition. During the afternoon they took part in three activities: new age kurling, danger ball and target run. Having received coaching first in sports they were unfamiliar with, they were then challenged to improve their personal bests in some friendly competition. They had a great afternoon working with children from schools across the borough.

Extra-Curricular activities:

For information about the clubs we are offering this term with details of club providers, please refer to the previous newsletter: [Newsletter 23_2_24 .pdf \(holyltrinitysch.co.uk\)](#) and please see flyers attached again this week for activities your child might be interested in over the Easter holiday.

Mrs Hyslop will be running an Art Club at school over the Easter break on both 2nd April and 4th April from 9am to 3pm for Key Stage Two children. If you would like to find out more or book a place please email: nickyw1@hotmail.co.uk or text 07764884747.

Rock Steady Concert – Wednesday 27th March:

Do come along to our Rock Steady concert on Wednesday when our bands will on stage to entertain you. It will begin at 9:30am and should last no longer than half an hour.

Easter Service in Church – Thursday 28th March:

On the last day of term we will be going to Holy Trinity Church for an Easter service. Our service starts at 10:30am and all are welcome to attend. If you are able to come and would be willing to help us walk the children there and back safely, we would be grateful. Arrive at the front entrance of school at 10:10am when we will be starting out. Although some children have P.E. that day, they should all come to school wearing smart uniform. There is no need for them to bring P.E. kit to change into.

Alexander Devine Children's Hospice: Book Sale

Alexander Devine's fundraising volunteers are holding a three-day Children's book sale in the Nicholson's Centre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday 21st, 22nd and 23rd March. Good as new books, colouring books, nonfiction books and cookery books will be available. All books cost £1 unless priced separately.

The Alexander Devine Children's Hospice pop up toy shop is also back and opens on Thursday 28th March and will be open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday for six weeks closing on Saturday 4th May. The usual assortment of new and nearly new toys will be for sale and larger items such as tricycles and dolls houses. The shop will be in the Nicholson centre opposite One Below.

Finally, I am delighted to introduce Mrs. Buckley, no relation to Miss Buckley, to you. Mrs. Buckley has joined our team of teaching assistants and is already making a positive contribution especially to those children in Year 4. I am sure you will make her feel as welcome as the children and staff have this week.

Have a wonderful weekend and I hope to see some of you at the Inter PTA Netball Tournament at Braywick Leisure Centre tomorrow. Games kick off at 2pm. Do come along to support our team who have been training hard!

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

23 rd March	Inter PTA Netball Tournament (details tbc)
26 th March	Y5/6 Basketball Festival (am) Desborough College - selected children informed by letter
27 th March	Rock Steady Concert – 9:30am
28 th March	Easter Service at Holy Trinity Church 10:30am
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
19 th April	Junior and Senior Choir rehearsal 8am ahead of Cookham Festival performance
22 nd April	Musical Evening auditions this week
22 nd April (AM)	Year 4 Boys Football Tournament, Braywick Leisure Centre (am) - selected children informed by letter
7 th May	KS2 Open House
8 th May	EYFS & KS1 Open House
9 th May	Year 4 Boys and Girls Football matches vs Oldfield (home) - selected children informed by letter
10 th May	Cookham Festival: Joint Concert with Cookham Schools
13 th May	EYFS Health Screening
13 th – 16 th May	KS2 SATs
20 th May	National Walk to School Week
21 st May	Year 3 at Junior Music Festival Rehearsal (tbc)
22 nd May	Musical Evening at school 6:30pm
23 rd May	Year 3 at Junior Music Festival Rehearsal (tbc)
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
5 th June	Year 4 Trip to the West End
7 th June	PTA Disco (details tbc)
8 th June	Royal Windsor Flower Show
10 th – 14 th June	Arts and Culture Week

11 th June	Year 3 at Junior Music Festival Rehearsal (tbc)
13 th June	Year 3 at Junior Music Festival Rehearsal (tbc)
14 th June	Arts and Culture Week performance pm (tbc)
10 th – 14 th June	Window for completion of Year 1 Phonics Screening
19 th June	Year 6 Arthur Burgin Science Exhibition (tbc)
22 nd – 23 rd June	The Big Cookham Wildlife Weekend
24 th – 28 th June	Y6 Residential Trip
26 th June	Junior Music Festival Year 3
24 th – 4 th July	Sports Weeks
5 th July	Sports Day
6 th July	HT Fest
9 th July	Spanish Assembly – 9:30am
19 th July	Leavers Service (tbc)
19 th July	End of Term – Summer Holiday begins (normal finish time: 3:15pm)