



### 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)

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## KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Macmillan Cancer had their annual coffee morning campaign this afternoon. We are delighted that so many of you were involved. As soon as we have counted up your donations we will let you know how much we have raised.

### Drawing on our Vision:

There have been a number of occasions this week, not just everyone's response to our request for cakes in support of Macmillan, where our vision has been reflected in the actions of others. Our Kindness Chest is becoming fuller and it won't be long before our first scrap book of positive news stories is complete. Every day the children step in to support one another and offer help in completing tasks. We always have a willing band of volunteers who give up some of their lunchtime to help clear away the furniture in the hall once lunch service is done, several pupils have joined our pick-up crew and do a great job ensuring our site is free of litter and our Year 6 students are expert role models when they sit with the younger children during collective worship.

This week we continued exploring themes in the book 'In Our Hands' written by Lucy Farfort. The power of team work is fundamental in bringing about change in the story and turning the world into a more positive place. One of the clips we watched, which showed the importance of team work in the animal kingdom, can be found on Google Classroom. Richard Simmonds, who led collective worship on Tuesday, turned our attention to Harvest. The children were skilled in drawing relevant words from the letters which make up 'HARVEST' all of which have significance, 'eat, have, save, starve, share, earth'. We thought about the importance of saying thank you and working together to look after our world and all those in it. In a couple of weeks' time, we will be going to Holy Trinity Church to celebrate all that Harvest is about; we do hope you will be able to join us.

### Netball Fixture Against Courthouse:

On Wednesday after school our netball team travelled to Courthouse School for our first fixture of the season. Our A team were delighted to come away with a 12 – 9 win and our B team, who have only been playing for two weeks drew 11-11. The improvement they made during the course of the match was phenomenal. We are enormously grateful for the continued support of Mr Lucas who works so hard training the squad. He has been joined this term by Mr Whitson and Mrs Parker to whom we are equally grateful for giving up their time for the children. With a number of other fixtures coming up, we do ask that you keep an eye on the 'Calendar Dates' section of our newsletter and look out for letters as they come home. We remain incredibly grateful to you for the support you give us in transporting your child to and from events.

### Gold School Games Mark:

You may remember reading in a recent newsletter about our success in achieving a Gold School Games Mark Award for our commitment to sport last year. We have now received our gold badge which was unveiled in assembly earlier today and pinned to our School Games pennant. This follows a great week of sport; swimming lessons, success in netball and the whole of Y2 enjoying the Active 60 minutes Festival at Altwood School.

### Maidenhead Advertiser 'First School Photo' - Cygnet Class:

A photographer from Maidenhead Advertiser was in school on Wednesday taking a photograph of our new Foundation Class. Do look out for their 'First School Photo' section in the newspaper soon to be published.

### Year 6 Residential Trip to CRS Adventures in Devon:

Last week some of you with children in Year 6 came along to a virtual meeting to find out more about our residential trip to [Home - CRS River Dart Adventures \(crsadventures.com\)](#) in Devon during the Summer Term. If you missed the meeting or would like to listen again to what was said then we will be sending out a link as soon as we have received it. Alternatively you can see Roger's presentation by following the link to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tSq7QpieNd4>

### Learning to Play the Violin with Maestros:

If you missed the invitation in last week's newsletter and your child is keen to try out violin playing, email Anne Marie, our violin peripatetic teacher, at [annemariechristensen@berksmusictrust.org.uk](mailto:annemariechristensen@berksmusictrust.org.uk) stating your child's name and year group. Anne Marie will be in school next week (Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October) with a number of violins and violas for them to have a go at playing. This is a free taster session open to everyone.

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 to you today for further details.

### PTA News:

Thanks to the PTA we are now signed up to 'ParentKind', a website which brings together home and school. The direct link, where you can find a number of webinars on matters ranging from understanding education to health and wellbeing, is: [Parent webinars | Parentkind](#). The links can also be found on the PTA Facebook page.

### Year 3 Swimming:

If you have a child in Year 3, thank you for all your support in sending them to school with the correct kit on Tuesdays. They had a wonderful session this week. Their quick changing meant we maximised the time in the pool and already the progress they are making is clear. Lessons continue next week and for the rest of the term.

### Parents' Evening:

Next week we will be running two virtual parent consultation sessions, on Tuesday and Thursday. Hopefully you have seen the email about this and booked your slot. Information was sent out on Wednesday advising you on how to get on to the portal and reserve a time. We look forward to sharing with you details of how your child has settled in and how successful they have been so far in navigating their way through the curriculum.

### Themed Weeks:

If you are yet to respond to the letter sent to you last week 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 currently 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 today about how you can support us in making this a fabulous week for the children.

### Flu Vaccinations:

As a reminder, on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October the nursing team will be in school for the annual flu vaccination programme. If you would like your child to be given the vaccination, consent is required. Please refer to the letter already sent out.

### Job Vacancy – Lunchtime Supervisor:

We are currently 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.

### Clubs:

It was lovely to see so many children at choir this week. There are still spaces available in this club and others so, for specific details, see last week's newsletters where all the club providers are listed.

Have a wonderful 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.

3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Henley Festival (virtual workshops organised for the children in school)
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Free Trial Violin session at school – email <a href="mailto:annemariechristensen@berksmusictrust.org.uk">annemariechristensen@berksmusictrust.org.uk</a>
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	A Team netball match vs Lowbrook (away - selected children informed by letter)
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Virtual Parent Consultations
5 <sup>th</sup> October	A and B team football matches vs Furze Platt Junior (away - selected children informed by letter)
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Rugby World Cup Inspired Y6 Tag Rugby Festival at Desborough College 12:15 – 2:30pm (selected children informed by letter)
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival in church 10:30am
12 <sup>th</sup> October	A and B team football matches vs Cookham Rise (away - selected children informed by letter)
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Science & Technology Week
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Open House Session to view classrooms 3:15pm -4pm (KS2 on Tuesday, EYFS & KS1 on Wednesday)
19 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Berkshire Music Trust free taster session in Reading
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Cookham Run – PTA Tea Tent - help needed
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Flu Vaccinations
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	A and B team football matches vs Oldfield (home - selected children informed by letter)
8 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA AGM – wine and cheese
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Maths & Computing Week
24 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Quiz Night (details to follow)
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Cookham Christmas Street Fair
5 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 2pm
6 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 6pm
14 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Carols in the Courtyard
24 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Ball at Odney – save the date!
4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Book week
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Virtual Parent Consultations
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Virtual Parent Consultations
13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs
10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Arts and Culture Week
24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Residential Trip
24 <sup>th</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Week
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
6 <sup>th</sup> July	HT Fest