



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

Welcome back to the start of a new term. I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and have enjoyed hearing about your child's first few days back at school.

We start the term with some wonderful news following our Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools just before the holiday. I do hope you have managed to find a little time to read our report which was emailed to you yesterday. We are incredibly proud of the outcome of the inspection and all we have achieved together to produce such a positive result.

Our inspection came after an incredibly busy Autumn Term. To see pictures of the many things we got up to, including our Science & Technology Week and Maths and Computing Week, do take a look on Google Classroom where over a hundred images have been posted. You will find them in the 'Classwork' section under 'Autumn Term 2023'.

Litter Pick Initiative:

After the success of recent charity fundraisers and the sense of achievement we all gained from them, the children are increasingly showing initiative in organising events to raise money for charities that they are interested in. Tomorrow five children in Year 6, Ben Brittain, Rafferty King, Rory MacMillan, Fred Mellors and Drake Powell are walking the 13 miles from Cookham to Henley picking up litter in support of the WWF. Just to add to the challenge, they will be wearing suits depicting endangered animals. Through sponsorship they have already reached their target of £500. If you would like to help 'Team Panda' on their way, you can sponsor them by going to:

[Litter Pick Walk | givestar](#)

Lunch Menu:

Thank you for taking the time to ensure that lunch orders for your child have been placed well in advance. It really helps our catering team. As always, to pre-order, go to your ScoPay account; a menu has been emailed to you today for your convenience.

No Nuts/No Sesame:

Please can I remind you that we are a no nut and no sesame school. On no account send your child in to school with anything containing these items. We have children with severe allergies for whom exposure to these foods could be life threatening. Thank you.

Supporting your Child Through the Curriculum:

In just over a week's time, 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 as you did for Meet the Teacher meetings at the beginning of the year. Details on how to log on and when to do so will also be published in next week's newsletter but to give you a head start, do take note of the following.

A link to the Google Meet session will be posted on Google Classroom 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.

Today, the children in Cygnet Class launched their new topic, 'Super Heroes and People Who Help Us', by coming in in costume. Thank you for your support in helping us spark their imagination by kitting your child out in such super outfits. It's these sorts of things which really help to enhance a rich learning experience for them. The staff will speak to you about how else you can support your child at home in these upcoming workshops.

Primary Dance Festival:

If you have a child in Year 4, the deadline for purchasing Primary Dance Festival tickets is Monday (8th January). Purchases can be made through your ScoPay account.

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 to keep ahead of what is happening. 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
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

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)

Have a wonderful weekend and we shall look forward to seeing you on Monday for the first full week of this Spring Term.

Anna Smith