



### **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**

If you were able to find time this week to visit your child's classroom and see their books, thank you for doing so. It's always lovely to see how eager the children are to show you their work and how proud they are to speak of the progress they have made. We really appreciate your support in working with us as we guide them on their learning journey. Aside from Open House, we celebrated 100% attendance on Tuesday and lots of other events have taken place this week which we hope your child has spoken positively about.

### **Sporting Success:**

On Tuesday Mr Reynolds took 10 children from his class to an Ascot and Maidenhead Sports Partnership event at Winter Hill Golf Course. After a series of challenges which involved skills relevant to the game of golf and earned points for each team, results were announced. We are delighted to report that out of nine teams, we came second and therefore we qualify for the county event at Braywick on 8<sup>th</sup> July. If we are successful again, we head of the Berkshire School Games which we are very excited about.

### **Pond Dipping with Wild Cookham:**

On Wednesday Year 1 made the most of the fine weather and took a trip to the pond in the village where they met the team from Wild Cookham. They spent the morning pond dipping before enjoying a picnic lunch. They came back to school with wonderful reports from the adults they met complimenting them on their knowledge and behaviour. We are proud that they represented our school so well.

### **It Won't Fail Because of Me:**

Last week we marked Earth Day so in assemblies this week we have continued the theme, linking it to the work we have already done around the Artemis II space mission. We travelled back to 1969 and thought about the first men to walk on the moon. We learnt that in order for Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin to take their historic exploration, 400,000 others were involved in the mission. At the time the catch phrase, 'It won't fail because of me', was spoken by all. We have taken inspiration from this and the short clip that explained the story:

[It wont fail because of me](#)

We decided that there is no better example of team work and have vowed to remember this as we continue to journey through the term.

### **Summer Music Events:**

Mrs Brown has been busy this week working with our choirs as they make final preparations for Cookham Festival. They will be performing with the other three Cookham schools a week today on the stage at the Odney Club. If you have a child in one of our choirs, refer to emails from Mrs Brown about arrangements for Friday's rehearsal and concerts.

Those successful in passing auditions for our summer music concert in school have now been informed. With only a couple of weeks to go, they should continue to practice their pieces before final rehearsals for everyone begin.

### **Junior Music Festival Rehearsal:**

The next rehearsal for the Junior Music Festival in June which Year 3 are taking part in is on Tuesday. Please refer to the letter you have previously been sent about this.

### **PTA Meeting**

On Monday evening we had a good turn out for our PTA meeting. With lots of events coming up, do continue to refer to your class WhatsApp to avoid missing anything.

On Saturday eleven children took part in the sponsored litter pick raising funds for the school. The final amount they raised is yet to be confirmed but what is for sure is that there is less litter along the Thames on the stretch they walked!

### **Road Safety:**

You will recall that a little while ago the borough's road safety officer was in school speaking to the children about road safety. In a couple of weeks' time we will be marking 'Walk to School Week' which is a national annual event when Pupils are encouraged to walk, wheel, cycle or scoot to school every day of the week. Pupils will be able to track their progress on brightly coloured wallcharts and earn stickers as they go along with a special reward given at the end of the week. Ahead of this event, perhaps you could reiterate rules for travelling safely to and from school especially when journeying along School Lane. It has been noted that, from time to time, children stray into the road and potentially into the path of vehicles. Please oversee them walking close to the hedgerows so they appreciate the importance of being vigilant. Thank you.

### **Year 6 Standard Attainment Tests:**

If you have a child in Year 6, I trust you saw the email from Mr Redjeb and the letter from me sent out this week. Do refer to it for details of when the tests are and the breakfast we will be serving to the children each day.

#### Year 4 Trip to the West End:

This week you will have seen the letter about Year 4's trip to see 'The Lion King' in London on Wednesday. Today is the final day for making payment and giving consent. Thank you for your prompt action in doing this.

#### School Photographs:

On Monday 1st June the school photographer will be in so put the date in your diary. Regardless of PE lessons, all children should come to school dressed smartly in full school uniform.

#### School Uniform:

As a reminder a sample PE kit is on display in our reception. If you are yet to see it, do pop in. At this stage we are in the early stages of considering changing our PE kit so we welcome your comments. If you are yet to have your say, please do not hesitate to catch me at the gate or email in.

#### 11+ Transfer Tests:

You will see from the calendar below that the window for applying for the Buckinghamshire Transfer Tests (11+) opens today. Please note, while we are a partner schools with Buckinghamshire which allows us to invigilate the transfer tests here, we are not able to do so unless you have registered your child beforehand. This is relevant for those of you who have a child in Year 5 if you are considering putting them in for the tests. Please find a link to the relevant web page [Register for the Secondary Transfer Test | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

#### Extra- Curricular Activities:

As a reminder of the clubs running this term, please refer to last week's newsletter. Club providers will liaise directly with you so do look out for emails from time to time. We remain enormously grateful to our team of mum, Mrs Neal, Mrs Sewell, Mrs Pichler and Mrs Montanari who run a fabulous maths club before school on a Friday. With additional support from our Year 6 maths ambassadors, it continues to thrive.

#### Cookham Kids Summer Camp:

Tickets for the Cookham Kids Summer Camp go on sale today. The camp runs from **3rd – 7th August 8.30am to 3.00pm** with early drop off available (contact the Parish Office). The week of activities which includes crafts, games, singing and drama, is for children aged 5-12. The camp will run from Holy Trinity School with an **iSingPOP Gala Concert** in Holy Trinity Church on the last day. The cost is £165 for the full week including the concert. To book a place, refer to the flyer sent out today where you will find a QR code or click on the link: <http://www.ticketsource.com/holy-trinity-church-cookham>

Enjoy the long weekend and we shall look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Anna Smith

## CALENDAR DATES

While some key dates appear below, please continue to refer to this section in our newsletter throughout the year as new dates will be added on a regular basis as events come up. **Any new additions (or any changes and deadlines) are highlighted in blue.**

1 <sup>st</sup> May	Window for Applying for the Buckinghamshire Transfer Tests Opens
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday Weekend – no school
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Junior Music Festival Rehearsal for Year 3 (please refer to letter)
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Away Netball match vs All Saints Junior School (selected children informed by letter)
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 trip to 'The Lion King' (please refer to letter)
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Cookham Festival Schools' Event
11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs (please refer to email and letter)
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 out at cricket event at Pinkney's Green Cricket Club (details to follow)
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Start of 'Walk to School Week'
19 <sup>th</sup> May	EYFS out at Waltham Place Biodynamic Farm (details to follow)
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Quadkids (outdoor athletics) event, Newlands Girls School, 3:45pm start (selected children informed by letter)
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Musical Evening Concert 6pm school hall
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Boys A and Girls home football matches vs All Saints CE Junior School (selected children informed by letter)
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Mufti Day (non-uniform day in exchange for an HT Fest tombola prize)
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Active 60 event for Y2 at Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre (letter to follow)
<b>25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>HALF TERM BREAK</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> June	School photographer in – regardless of PE lessons, children should wear full school uniform
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Window for Applying for the Buckinghamshire Transfer Tests Closes
5 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Disco
8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Arts and Culture Week
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Arts and Culture Week Performance pm
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Arthur Burgin Exhibition (Year 6)
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Junior Music Festival Rehearsal & Concert for Year 3 (please refer to letter)
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Residential Trip
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Sports Fortnight
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Sports Day
4 <sup>th</sup> July	HT Fest
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Spanish Assembly
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Term – Leavers' Assembly (details tbc)