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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

Sports Day:

It was lovely to see so many of you here today for Sports Day. It marked the culmination of our Sports Fortnight, which because of the extreme heat last week, was somewhat shortened. That said, the children have not missed out. They have enjoyed activities with a number of sport providers. We began on Monday with a yoga and wellbeing day. Every class in turn made their way to our teepee where they enjoyed sessions of relaxation with a yoga expert. The 'Bounce' team was also in with their special bounce shoes which the children had great fun racing around the field wearing! Tuesday was especially busy with Drumba, lacrosse and a session with mini warriors timetabled. Perhaps they told you about the tug of war contests and the number of staff who had to do push ups because of folding their arms during the session! On Wednesday Joe from Outdoor Adventurous Play had everyone doing orienteering on the field, finding clues and solving puzzles in a cross-curricular way. The children worked in teams supporting each other in the hope of securing the trophy.

We are also enormously grateful to those of you who came in to speak to the children about sport related topics. Our thanks go to Mr McLaren, Mrs Sewell and Mr Garwood. We also enjoyed learning about boxing with Miss Ford and Jake. The children were very excited to learn of a boxing club they will be running from September, details of which will be shared with you in due course.

Today, was an opportunity to work together, supporting each other and celebrating the benefits of sport. I hope you agree that we fulfilled the brief. Thank you for being part of such a special day.

Year 6 Residential Trip:

This time last week, Year 6 were arriving back from their week away in Devon. They had a wonderful time enjoying rock climbing, caving, high-rope activities and various water sessions. They embraced every opportunity and worked hard conquering fears and supporting each other. They returned to school with lots of stories to share and memories to keep.

Junior Music Festival:

A fortnight ago, Year 3 performed at the Hexagon in Reading as part of the Berkshire Maestros annual event in a concert this year entitled 'Making Waves'. The evening was enjoyed by all and the children were a true credit to our school; we couldn't be prouder of their efforts, their enthusiasm and their impeccable behaviour.

Transition:

Our transition programme has continued this week with the Year 6 children who are going to Furze Platt Senior School and Newlands in September enjoying time there. They had an opportunity to meet some of their teachers, make new friends and explore a different learning environment. We hear that they all had a fun time and special congratulations go to Benny Cunliffe who was one of six selected as a 'Star Student'. What an excellent first impression he must have made.

Next week we will have two transition days here, on Tuesday 7th July and Wednesday 8th July when the children will spend time in their new classroom and meet their new teacher(s). On these days, all the children should arrive in the morning at the side gate ready to walk round to the back of the building. This will be a new experience for those children currently in Reception, but staff will be on hand to guide them. At the end of each of our two transition days, you will collect your child from their new classroom, again with staff on the gate to direct you.

Our new Reception intake will also be in on these two days. If you have a child starting in Reception in September, you will have already received an invite and a welcome pack awaits. In it there are a number of important forms that we require you to fill out and return to school the following day. Thank you for your support in doing this.

Next year there are some staffing changes. To find out who your child's teacher(s) will be in September, please refer to the letter you have been sent today as an attachment.

Annual Reports:

Staff are currently writing annual reports which you will receive before the end of term. You may be aware that the release of KS2 SATs results which Year 6 pupils take, has been delayed this year. Schools were expecting results on 7th July but this has been moved to 16th July for reasons that are not clear. There is nothing we can do about this. We will aim to share your child's results with you before they leave but we may have to post them on to you at the start of the holiday. We will do our very best.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Over recent weeks we have sent our flyers with details about clubs in September. On the information you require is on these flyers and you should liaise directly with club providers to secure a place for your child.

Mrs. Hyslop's Inspire Art Club will be running again from 3.15pm - 5pm starting Monday 7th September.

Mondays - Year 3 & 4
Tuesdays - Year 5 & 6

If you would like your child to attend, please email nickyw1@hotmail.co.uk or text on 07764884747

Finally, its HT Fest tomorrow starting at 12 noon. I do hope you are able to come along and enjoy all the activities Mrs Jones and her team have laid on for us. I shall look forward to seeing you!

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.**

4 th July	HT Fest
8 th July	Berkshire School Games at Braywick Leisure Centre – Qualifying Y3 Golf Team to attend (letter to follow)
9 th July	Samurai Transition Workshop for Year 6 funded by the PTA (during the school day)
10 th July	Spanish Assembly am
14 th July	Year 5 trip to the Swan Upping pm (details to follow)
15 th July	Steel Pan Concert for parents of Year 5 and Year 6 2:30pm
15 th July	Y4 trip to the Cookham Dig (details to follow)
16 th July	Last Day of Term – Leavers' Assembly, school hall, 10am

Tuesday 1st September INSET

Wednesday 2nd September: Start of the New Academic Year for all children

**RBWM Term Dates for the next academic year have been sent to you today as an attachment.
We politely request that you take note of these dates and DO NOT book holidays during term time.**

Thank you.