



KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Macmillan Cake Sale:

Thank you again for helping us raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support last week. I am thrilled to inform you that together we collected £210 which will be sent off immediately to the charity.

This week during collective worship we have thought about injustice in the world. It is very rare in school that the children complain about things being unfair but the message in assembly has explored just how unfair life can be. We compared the photographs of the lavish banquet at Windsor Castle recently when President Trump visited, with pictures we received back from Tibase M School in Ethiopia of children in the breakfast club our fundraising supported. Given that we can't remove many of the injustices that exist, the focus was on what we can do to help make the world at least a little fairer. We celebrated the difference we made on Friday with our cake sale and we are hoping to make a small difference next week when we go to church to celebrate harvest.

Celebrating Harvest:

Next week our harvest service will be in Holy Trinity Church. This will be a very special occasion given that we have been unable to visit the church for a considerable amount of time because of the renovation work, and you are invited to come along. The service will start at 10:30am and likely last about an hour. We will leave school at 10:10am so if you are coming to the service and would be willing to walk the children there safely, we would be grateful for your help. Arrive at school for 10:10am and we will come and meet you at the front entrance. Please note, the children should all be dressed smartly in full school uniform for the event regardless of any clubs they may have after school.

Every year we support Maidenhead Foodshare and this year is no different. Your child is invited to come to school on Friday with groceries which we can sent off to the charity. We will take a selection of donated items to the church leaving the rest at school for collection.

Road Safety Lessons:

This week we welcomed the borough's road safety officers to school to work with selected children. They delivered lessons to Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6 with a focus on the Green Cross Code. They also spoke about the importance of wearing bicycle helmets and seat belts when travelling in a car. The older children did practical tasks to understand vehicle stopping distances to highlight the importance of road safety.

Some were given resources to remind them of the subjects they covered and homework to do with you just to reinforce the important messages that were shared.

Year 6 Bikeability:

Next week our bikeability course for Year 6 begins. As the letter you have already been given explains, the children should arrive at school on Monday with a road worthy bike, a well-fitting helmet and appropriate clothing for the weather. During the first session bicycles will undergo an inspection then the children will be assessed on the playground before going further afield. They will be outside regardless of the weather. Please send your child in with a spare set of clothes; if they get wet in the morning, we don't want them sitting in damp clothes for the rest of the day. They may come to school each day wear P.E. kit other than Friday when we go to church; the course finishes on Thursday.

Your child will need their bicycle in school for the entire week. It is preferable if they are taken home each day but if you rather, bicycles can be left inside the gate securely fastened. We cannot, however, take responsibility for property left overnight.

Year 6 Residential Trip:

On Tuesday of next week, if you have a child in Year 6, you are invited to a virtual meeting with Roger Sell of CRS Adventures. This will be the one and only opportunity for you to hear from Roger about the centre, the types of activities the children will do while away and arrangements for the trip. We strongly urge you to attend. A link to the meeting will be emailed to you on Monday ahead of the actual meeting on Tuesday which will start at 4:30pm. Your child may also attend but it is a meeting largely for parents.

Henley Literary Festival:

Last term we were thrilled to secure tickets for two live events and also tickets for a virtual session at this year's Henley Literary Festival. On Tuesday Year 2 will be going to meet author Zanna Davidson, Year 6 will hear from Frank Cottrell-Boyce from the comfort of the classroom and on Wednesday Year 4 are off to meet Dermot O'Leary. Please refer to the letters you have been sent if you have children in Year 2 and Year 4.

First Class Photo:

We have been informed that the picture the photographer took of Cygnet Class for their First Class Photo edition will be published on October 17th not 24th as previous advertised. Earlier today you were emailed a link which allows you to see the photographs which were taken and make a purchase if you wish.

Parents' Evening:

In a couple of weeks you are invited to a virtual parents' evening with the purpose of meeting your child's class teacher and discussing how they have settled in and what specific targets they are working on. Details of how to book a time slot will be emailed to you next week. Please note, no after school clubs will run on these days.

World Space Week:

Did you know that next week is World Space Week with this year's theme being 'Living in Space'? We will be marking it in school.

Science and Technology Week:

Many thanks to those of you who have been able to offer some time to come in to school during Science and Technology Week to work with the children. The purpose of this is to inspire them and perhaps make them more aware of career paths having opened their eyes to specific fields in these subject areas. We are looking forward to welcoming you into school along with the other workshop providers we have booked.

One such provider is Donna Stimson, from 'Green Skills', who some of our Eco-Councillors met at an Eco-Conference last year. She is coming to work with all the children but with Year 6 on a particular project which requires orange material. If you have anything orange which you no longer require: orange t-shirts, orange blankets, orange jumpers we would like them! Donations can be sent in with your child or dropped off at the office. Thank you

PTA Quiz Night:

Perhaps you have already got your tickets for the PTA quiz night next Friday but if not don't delay! The link you require is: <https://forms.gle/TJeoJRPEVg6bU6y68>

Using the Trim Trail:

It is lovely to see the children enjoying the trim trail at the end of the day. Thank you for your close supervision of them. If you choose to stay behind, we would be most grateful if you could start to make your way up from the trim trail at 3:25pm so that the gate can be locked promptly at 3:30pm to safeguard the children still on site in after school clubs. **Please note, the trim trail is not available for use on Thursday afternoon to avoid disturbing netball club which meets on the playground.**

Calendar dates are listed below with any new additions (or any changes and deadlines) highlighted in blue.

Finally a message from the Cookham Footprint team:

By popular demand we're back, so start sorting and clearing out what's been grown out of or just not worn for a while. Bagged up clothes (preferably winter) can be dropped off at Cookham library from 9.30am on the day. If you're not able to come along but want to donate we can arrange to pick them up for you - just contact us at cookhamsfootprint@gmail.com Everything afterwards that hasn't been chosen and picked up will be donated to the Baby Bank (all ages) and other charities. Our Books, Toys and Homeware Freecycle will be on the 15th November, in time for Christmas.

Have a lovely weekend.
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 are added in order to keep abreast of what is coming up in school.

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| 6 th – 9 th October | Y6 Bikeability |
| 7 th October | Y2 trip to the Henley Literary Festival (letter to follow) |
| 7 th October | Meeting about the Year 6 Residential Trip in the summer (4:30pm) |
| 8 th October | Y4 trip to the Henley Literary Festival (letter to follow) |
| 9 th October | Boys A and Girls A team football matches v Oldfield (home) - selected children informed by letter |
| 10 th October | Harvest Festival in support of FoodShare (details to follow) |
| 10 th October | PTA Quiz Night |
| 13 th – 17 th October | Science & Technology Week |
| 15 th October | Travelling Book Fair in school |
| 14 th & 16 th October | Virtual Parent Consultations (information to follow. No after school clubs will run on these days) |
| 17 th October | Flu Vaccination Programme (Deadline to complete consent form is 16 th October at 9am. Please refer to email) |
| 20 th October | Individual school photos |
| 21 st October | KS2 (Year 3-6) Open House Session to view classrooms 3:15pm -4pm |
| 22 nd October | EYFS & KS1 Open House Session to view classrooms 3:15pm -4pm |
| 22 nd October | A and B team netball matches v Holyport (away) - selected children informed by letter |
| 23 rd October | Boys A and Girls A team football matches v St Edmund Campion (home) - selected children informed by letter |
| 24 th October | Deadline for themed weeks payment |

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| 3 rd November | Year 1 Trip to Windsor Castle (details to follow) |
| 4 th November | PTA event (details to follow) |
| 7 th November | PTA Pyjama and Popcorn Night |
| 11 th November | Remembrance Service at the War Memorial |
| 12 th November | PTA AGM 7:30pm in school |
| 13 th November | Year 3 trip to the Chiltern open Air Museum (details to follow) |
| 14 th November | Children in Need |
| 17 th November | Year 6 Height and Weight with the School Nursing Team |
| 17 th – 21 st November | Maths & Computing Week |
| 19 th November | Open Evening |
| 3 rd December | Year 6 Trip to Bletchley Park |
| 5 th December | Year 5 Trip to the Harry Potter Studios |
| 6 th December | Cookham Christmas Street Fayre |
| 9 th December | EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 2pm |
| 10 th December | EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 6pm |
| 17 th December | EYFS & KS1 Christmas Party |
| 17 th December | PTA Carols in the Courtyard |
| 18 th December | EYFS & KS1 trip to the pantomime in the Wycombe Swan (details to follow) |
| 18 th December | KS2 Christmas Party |

22nd December – 2nd Jan Christmas Holiday

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| 2 nd – 6 th March | Book week |
| 3 rd March | Virtual Parent Consultations |
| 5 th March | Virtual Parent Consultations |
| 11 th – 14 th May | KS2 SATs |
| 8 th – 12 th June | Arts and Culture Week |
| 22 nd – 26 th June | Y6 Residential Trip |
| 22 nd – 2 nd July | Sports Fortnight |
| 3 rd July | Sports Day |