



#### 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

This time last week we were setting up for the PTA disco. Over the two sessions, 157 children enjoyed dancing and participating in games with Dave. If your child came along, I do hope they spoke positively the party; it really was a wonderful evening. My thanks go to those of you who came along to the sessions to help and in particular Charlotte King for coordinating the event.

#### PTA HT Fest:

A handful of children entered the competition to design a front cover for this year's HT Fest programme. Their designs will be passed to the committee coordinating the event after which a winner will be announced. Regardless of the result, we are proud of those who took the time to put their ideas down on paper.

#### PTA Ball:

It's not long now until this year's PTA ball. I do hope you have booked your tickets! The team are currently collecting empty jam jars so if you have any, do pop them in the box outside our front entrance. Thank you

#### Sports News:

This week we have continued to benefit from the expertise of gym coach, Olivia, who has worked with every class on a range of skills. The children have particularly enjoyed using the ropes to build core strength. A hockey coach has been in again to work with Year 6 and last evening our girls braved the weather for a football match against St Edmund Campion. Despite playing well, they didn't quite secure a win. The final score was 3-2.

Next week is the borough's annual Dance Festival which will take place at Braywick Leisure Centre. Our Year 4 class will be performing along with children from many other schools across the area. This year, for the first time, a boys elite dance group will also be taking to the stage. This is a project which was open to boys from school across Maidenhead and for the last few weeks the troupe have been working with Mrs Lucas, rehearsing after school in our hall. Despite a handful of boys from local schools expressing an interest and coming along to the first few rehearsals, the group is now made up of boys only from our school, ranging from Year 3 up to Year 6. They have perfected a dance which will take the audience back into the mists of time to when Stonehenge was built. Today the whole school enjoyed seeing both dances as the groups made their final preparations for next week's show. I am sure you will join me in wishing all 49 Holy Trinity children well.

#### Open House:

If you were able to drop into Open House this week, thank you for making the time. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to see your children's work and hear from them what they have been learning. For those of you with children in Reception Class, we also hope that you found the session about early reading useful. Next week Miss Bowater will be sharing additional information about our approach to phonics which is relevant for those of you with children in Year 1 and Year 2 as well as Reception. Do look out for the email.

#### Height and Weight Checks:

The nursing team were in school this week carrying out various checks on the children in Reception Class. You will have received a letter from them sent home in book bags on Wednesday. While they were here they spoke to me about how impressed they were by the children's ability to recall letter sounds during the eye test. They return on Monday to catch up with those children who were away this week.

#### Governor Visits:

Equally impressed with the children were a number of governors who have been in school recently carrying out learning walks. On these occasions our Year 6 children have acted as tour guides. They have spoken in depth to our governors about our curriculum and, in particular, the wider opportunities we give to our pupils to enhance their knowledge. They have been proud to show their books and talk about the things that make our school a positive place to learn.

#### Year 6 Trip to Furze Platt Senior School:

On Tuesday we have been invited by the students of Furze Platt Senior School to go along and see their production of 'We will Rock You'. If you have a child in Year 6, thank you for responding to the email and giving permission for your child to attend. We are grateful to you for your help transporting your child there. As a reminder, children should be picked up from here at 12:30pm on Tuesday and taken to Furze Platt to arrive no later than 12:45pm. Staff will meet you outside the main gates before we walk in together. Please ensure your child is dressed smartly in full school uniform for the day. Once the performance ends, we will make our way back to the main gate at around 3pm ready to hand your child over to you. We are thrilled that we have been invited and are really looking forward to the show and seeing past Holy Trinity pupils shine on the stage.

### Year 6 Residential Trip:

The deadline has now passed for paying the deposit for our Year 6 residential trip to CRS Adventures in Devon. Please refer to the email you have previously been sent for details of the payment plan and when the next payment is due. Thank you.

### Buckinghamshire Secondary School Transfer Tests:

As a reminder, if you have a child in Year 5 and are considering a grammar school for them when they leave, the Buckinghamshire Secondary Transfer test will take place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2026 (Practice) and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2026 (Transfer Test). **As we are not in Buckinghamshire, if you wish you child to take the 11+ examination here or elsewhere you are required to register them for the test yourself.** Please note that the timeframe for parents to register for the test has been shortened this year; the deadline will now be 2<sup>nd</sup> June (last year it was 13<sup>th</sup> June). The registration window opens on 1<sup>st</sup> May so do contact Buckinghamshire Council if this applies to you.

### Our Kindness Cup:

I wonder if your child has spoken to you about the Kindness Cup that is awarded to someone every Friday. The recipient is chosen by the children who regularly speak to me about others they would like to nominate. A decision is made, the cup is awarded during Friday's Celebration assembly and it then lives on the desk of the winner until the following Friday. A recent winner has been Isabella in Year 6 who took it upon herself to design a certificate that could also be awarded. It is always wonderful to see the children taking such initiative. This week in assembly we have continued to celebrate the power of kindness. Do ask your child about the 'kindness boomerang' and the 'life vest' film we've watched together.

Have a good weekend and I shall look forward to seeing you on Monday for the final week of term.

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.**

### 9<sup>th</sup> February

10<sup>th</sup> February

12<sup>th</sup> February

### Nursing Team in – Reception Class

Year 6 trip to see 'We Will Rock You' at Furze Platt Senior School (please refer to email)

Borough Dance Festival (Year 4 and our elite boys' group participating – please refer to the letter you have been sent)

### 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> February

### HALF TERM BREAK

24<sup>th</sup> February

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2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March

3<sup>rd</sup> March

5<sup>th</sup> March

12<sup>th</sup> March

14<sup>th</sup> March

18<sup>th</sup> March

25<sup>th</sup> March

Junior Music Festival Rehearsal for Year 3 (please refer to letter)

Boys Away Football Match v White Waltham C of E Academy (selected children informed by letter)

Y2 Trip to The Lookout (please refer to letter sent out)

Active 60 Festival at Braywick am (Year 1 to participate with letter to follow)

Home Football Match vs Oldfield, (selected children informed by letter)

Book week

Virtual Parent Consultations

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Boys and Girls Home Football Matches vs Lowbrook, (selected children informed by letter)

PTA Ball

Ascot Bake-Off Finals (Year 5 participating)

Rock Steady Concert, school hall 9:30am

### 30<sup>th</sup> March – 10<sup>th</sup> April

### EASTER HOLIDAY

27<sup>th</sup> April

1<sup>st</sup> May

5<sup>th</sup> May

6<sup>th</sup> May

8<sup>th</sup> May

11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May

PTA meeting 8pm Kings Arms

Window for Applying for the Buckinghamshire Transfer Tests Opens

Junior Music Festival Rehearsal for Year 3 (please refer to letter)

Year 4 trip to 'The Lion King' (details to follow)

Cookham Festival Schools' Event (tbc)

KS2 SATs

### 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May

### HALF TERM BREAK

2<sup>nd</sup> June

5<sup>th</sup> June

8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June

12<sup>th</sup> June

17<sup>th</sup> June

19<sup>th</sup> June

22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June

22<sup>nd</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> July

3<sup>rd</sup> July

4<sup>th</sup> July

10<sup>th</sup> July

16<sup>th</sup> July

Window for Applying for the Buckinghamshire Transfer Tests Closes

PTA Disco

Arts and Culture Week

Arts and Culture Week Performance pm

Arthur Burgin Exhibition (Year 6)

Junior Music Festival Rehearsal & Concert for Year 3 (please refer to letter)

Y6 Residential Trip

Sports Fortnight

Sports Day

HT Fest

Spanish Assembly

Last Day of Term – Leavers' Assembly (details tbc)