



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)

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KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Welcome back to the start of the Spring Term. I trust you and your family had a lovely Christmas and that your child has enjoyed being back in the classroom with their friends this week. We have come to expect a positive start to every term and this time is no different; we have only been back five days but already it's evident to see that excellent attitudes to learning have been employed and every class seems to be enjoying the new topics that have been introduced. Cygnets made a great start to their topic work dressing as superheroes on Tuesday and the following day the Year 4 geography field trip around the village cemented in the pupils an understanding of certain geographical features in the landscape. With lots more planned during the coming weeks, do look out for our weekly newsletter published on Friday which will keep you up to speed.

Class newsletters:

To help you understand what your child will be learning this term so that you can continue to support them at home, Spring Term Class Newsletters have been posted on Google Classroom and sent to you today as attachments. If you have a child in Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 or Year 6 the same DfE leaflets that have been sent out before, have also been sent out. We trust these give you a better understanding of the Year 1 Phonics Screening, teacher assessment at the end of Year 2, the Year 4 Multiplication Check and Year 6 Standard Attainment Tests (SATs), all of which take place in the Summer Term.

Supporting your child with Reading:

All Class Newsletters explain the importance of reading and the value of you reading with your child on a daily basis. We appreciate how tricky this can be and are grateful for any support you can give. We see how much the children enjoy reading with an adult and the reward it brings. It is always our aim to promote a love of reading in our children which is why our annual Book Week is so important. This year is runs from 2nd to 6th March with a dress up day on the Friday.

The start of a new year is maybe a time to consider subscribing to a weekly/ monthly publication. There are lots of excellent publications out there specifically for children which cater for a whole range of interests.



Online safety:

Teaching about how to stay safe on the internet is something we address on a regular basis in school. However, if you reinforce this important message at home, it can only serve to further safeguard the children. Occasionally they are asked to complete homework tasks which involve them using the internet, Times Table Rock Stars for instance, so you overseeing this is helpful. Thank you.

No Nuts and Sesame:

You can also help us to safeguard the children again this term by remembering that we are a 'no nut, no sesame' school. We have a handful of children across all classes who have severe reactions if they come in to contact with these foods. Thank you

Extra-Curricular Activities running this term: Please contact club providers directly to enquire about availability. Thank you

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 8:30am. Payment of £2.50 per session 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: information sent out via email
Spanish Club	Year 4	Monday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:20am
Ukulele Club	Year 4, 5 and 6	Monday lunchtime	No need to book; Mrs Lucas is looking forward to starting up her band	N/A
Art Club	Year 3 & 4	Monday after school, finish time: 5pm	Book directly by contacting Mrs Hyslop: Nickyw1@hotmail.co.uk	Collect from the front entrance of school
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.
Junior Choir	Years 3 & 4	Tuesday before school, start time: 8am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Brown larainebrownbda@gmail.com	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Netball	Years 5 & 6	Tuesday before school, start time: 8am	Book directly by contacting Mr Lucas	Arrive at the side gate promptly at 8am ready to be let in by Mr Lucas
Spanish Club	Year 2	Tuesday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:20am
Spanish Club	Year 3	Tuesday after school, finish time 3:50pm	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Collect from the front entrance of school
Football Club	Year 5 & 6 girls & boys	Tuesday after school, finish time 4:30pm	Please refer to Mr Whittle's email sent this week for dates	Collect from the back gate
Art Club	Year 5 & 6	Tuesday after school, finish time: 5pm	Book directly by contacting Mrs Hyslop: Nickyw1@hotmail.co.uk	Collect from the front entrance of school
Cooking Club	Year 1 - 6	Tuesday after school, finish time 4:30pm	Refer to flyer for booking details	Collect from the front entrance of school
Little Samurai	EYFS, Y1 & Y2	Tuesday, finish time: 4:15pm	Book directly: 07828 534817 www.SamuraiKickboxing.com info@SamuraiKickboxing.com	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Hand Chime Music Club	Y3 & Y4	Tuesday, finish time 4:00pm	Led by Miss Smith Limited spaces – please email the office to confirm a space	Collect from the front entrance of school
Rock Steady	EYFS – Y6	Wednesday morning	Book directly: 0330 113 0330 Rocksteady musicschool.com	N/A lessons take place during the school day
Spanish Club	Year 1	Wednesday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:20am
Mad Science Club	Year 1-6	Wednesday after school, finish time 4:30pm	Refer to flyer for booking details	Collect from the front entrance of school
Yoga & Mindfulness	Year 1 - 6	Wednesday, finish time 4:30pm	Book directly by contacting Sallie Windsor: 07846 992824 sallie.windsor@nurturekidsyoga.com	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Senior Choir	Years 5 & 6	Thursday before school, start time: 8am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Brown 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 www.SamuraiKickboxing.com or info@SamuraiKickboxing.com	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Cooking Club	Year 1 - 6	Thursday after school, finish time 4:30pm	Refer to flyer for booking details	Collect from the front entrance of school
Netball Club	Year 2, 3 & 4 (numbers limited)	Thursday after school, finish time: 4:15pm	Book directly by contacting Mrs Thomas	Collect from the back gate
Boys Physical Theatre	Years 4-6	Thursday From 4:45pm to 5:45pm	Book directly with Mrs Lucas – see previously sent email	Drop off and collect from the back door of the school hall
Maths Club	Year 5 & 6 (by invitation)	Friday before school at 8:15am	Organised by Mrs Neal with a rota of children invited to attend every few weeks	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:10am ready for an 8:15am start
Spanish Club	Year 5	Friday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:20am
Sewing Club	Year 1 – 6	Friday after school, finish time: 4:30pm	Book directly: 07782 253565 anita@dhaqa-sewing.co.uk	Collect from the front entrance of school
IPro Football	Years 1 - 6	Friday after school, finish time: 4:30pm (See flyer sent out again today.)	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	To find out more, go to: Homepage - Berkshire Music Trust (berksmusictrust.org.uk)	Times of lessons determined by Maestros

Safety Drills:

You may have heard from your child that this week we have carried out fire and lockdown drills. Both are important for our safeguarding practice and are carried out regularly to ensure that pupils and staff are familiar with procedures. I am delighted to inform you that both drills were carried out efficiently. Today, when we did our lockdown drill, in order to explain it we told the youngest children that an angry dog or wild swan might be lose in our playground hence the need to hide. Cygnets were so excited by the event that several asked me if we could repeat the procedure next week!

National Child Measuring Programme (NCMP):

Every year in England, school children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight checked at school. This is called the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). The checks are carried out by the School Health Team. This will be taking place in our school this term. If you have a child in Reception you will have already been emailed two documents about this programme which have also been sent out to you today as attachments.

Lost Property:

We end the first week with virtually no lost property. Thank you for continuing to check that all clothing items and school equipment that your child brings into school remains clearly named. We are very grateful. Non-named items will again this term be placed on the wooden posts outside our Year 2 classroom for a short period before being disposed of.

Parking:

Unfortunately, the start of term brought another complaint about parking. Given that I received a leaflet from the borough this week that all head teachers have been asked to send out to parents, this is clearly an issue that many schools face. I wonder if this term we can all do our bit to ensure that no further complaints are made. RBWM's 'School Drop-Off and Pick-Up Safety' notice has been sent to you today as an attachment. Please take a moment to read it.

Finally, I end this week's newsletter looking back to the Crib Service held at Holy Trinity Church on Christmas Eve. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend as I was away visiting family. However, I have heard what a success it was from many, including Father Stephen. The cast was made up entirely of children from our school and I know many other pupils went along to enjoy it. I was so proud of our performers who really shone!

Have a wonderful 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 will be added on a regular basis as events come up. **Any new additions (or any changes and deadlines) are highlighted in blue.**

22nd December – 2nd Jan Christmas Holiday

5 th January	First day of the Spring Term
27 th January	Football match v White Waltham C of E Academy away (selected children to be informed by letter)
28 th January	Netball Match v Cookham Dean away (selected children to be informed by letter)
30th January	PTA Disco (details tbc)
4 th February	Early Years – Height, weight and vision with the school nurse
12 th February	Borough Dance Festival (Year 4 participating – details to follow)
2 nd – 6 th March	16th – 18th February HALF TERM BREAK
3 rd March	Book week
5 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations
14 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations
18 th March	PTA Ball
25 th March	Ascot Bake-Off Finals (Year 5 participating – details to follow)
	Rock Steady Concert, school hall 9:30am

30th March – 10th April **EASTER HOLIDAY**

8 th May	Cookham Festival Schools' Event (tbc)
11 th – 14 th May	KS2 SATs
25th – 29th May	HALF TERM BREAK
5 th June	PTA Disco
8 th – 12 th June	Arts and Culture Week
12 th June	Arts and Culture Week Performance pm
17 th June	Arthur Burgin Exhibition (Year 6)
22 nd – 26 th June	Y6 Residential Trip
22 nd – 2 nd July	Sports Fortnight
3 rd July	Sports Day
4 th July	HT Fest
10 th July	Spanish Assembly
16 th July	Last Day of Term – Leavers' Assembly (details tbc)