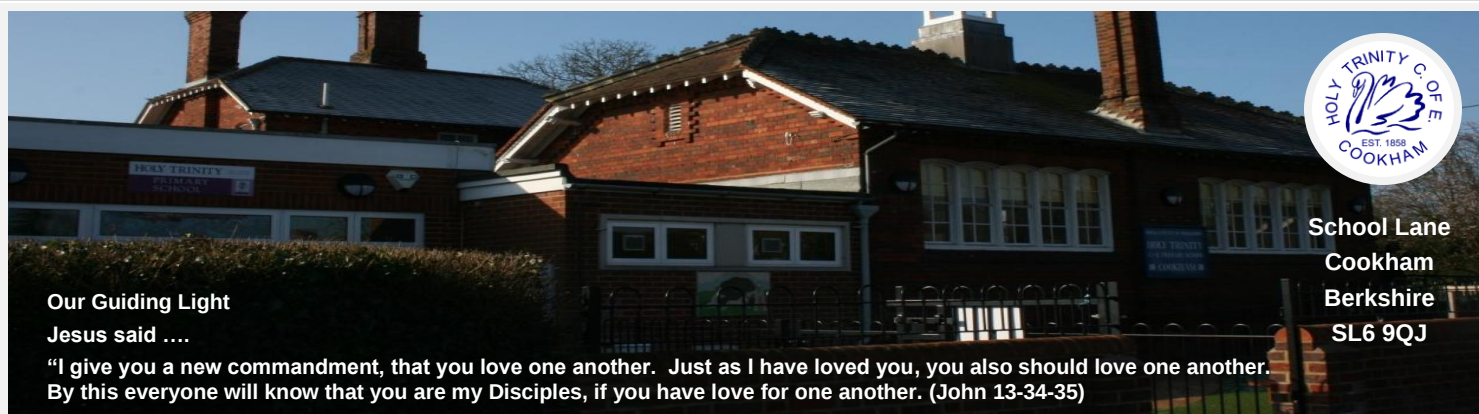




Our Guiding Light

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

HT Fest – Thank You:

This time last week many of you were busy preparing for Saturdays' HT Fest. What a magnificent event it was! Mrs Jones and her team did a sterling job ensuring that their vision came to life and we are enormously grateful to them and all of you whether you set up or cleared away, donated items, volunteered to run stalls, or simply came along to support. The weather was on our side and everything ran smoothly.

It was lovely that some of the children who will be starting soon in Cygnet Class came along with their families and our wonderful PTA Junior Ambassadors did a fine job running their 'Sugar Shack' stall. Equally successful were our Eco-Council who were successful in raising money for some of their future projects. What also stood out were the incredible skills of our pupils, many of whom took to the stage to entertain the crowds in 'HT's Got Talent'. They did a superb job adding a special sparkle to the event. I had a lovely time; I hope you did too.

Transition:

Our transition programme ran successfully this week and we hope your child came home speaking excitedly about the experience. I was very impressed with how well everyone found their new classroom each morning, especially those children in our current Reception Class, many of whom walked along the path to the back gate completely independently.

Some of our current Year 6 children enjoyed time in their secondary schools and we were delighted to welcome our new intake of Reception children in too. They settled quickly and really seemed to enjoy their time with us. I feel confident that when the new term starts in September we will all be ready to go!

To help their transition to secondary school, yesterday Year 6 spent the day working with the team from Samurai learning about how to keep themselves safe. They were taught tips on how to deal with bullying and peer pressure. It was an excellent day that the children, and their instructors, spoke positively about.

This was a workshop financially supported, as was the case last year, by our PTA. We are enormously grateful to you for the money you raised to enable us to provide the pupils with workshops like this. Thank you.

Spanish Assembly:

I do hope that those of you who came to this morning's Spanish assembly enjoyed hearing what your child has been learning with Mrs Pow. Leaflets advertising Spanish Club next year have been sent to you today as an attachment. Flyers for other clubs have and will be distributed so do keep a look out for these in order to secure a place for your child in activities of their choice.

Learning about Water Safety:

Every year we hear about terrible incidents, sometimes resulting in fatalities, happening locally in our river. This week in assembly the children have been learning about how to stay safe around water. We hope that these important messages help to keep them safe particularly during this hot weather. The key takeaways were:

1. **Stop and Think** - Before going near water, take a moment to look for any dangers.
2. **Stay Together** - Always stay with adults when you're near water.
3. **Float** - If you fall into water, stay calm, float on your back and control your breathing.
4. **Call for Help** - If someone is in trouble, tell an adult or call 999.

Annual Reports:

Annual reports will be sent home next week. For those of you with children in Year 6, you may be aware that the release of KS2 SATs results which Year 6 pupils take, has been delayed this year. Results will come out on 16th July so Year 6 reports may go out later than reports for those in other classes across the school. We will do our very best to share these with you as soon as we can.

As was advertised earlier in the week, some of the children have taken home completed exercise books for you to enjoy looking at. Others will be bringing books home next week. Any incomplete books remain in school and will move up with the children to their new classes in September.

Next week there are still a number of events happening which will ensure the children have positive experiences to end the term. These are listed below. Until then, have a lovely weekend and I hope to see those of you with children in Year 6 at their leavers' party later today.

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.**

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.