



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

Nativity:

If you came along to our Nativity this week, I hope you enjoyed it and were as proud of the children as I was. It was an extraordinary team effort with virtually everyone involved in one way or another but special thanks go to the staff who have worked directly with the children helping them learn their lines, choreographing routines, ensuring they were in the right place at the right time and helping them all to shine! Thank you for coming along and being so generous in allowing us support our chosen charity this year, Barnardo's. So far this Christmas we have raised £475.88 for the charity.

Cookham Christmas Street Fayre:

Our thanks go to the PTA who were involved in last weekend's Cookham Christmas Street Fayre. It was a wonderful event with many spending money at our stall on a range of children's games. Proceeds from the day will help fund future school projects.

Sporting Fixture:

Yesterday our squad went to St Edmund Campion School for a football match. They were narrowly beaten 2-1 despite a fantastic equalizer just before half time involving an excellent long range pass. The squad had a couple of chances to make it 2-2 in the second half but couldn't quite convert. All played with grit and determination.

House Assemblies:

On Wednesday our Y6 House Captains led us in collective worship. The theme they chose to speak about was Christmas Kindness and all were encouraged to think of others. They did an excellent job.

Carols with The Choirs – Monday 6:30pm:

Our next big event is our 'Carols with the Choirs' concert at Holy Trinity Church at 6:30pm on Monday. Everyone is invited to attend; tickets are not required. Pupils taking part should arrive at the church at 6:15pm dressed smartly in full school uniform.

Christmas Jumper Day - Tuesday:

On Tuesday your child is invited to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper as we will be raising money for Save the Children which we do every year. It's the same day as Christmas lunch is being served. **Please note, if you have not ordered a Christmas lunch for your child you must send them in with a packed lunch. All meals are cooked to order that day.**

Rock Steady Concert – Wednesday 9:30pm:

If your child taken Rock Steady lessons, on Wednesday at 9:30am you are invited to their end of term concert in our school hall. We hope you can make it. The event should finish no later than 10am.

KS1 Christmas Party – Wednesday pm:

Also on Wednesday but in the afternoon, our EYFS and KS1 children are having their Christmas party in the school hall. On the day, they are invited to bring to school party clothes which they will change into immediately after lunch. As well as playing lots of party games a light snack will be provided which the staff will buy and prepare. Please send your child into school with £1 as a contribution ahead of us going out shopping on Tuesday.

KS2 Christmas Party – Thursday pm:

On Thursday KS2 have their Christmas party. As has been the case in previous years, they have already planned their party this week working in groups, deciding on a theme and organising what costumes, table decorations and the food items they will bring in. They have done a wonderful job so it promises to be an exciting event in which their skills of cooperation and team work will be tested.

There are, however, a few things you should also be mindful of. The children have been told that:

- They must not bring in anything that is valuable or that they will get upset about if lost or broken.
- They must not bring in any food items containing nuts or sesame. **We ask that you oversee this and remain very vigilant given the extreme reactions some of our children have to these items.**
- Given that the children are in groups of about 6 and that every child in the group seems to be bringing in food, **only supply your child with small quantities. They will have eaten lunch a matter of minutes before!**
- They should not bring in any drinks; we will provide them.
- Anything they bring in must go home with them that evening so they should only bring items that they can carry in and out of the building themselves.

EYFS & KS1 Trip to the Pantomime – Thursday pm:

Please refer to the letter you have already received about this, in particular arrangements about pick-up. **Children should come to school looking smart in full school uniform regardless of PE lessons.**

Christmas Church Service – Thursday am:

On the penultimate day of term we will walk to Holy Trinity Church for our Christmas service which will start at 10:00am (we have moved the service forward to allow enough time for EYFS & KS1 to get ready for their trip to the pantomime in the afternoon). **Children should come to school looking smart in full school uniform regardless of PE lessons.**

Hopefully you saw my plea in last week's newsletter. The day before, if any of you are able to drop into the church after pick-up, around 4pm, we would be most grateful for your help in moving the chairs out of the nave to make space for the children to sit. If on the day you are able to come to the service (all are invited) and you are willing to help us to walk the children there and back, we would be most grateful for your help. Arrive at the front entrance at 9:30am. Thank you.

Parking:

I hope you saw my message in last week's newsletter about not parking on the zig-zag lines outside school. This week I have received another complaint about drivers parking on the double yellow lines on Sutton Road. Yellow lines are there for a reason, please **DO NOT** park on them. Thank you

Enjoy your 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.**

15 th December	Carols with the Choirs in Holy Trinity Church 6:30pm (choirs to arrive at 6:15pm – see correspondence from Mrs Brown))
16 th December	Final swimming session for Y3
16 th December	Christmas Lunch (unless an order has been placed, please send your child to school with a packed lunch) & Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children UK
17 th December	Rock Steady Concert, school hall 9:30am
17 th December	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Party (see details above)
17 th December	PTA Carols in the Courtyard 5:30-7pm
18 th December	Christmas Service in Holy Trinity Church 10:00am (not 10:30am as previously advertised)
18 th December	EYFS & KS1 trip to the pantomime in the Wycombe Swan pm
18 th December	KS2 Christmas Party (see details above)

22nd December – 2nd Jan Christmas Holiday

27th 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)
12 th February	Borough Dance Festival (Year 4 participating – details to follow)
2 nd – 6 th March	Book week
3 rd March	Virtual Parent Consultations
5 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations
14 th March	PTA Ball
18 th March	Ascot Bake-Off Finals (Year 5 participating – details to follow)
25 th March	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
19 th May	Scholastic Book Fair arriving
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)

Thank you again to Flowerland in Bourne End who have kindly given us a Christmas tree this year. If you're over there do let them know how much we are enjoying it!

