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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

Thank you for taking note of the information on last week's newsletter. Your support has ensured another positive week in school. The children have arrived promptly and in time to complete early bird work before registers have been taken, they have looked smart and come in in the appropriate kit on days when P.E. is timetabled, the office staff have been able to focus on tasks without the need to deliver forgotten items to classrooms and we have not been contacted by disgruntled neighbours upset at the parking in the village. Above all, the children have continued to work hard supporting each other both in and out of the classroom. All our new Cygnets have been assigned a Year 6 buddy and the friendships they have made with children from across the school has, I am sure, helped them settle in so successfully. We have all noticed how confident they are, how well they have adapted to new routines and how much they seem to be enjoying themselves. This is not the only positive news story from across the school this week.

Green Flag Status:

We were delighted to learn over the summer holiday that we have been awarded Green Flag Status for the work we have done caring for the environment. The Eco-Council shared the news with everyone in assembly on Wednesday. Throughout the year the team have guided us through a number of projects all of which have been really successful in highlighting some of the issues the world faces.



Mrs Weller and the Eco-Council are keen to invite new and enthusiastic children to join the team. If your child would like to put their name forward for election, they have time before October to prepare their campaign. Do encourage them to get involved.

Trim Trail Completion:

There has been great excitement among the children as they've watched contractors take away the old trim trail at the bottom of the playground which was nearing the end of its life and replace it with a new one. The work is almost complete which means it won't be long before the children are able to use it.

This project was made possible because of the incredibly fund raising you, as part of our PTA, do. Thank you.

The next PTA meeting is on 24th September with all welcome. Do come along to find out how you can get involved.

Meet the Teacher Meetings:

We hope that those of you who have been able to attend our virtual 'Meet the Teacher' meetings this week have found them useful. Meetings starting at 4pm continue next week as follows:

- **Tuesday 16th – Year 2**
- **Wednesday 17th – EYFS (Reception)**
- **Thursday 18th – Year 1**

Please look out for the link posted on Google Classroom to access then meeting. Those of you with children in Cygnet Class have been sent a letter explaining how to log on. Please refer to last week's newsletter for further details.

Helping Your Child with Reading



A Parent's Guide for Primary School Children

Why Reading Matters



Build stronger vocabulary

Develop imagination



Do better in all subjects

Gain confidence



Be a Reading Role Model



Let your child see you reading too

Share magazines, recipes, or even shopping lists.

Use Your Surroundings

Read signs, labels, menus when out and about



Use fun phonics/readcog apps recommended by school

Top Tips for Parents



Read Together Every Day

Even 10 minutes makes a big difference. Let your child choose books they love.



Make Reading Fun

Use different voices for characters, Predict what might happen next.



Talk About Books

Ask "What was your favourite part?" Discuss how characters might be feeling.



Celebrate Success

Praise their effort, not just accuracy.

Bonus Tips



Try audiobooks for long journeys



Visit your local library regularly

How You Can Help your Child Manage the Routines of the Day and Access Learning:

Last week's newsletter offered some suggestions as to how you can help your child at home. Hopefully you also picked up some tips in our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings all of which will have mentioned reading. Whatever stage your child is at, whether in Reception Class or Year 6, reading with your child can have an enormous impact on their learning. Finding time each day to hear your child read or to read to them is a wonderful way to support them in accessing all areas of the curriculum.

Buckinghamshire 11+ Transfer Tests:

This week a number of children have taken 11+ familiarisation and transfer tests. The ability to read accurately and draw information from texts was a focus. The children worked incredibly hard and with tremendous focus; we were proud of them all.

Papers are marked externally with results returned directly to you in October.

Nut Free/ Sesame Free:

As you are aware, we have a very strict No Nut, No Sesame policy. Because of the severe reactions certain children at our school have when exposed to these products, even food items which indicate 'might contain nut', cannot be brought into school. Please take note and be vigilant.

Thank you for helping us safeguard these children.

Heritage Open Days at Holy Trinity Church, Cookham:

Heritage Open Days, England's largest festival of history and Culture running from 12th-21st September, is coming to Cookham. Holy Trinity Church will be open for visitors. Last term Year 5, now Year 6, worked with local historian Sarah Stockdale to create art work for the event. The designs they produced will be on display in the church so do take a moment to pop in and see their creations.

OA4 Forms:

In last week's newsletter we asked that you keep us informed if contact details or medical details for your child change. Can we also ask that by the end of next week (19th September) you return completed OA4 forms. This allows us to take children on field trips around the village and to the church for special services which we hope to do this year now building works are complete. Please can you also email the office with any permission changes such as walking home from school without an adult and photos shared on our private school account X. Please do request to follow! If we do not hear from you we assume that your permissions remain the same as last year.

Clubs:

A number of clubs have met this week. As a reminder of what extra-curricular activities are available this term, please see below. You will notice that a new club has been added. Mr Whittle is running football club after school on Tuesday for girls and boys in Year 5 and Year 6. Please refer to the letter that went out for more details.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

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
LAMDA Club	Year 5 & 6	Monday before school at 8am	Book directly by contacting Zoe Lister	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:00am
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
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	Tuesday after school, finish time 4:30pm	Please refer to Mr Whittle's letter	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 (Start date to be confirmed)	Collect from the front entrance of school
Rock Steady	EYFS – Y6	Wednesday morning	Book directly: 0330 113 0330 Rocksteadymusicschool.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 Start date 17.9.25
Yoga & Mindfulness	Year 1 - 6	Wednesday, finish time 4:30pm	Book directly by contacting Sallie Windsor: 07846 992824 sallie.windsor@nuturekidsyoga.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
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
Maths Club	Year 3/4/5 then 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
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@dhaaga-sewing.co.uk	Collect from the front entrance of school Start date 12.9.25
IPro Football	Years 1 - 6	Friday after school, finish time: 4:30pm	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 Start date 19.9.25
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

Finally, can I remind you that the staff car park is not to be used by parents. Space is tight and visibility limited when pulling out. If you are dropping your child off or picking up at the end of the day, including after Wrap Around Care, please park along the lane or in the village. Thank you for your support.

Calendar dates are listed below with any additions or any changes highlighted in blue.

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 are added in order to keep abreast of what is coming up in school.

23 rd September	Meeting about the Year 6 Residential Trip in the summer (4:30pm) Postponed until 7th October still at 4:30pm
24 th September	PTA Meeting (time and venue tbc)
25 th September	'My First Class Photo' Maidenhead Advertiser in to take a picture of Reception Class (please inform us if you do not wish your child to feature)
26 th September	Macmillan Bake-Sale
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)
10 th October	PTA Quiz Night
13 th – 17 th October	Science & Technology Week
14 th & 16 th October	Virtual Parent Consultations (information to follow)
17 th October	Flu Vaccination Programme (Deadline to complete consent form is 16th October at 9am. Please refer to email)
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

27th – 31st Oct

HALF TERM

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
14 th November	Children in Need
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	KS2 Christmas Party

22nd December – 2nd Jan Christmas Holiday

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