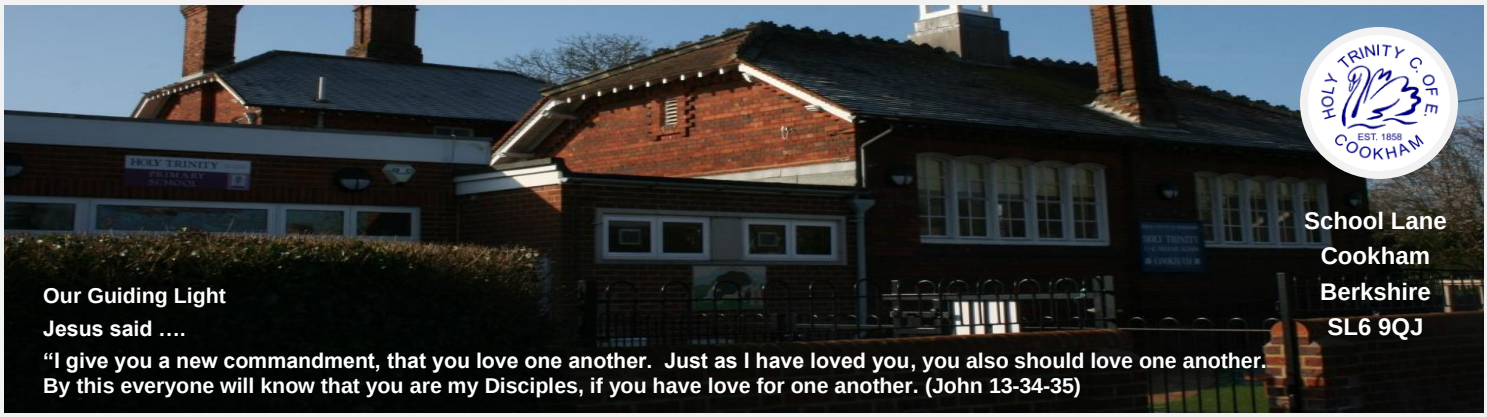

KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Thank you so much for helping us support Children in Need today. The children certainly seemed to enjoy having a teddy by their side throughout the day and I'm thrilled to inform you that through everyone's efforts, we have raised £331.80 The children have learnt how their donations will help those who need it most so we are delighted to have made a difference.

Remembrance:
Thank you again for helping us support the Royal British Legion through their Poppy Appeal over the last couple of weeks. The collection tin has been handed back and we wait to hear how much we have raised.

If you were able to join us for our service of Remembrance led by Year 6 at the Cookham War Memorial on Wednesday thank you for giving up your time. I was incredibly moved and enormously proud of all our children who participated so well.

Sporting News:
Also on Wednesday, our netball team were in action in a home game against Riverside. Both teams played incredibly well which the score didn't quite reflect. Despite a tough opposition our squad won the match 10-3 which of course they were delighted about. It was a great game and we're grateful to those of you who were able to come along and watch.

The footballers didn't fair as well yesterday. They lost their match against Courthouse but regardless, everyone played well and supported each other. It is lovely that so many are keen to play for our school and show what good sportsmanship looks like.

A Visit to Windsor Castle:
At the start of the week Year 1 took a trip to Windsor Castle to enhance the work they have been doing recently in history. They had a wonderful time touring the grounds, going inside the castle and St George's Chapel and taking part in a workshop. They came back full of excitement and stories of what they had seen and done.

PTA AGM:
It was good to see a number of people at this week's PTA meeting. Congratulations to those who were voted onto the committee. Our PTA remains strong and committed to organising lots of things over the coming year for children and adults. The next event is a popcorn and pyjama party two weeks today. Details of how to buy a ticket for your child will be circulated in due course.

Open Evening
Next week we will be holding our Open Evening. This is an important event in our calendar so do spread the word. Our Year 5 and Year 6 children are looking forward to meeting lots of prospective parents and showing them around our school. There are two sessions, one starting at 4pm, the other at 6pm. **Please note, no clubs (including no Wrap Around) will run on this day.**

Maths and Computing Week:
Next week is also Maths and Computing Week. We are looking forward to welcoming a number of workshop providers into school to share their enthusiasm and expertise. News of what we get up to will be shared in next week's newsletter.

World Nursery Rhyme Week:
Next week is also World Nursery Rhyme Week, which Cygnets will be marking. World Nursery Rhyme Week promotes the importance of nursery rhymes in early childhood development and education. Nursery rhymes are excellent teaching tools and can help to develop: language and literacy skills, numeracy skills, and social, physical and emotional skills. The five official rhymes for each day are: *12345 Once I caught a fish alive, Pussy Cat Pussy Cat, Hickory Dickory Dock, Row, Row, Row, your boat* and *Doctor Foster.* We anticipate hearing the children singing them throughout the five days!

Recently I offered suggestions as to how you might support your child with reading at home and I mentioned a number of magazine subscriptions which might make an interesting Christmas present. Details of these can be found on the 'School Reading List' site School Reading List | Recommended children's books: Magazines for children and teenagers: our top picks

School Elections:
As a reminder elections for House Captains, PTA Junior Ambassadors and Eco-Councillors will take place the week beginning 23rd November when we will be marking UK Parliament Week. Many have already told me that they have started preparing their election speech. If your child is interested in one of these posts, do encourage them to get involved. Additional details were shared on last week's newsletter.

Caterlink Survey:
As part of their commitment to continually improve their catering service, Caterlink would be grateful if you might find time to complete their **Parent and Pupil Survey**. The survey can be completed by you alongside your child at home. It takes approximately nine minutes to complete and will provide the team with valuable feedback on what they are doing well and, importantly, where they can improve their service. The survey will remain open until **20 December**, and once all responses have been reviewed in the New Year, a summary of the feedback and key findings will be shared. Do refer to the email sent out today which contains the link to the survey and a QR code you can use.

Sleeping Beauty at Braywick:
This year's panto at the Baylis Theatre in Braywick, which one of our pupils is performing in, is Sleeping Beauty. Early booking discounts apply so do see the flyer for details.

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy celebrating Children in Need with the BBC later.

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. Any additions or any changes highlighted in blue.

16th November	Start of Maths and Computing Week
18th November	Open Evening – No Clubs including no Wrap Around provision
24th November	Choirs performing at the Royal Albert Hall
27th November	PTA Popcorn and Pyjama Party
30th November	EYFS & Y1 Phonics Virtual Workshop for Parents 4pm
8th December 2pm	Nativity Performance
9th December 6pm	Nativity Performance
9th December	Rock Steady Concert 9:30am
15th December	Final swimming lesson for Y3
15th December	Christmas Lunch
15th December	Carols with the Choirs 6:30pm
16th December	EYFS & KS1 Trip to the pantomime at the Wycombe Swan
16th December	KS2 Christmas Party
16th December	PTA Carols in the Courtyard
17th December	Christmas Service at Holy Trinity Church 10am
17th December	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Party
18th December	Last day of term
21st December to 1st January	Christmas Holiday
4th January	Start of Term 3
18th January	Year 6 trip to Bletchley Park
29th January	PTA Disco
2nd February	KS2 Open House
3rd February	EYFS & KS1 Open House
10th February	Safer Internet Day
15th February to 19th February	Half Term Break
22nd February	Start of Term 4
27th February	PTA Black Tie Ball
1st March	Start of Book Week
1st March	Year 5 Trip to Warner Bros Studios
2nd March	Parent Consultations
4th March	Parent Consultations
4th March	World Book Day
5th March	Book Week Dress-Up Day
19th March	Comic Relief
24th March	Rock Steady Concert 9:30am
25th March	PTA Make the Rules Day and Easter Trail
26th March to 9th April	Easter Holiday
12th April	Start of Term 5
22nd April	Earth Day
27th April	KS2 Open House
28th April	EYFS & KS1 Open House

3rd May	Bank Holiday
10th May to 13th May	KS2 SATs
17th May	Start of National Walk to School Week
31st May to 4th June	Half Term Break
7th June	Start of Term 6
11th June	PTA Disco
14th June	Start of Arts and Culture Week
18th June	Arts and Culture Week Show
21st June	Y6 Residential Trip
28th June	Start of Sports Week
2nd July	Sports Day
3rd June	HT Fest
14th July	Rock Steady Concert
15th July	Y6 Leavers' Service 10am
15th July	Last Day of Term