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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

Before we reach the last week of term, we have some things to celebrate which have happened this week. If you came along to see our Nativity, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. The children did a phenomenal job delivering their lines, performing choreographed routines and telling the Christmas story through song. Thank you for your support in finding such magnificent costumes and for helping your child perfect their part. We are also grateful to you for helping us support the local charity 'Link Foundation' [Link Foundation](#) which we will continue to raise money for next week.

In other news, the netball team was successful in securing a 10-0 win on Wednesday against St Edmund Campion and Year 3 enjoyed their final swimming lesson at Braywick. They received certificates in assembly today marking their achievements.

It was with disappointment that yesterday's PTA event, 'Carols in the Courtyard', had to be postponed but, given the weather last night, it was the right decision. We hope that next Thursday conditions improve so we can try again.

Carols by Candlelight:

You are all welcome to come to our Carols by Candlelight on the evening of Tuesday 17th December when our choirs will be on the stage performing. It will be in the school hall starting at 6:00pm. Do come along if you are able and enjoy a glass of mulled wine provided by the PTA. Our choirs would love to see you!

Rock Steady Concert – Wednesday:

If your child has music lessons with Rock Steady, you are invited to their end of term concert on Wednesday at 9:30am in the school hall. It will give you a chance to see the progress they have made this term and meet their new teacher, James.

EYFS & KS1 Trip to the Pantomime:

On Wednesday our youngest children are off to the pantomime at Braywick. If you are yet to log onto your Scopay account to give consent for them to go please do so immediately. We are unable to take pupils out of school without this agreement from you.

Key Stage 2 Christmas Party – Wednesday:

Today the children in Years 3-6 have planned the theme for their Christmas party which will follow the same format as last year. In groups they have decided how they will decorate their table, what costumes they will wear and what food to bring in to share. Your child should have come home today with all the relevant information. In helping them prepare, please remember that **nothing containing nuts or sesame should be brought in** and they are only catering for a small number in their group. Please do not send them in with excess quantities which will only be thrown away. They should not bring in drinks nor anything which is valuable to decorate their table with. On the day they are welcome to bring in costumes to change into. Thank you

Key Stage 1 Christmas Party – Thursday:

If your child is in EYFS, Year 1 or Year 2 their Christmas party will be on Thursday. Please send your child in with £1 on Monday which the staff will collect before going off to buy party food. Their party falls on our Christmas jumper day so like everyone else they can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper as part of their party attire. This means they should not bring clothes to change into. Please be mindful of the fact that they will be in their party clothes for the whole day and out in them at break and lunchtime. Therefore, if they want to wear party shoes it would be sensible to send them in with an alternative pair to wear before their party starts.

School Christmas Lunch - Thursday:

Orders for Christmas lunch closed a while ago. If you have not placed an order, please be sure to send your child in with a packed lunch on Thursday as we are unable to cater for anyone who has not pre-booked. Thank you

Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday:

As we do every year, on Thursday we will be supporting 'Save the Children' by inviting everyone to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper in exchange for a donation to the charity. Buckets will be at the gate for them to drop their pennies into. Thank you.

Christmas Post Box:

Up until Thursday of next week the children can continue to post their Christmas cards to others around the school in our post box in exchange for a donation to the Link Foundation charity.

If your child chooses to use this service, please oversee them writing the name of the recipient clearly on the envelope with the class name/year group also marked. That way Year 6 can ensure they are delivered safely. Thank you.

PTA Christmas Cards:

The Christmas cards the children designed as part of the latest PTA project are still available. To take a look go to:

www.mychildsart.co.uk/order where you will find a number of products available for purchase, mugs, tea towels, wrapping paper, and more!

To order, the key information you need requires the Username: **HolyTrinity3** and Access Code: **qaqxs5ds**. A percentage of all sales will be donated back to the PTA. Thank you.

Parent Governor Vacancy:

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. Next week a letter will be published outlining the details. Please look out for this.

Finally, we are in the process of recruiting a teaching assistant, details of which can be found on our website. Do help us by sharing this information widely. Thank you

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

17th December	Carols by Candlelight with the Junior and Senior Choir - 6.00pm in school (Please note a change to the previously published time)
18th December	Rock Steady Concert 9:30am - School Hall EYFS & KS1 Trip to the Braywick Pantomime KS2 Christmas Party (details to follow)
19th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day KS1 Christmas Party (details to follow) PTA Carols in the Courtyard (not to be confused with the choir event earlier in the week when solely the choirs will be performing – at our PTA event, which will finish in the hall, Mrs Lucas will be leading a sing along for all)

20th December – 6th Jan Christmas Holiday

6th January	First day of term
15th January	3:30 – 4:30pm EYFS & Y1 Parent Workshops, 'Supporting your Child with Early Reading and Phonics' 4:15 – 5pm Y2 Parent Workshops, 'Understanding Teacher Assessment and Supporting your Child Through the Y2 Curriculum'
16th January	A and B team netball matches v Courthouse Junior (away). 3:30 – 4:30pm Y3/4 Parent Workshops, 'Supporting your Child through the Lower KS2 Curriculum and the Y4 Multiplication Check' 4:15 – 5pm Y5/6 Parent Workshops, 'Supporting your Child Through the Upper KS2 Curriculum and KS2 SATs'
29th January	B team netball match v Courthouse Junior (home).
31st January	PTA Disco (details to follow)
4th February	EYFS & KS1 Open House 3:15pm
5th February	KS2 Open House 3:15pm
13th February	Borough Dance Festival for Y4 – afternoon (date tbc)

17th February – 21st February Half Term Break

24th February	First day of term
1st March	PTA Annual Ball
3rd – 7th March	Book week
4th March	Virtual Parent Consultations
6th March	Virtual Parent Consultations
14th March	Comic Relief (details to follow)
20th March	Ascot Bake off Event for Y5 (details tbc)
20th March	Y4 Trip to Busy Buttons (details tbc)
4th April	PTA Easter Event (details tbc)

7th April – 21st April Easter Holiday

22nd April	First day of term
1st May	Year 4 Trip to Starlight Express, Wembley Park Theatre
12th – 15th May	KS2 SATs

26th May – 30th May Half Term Break

9th – 13th June	Arts and Culture Week
23rd – 27th June	Y6 Residential Trip
23rd – 3rd July	Sports Fortnight
4th July	Sports Day
17th July	Last day of term

(Dates added since last Friday's newsletter are highlighted in blue)