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KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

On last week's newsletter I published revised dates for KS2 SATs which affects all pupils in Year 6. Today, if you have a child in Year 4 you will be interested to read a publication, sent as an attachment, from the Standards and Testing Agency about the 2023 Multiplication Tables Check which all pupils in Year 4 are required to take. The check will take place between 19th and 23rd June.

Book Week – 27th February to 3rd March:

We are in the process of planning our annual Book Week and inviting guest speakers into school. If you would like to be part of this event, perhaps you have connections in the book/publishing industry, if you know an author or illustrator, if you would like to come in and simply read from your favourite children's book, do get in touch. Email the office with a brief outline of how you can help and together we'll be sure to provide the children with a memorable experience. Thank you.

Vacancies:

If you missed the notice on last week's newsletter, we are currently looking to appoint a Teaching Assistant. If you know of anyone who might be interested in this role, do contact Mrs Streames-Smith in the office or speak to me. Experience is preferable but not essential.

Our cleaning company, Sasse FM are looking to appoint an early evening cleaner for Holy Trinity School. The role involves 2 hours per day Mon to Fri. If you or anyone you know would suit, please contact Andy Heer on 07884 265 198 or alternatively email andy.heer@sasse.de for more information.

EYFS Health Check:

If you have a child in EYFS, please find in their book bag a health questionnaire to be completed and returned to the school office by Friday 20th January. Please refer to the email which was sent to you last term.

Winter Wheeze Webinar:

On Friday 27th January at 1pm the paediatric nursing team from Frimley Health will be running a virtual webinar via Teams aimed at parents/carers who have children experiencing a wheeze when coughs and colds strike. To sign up go to bit.ly/JanWheeze A flyer is also attached for your convenience.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

All clubs are now up and running. There remain a few spaces at Friday's iPro Football Club so if your child is interested in joining, contact Sean and his team directly. This term, iPro are also offering a boys-only lunchtime football club. Please refer to the flyer for further information. Details of all clubs and their providers are below.

I was delighted to receive an email this week from a parent whose child used to come to Holy Trinity. Frank McGrath found a love of cross-country running when he was a pupil at Holy Trinity and joined our then running club. He has just been selected to represent Ireland in the World Athletics Cross Country Series Lotto Cross Cup De Hannut in Belgium later this month. Frank gained selection after finishing 3rd in the All Ireland cross country championships and will be competing as a member of the 4-man Under 20 team, quite an achievement as he is still 17. We are thrilled with the news and wish Frank every success on 22nd January.

His mother, Peta Bee runs a Cookham/Maidenhead/Marlow based running academy that helps to coach local children in athletics with an aim to make running fun and to progress children gradually in a safe and sociable environment. Having been coaching in the area for 15 years, they have achieved great success training county champions, national champions and athletes top ranked in the UK at Middle Distance. They have also produced two recent internationals from local schools. If your child might be interested in joining the team, see the attached flyer.

Extra-Curricular Activities and Details of Providers:

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 8:45pm. Payment 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, sent out via email
Spanish Club	Year 5 & 6	Monday before school at 8:20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Playball	EYFS	Monday, finish time: 4:15pm	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 ALL WELCOME	All welcome, simply come along larainebrownbda@gmail.com	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Netball	Years 5 & 6	Tuesday before school, start time: 8am	Netball trails now complete – selected children informed	Arrive through the back door of the hall (start date 10.1.23)
Spanish Club	Year 2	Tuesday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Football Club	Years 4, 5 & 6 Girls only	Tuesday, finish time: 4:30pm	Girls from Y4, 5 & 6 welcome	Collect from the back gate (start date: 10.1.23, please refer to letter)
Knitting Club	Year 6	Tuesday lunchtime BRING NEEDLES & WOOL	All welcome, simply come along	N/A (start date 10.1.23)
Little Samurai	EYFS, Y1 & Y2	Tuesday, finish time: 4pm	Book directly: 07828 534817 www.SamuraiKickboxing.com info@SamuraiKickboxing.com	Collect from the back door of the school hall
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 through the back door of the hall
Spanish Club	Year 3	Wednesday 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
Playball	Year 1	Wednesday, finish time: 4:15pm		Collect from the back door of the school hall
Senior Choir	Years 5 & 6	Thursday before school, start time: 8am ALL WELCOME	All welcome, simply come along 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 info@SamuraiKickboxing.com	Collect from the back door of the school hall
			Book a FREE TRIAL in the following after school classes: Tuesdays - Little Samurai (age 4 - Year 2) 3.15pm - 4pm Thursdays - Young Samurai (Years 3-6) 3.30pm - 4.15pm Public classes also operate at school on Saturdays: Young Samurai (Years 3-6) 9am - 9.45am Little Samurai (age 4 - Year 2) 10am - 10.45am	
Spanish Club	Year 4	Friday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Sewing Club	Year 2 – 6	Friday after school, finish time: 4:30pm	Book directly: 07782 253565 anita@dhaaga-sewing.co.uk	Collect from the front entrance of school
IPro Football	Years 1 - 6	Friday after school, finish time: 4:30pm	Book directly: Office 07908 172175 Email: office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk	Collect from the back gate
Maestro Music Lessons	EYFS – Y6	Various days during the week	Book directly: lornarennie@berkshiremaestros.org.uk	Times of lessons determined by Maestros

Shining a Light:

This week in assembly we have continued our theme of finding ways to reach our potential by focusing on how we can, and how we do shine, in all aspects of life. We have thought a lot about the Magi during this festival of Epiphany and the star they followed. This Sunday (15th January) at 6:30pm at Holy Trinity Church there will be an Epiphany Carol Service which all are invited to.

On 29th January at 6:30pm there will also be a Candlemas Service at church during which the ministry of Father Nick will be celebrated and prayers for a happy retirement said. This will be followed by cheese and wine in the Parish Centre. Again everyone is welcome.

Attendance:

With such a lot of illness around at the moment, we understand there are times when pupils are too unwell to attend and we appreciate your support in keeping your child off school when they are infectious. However, it remains a difficult balancing act; we are keen for the children to be in school as any lesson missed puts a child at a disadvantage especially when that lesson falls within a sequence of planned learning activities. It was encouraging to see how many pupils achieved 100% attendance during the Autumn Term. All were presented with a certificate in today's assembly.

While I appreciate how difficult it can be to arrange appointments outside school hours, we ask that you aim to do so whenever possible and days out for family events or holidays are not permitted. Our focus will always be on helping those children catch up who are absent because of genuine illness. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Have a lovely weekend and we shall all look forward to seeing you and the children on Monday.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

Please continue to refer to this section in our newsletter during the course of the term to keep ahead of what is happening in school. Dates will be posted on a regular basis.

15 th January	Epiphany Carol Service 6:30pm Holy Trinity Church
18 th January	Netball Match away at Cookham Rise (selected children informed by letter)
24 th January	Year 3 Trip to The Look Out Discovery Centre
24 th January	Year 4 Badminton Festival (selected children informed by letter)
27 th January	Year 5 & 6 Sportshall Athletics event at Braywick Leisure Centre (selected children informed by letter)
29 th January	Candlemas Service 6:30pm Holy Trinity Church to celebrate the ministry of Father Nick
9 th February	Year 4 Primary Dance Festival at Braywick Leisure Centre
7 th February	KS2 Open House Event to view books and classrooms
8 th February	EYFS & KS1 Open House Event to view books and classrooms
13 th February	Half term
20 th February	Start of term
27 th February	Start of Book Week
3 rd March	Book Week Dress-Up Day
7 th March	Parent Consultations
9 th March	Parent Consultations
17 th March	Red Nose Day (details to be confirmed)
30 th March	Easter Service tbc



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