



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

We finish the term on a high after a week of wonderful things happening! Our Year 4 excelled in yesterday's Primary School's Dance Festival as did the two children in Year 5, Isabella Silver and Lizzie Wells, who were part of an elite dance group. Teals performed a powerful piece which highlighted the addiction to mobile phones and technology which affects so many people. Their performance was creative, slick and dynamic. They represented our school superbly. Copies of the DVD are now available to buy with 17th March being the deadline for free delivery. Please refer to the media order form sent as an attachment today.

Year 5 also excelled in the second round of Learning to Work's Ascot Bake-Off. Four teams were up against each other and out to impress the judges. A number of staff offered their opinions and the winners going through to the final at Ascot Racecourse are Haaris Khan, James Owen and James Winrow-Davies. What stood out to all of us was the way those in the class who didn't get through were fully supportive of, and excited for, those who did. It was lovely to see.

Year 6 were a superb audience at Furze Platt Senior School's production of 'Oliver' at the start of the week which they all thoroughly enjoyed and Year 3 seemed to get as much enjoyment out of making their pneumatic toys. They certainly worked hard using a range of technology skills. The cross that Year 1 planted in their R.E lesson on Tuesday have started to show signs of growth so we hope they continue in this vein. They have taken them home so now it's over to you! Cygnets have continued their exploration of 'people who help us' and have made the most of the fire station which has been set up in their classroom and Year 2 got to grips with odd and even numbers using various board games.

Our House Captains did a superb job leading us in house assemblies mid-week when we also received a visit from Terry, the borough's roof surveyor, who gave the children a demonstration of how his drone works. We're waiting for him to send through the pictures he took with it as we watched it hover over our playground. Safer Internet Day was marked in a number of ways which included KS2 joining a BBC Teach live lesson on which our school got a shout-out and every class enjoyed a final session with Olivia, our gym coach. The football and netball teams were out in action at points during the week. Although neither secured a win this time, we still celebrated their sportsmanship in assembly this afternoon.

Earlier today we caught up with Sarah Parfitt who came in to school to share with everyone news from her recent trip to Ethiopia with the charity Partners for Change. Over the twelve years we have been involved with the charity we have supported four schools and are now about to embark on a project supporting a fifth. After the holiday, each class in turn will organise a fund-raising event in the hope that we can go some way in supporting the children in Tibase M School who so desperately need our help. For each of the sixty children the team are hoping to reach, they need £160 which will provide them with breakfast for a year and all the school supplies they require. News of these events will follow in due course. Sarah gave an interesting presentation sharing photos, videos and stories of her travels. We also saw the children in Tibase M School receive the letters, pictures and gifts which our PfC ambassadors had given her to take out. That in itself has provided us with the motivation we need to ensure our next project is successful.

PTA News:

Many thanks to those of you whom came along to the PTA meeting on Wednesday and my thanks go to the committee who steered the discussions around future fund-raising events. There are some interesting things coming up, including the ball, for us all to get involved in so do take a look at the calendar and make a note in your diary.

Book Week:

Many thanks again to those of you who have contacted us offering help during Book Week; we are thrilled that we have a range of workshops to offer the children. Dates when each class will be visiting the Little Bookshop in the village are now confirmed and listed below. If you are able to help on those days walking the children there and back, we would be most grateful.

During the week we have visits from a number of authors. If you would like to pre-order one of their books which they are happy to sign, order forms have been sent out to you today. Orders for Jo Clark's books need to be made by Wednesday 26th February and orders for Chrissie Sains' books by 23rd February.

Maidenhead's Big Read looks exciting this year so, again, take a look at the flyers which have been sent out. Nick Arnold who writes the Horrible Science books will be there as will Zak Simmonds-Hurn, an illustrator for The Phoenix magazine, who will be doing draw-alongs. Iszi Lawrence will be entertaining the children with stories of WWII at White Waltham Airfield and Catherine Bruton, author of 'No Ballet Shoes in Syria', will be talking about her latest book, 'Bird Boy'. All events are free to attend, with no advance booking.

Extra-Curricular activities running this term and next with details of providers. Please take note of the changes:

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 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
iPro Football	KS2 boys	Monday lunchtime – starting after the holiday	Book directly: Office 07908 172175 Email: office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk (school PE kit may be worn)	N/A
Ukulele Club	KS2	Monday lunchtime - All welcome	Children should speak to Mrs Lucas	N/A
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 larainebrownbda@gmail.com	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Junior Choir	Years 3 & 4	Tuesday before school, start time: 8am		Arrive through the back door of the hall
Netball	Years 5 & 6	Tuesday before school, start time: 8am	Please speak to Mr Lucas for more details	Arrive at the side gate ready to be let in by Mr Lucas
Spanish Club	Year 2	Tuesday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow (see above)	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:20am
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
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	Y2 & Y3	Tuesday, finish time 4:15pm	Led by Miss Smith Limited spaces – please email the office to confirm a space	Collect from the front entrance of school
Football	Y4, 5 & 6 Girls	Tuesday, finish time 4:20pm	Starting on 25th February	Collect from the back gate
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: (see above)	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:20am
Maths Club	Year 4 (by invitation)	Wednesday 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
iPro Football	KS2 girls	Wednesday lunchtime – starting after the holiday	Book directly: Office 07908 172175 Email: office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk (school PE kit may be worn)	N/A
Spanish Club	Year 3	Wednesday after school, finish time 3:50pm	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: (see above)	Collect from the front entrance of school
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	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
Spanish Club	Year 4	Friday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: (see above)	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
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
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

Meal Orders:

Please can we politely remind you to ensure meal orders are placed during the holiday so that the kitchen staff have accurate numbers for the first day back. Thank you

Year 6 Residential Trip:

Please note that the deadline for securing a place for your child on the residential trip in the summer falls during the half-term holiday. Please make payment using your Scopay account. Thank you.

Thank you for your ongoing support this term and have a wonderful holiday. We shall look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 24th February.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

17th February – 21st February Half Term Break

21 st February	Deadline for Year 6 Devon Trip Deposit
24 th February	First day of term
27 th February	A team girls' match and B team boys' match v Oldfield (away), selected children informed by letter
28 th February	Year 1 participation in The Big Active 60 Festival at Braywick Leisure Centre 9 – 11:30am (please refer to letter)
1 st March	PTA Annual Ball
3 rd – 7 th March	Book week
3 rd March	A team football fixture v Cookham Rise (home) selected children informed by letter
4 th March	Trip to the Little Bookshop: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 9:15am Year 2➤ 10:30am Year 1➤ 1:30pm Year 3➤ 2:15pm Year 4
4 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations
5 th March	Trip to the Little Bookshop: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 9:30am EYFS➤ 1:30pm Year 5➤ 2:15pm Year 6
6 th March	World Book Day
6 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations
7 th March	Book Week Dress Up Day
10 th March	Nursing team in to carry out National Child Measurement Programme (EYFS)
11 th March	Bags to School event for Partners for Change, Ethiopia
14 th March	Comic Relief (details to follow)
20 th March	Ascot Bake off Event for Y5 (details tbc)
20 th March	Y4 Trip to Busy Buttons (details tbc)
27 th March	Y3 Trip to the Henley River and Rowing Museum (please refer to letter)
2 nd April	PTA Meeting
4 th April	PTA Easter Event (details tbc)

7th April – 21st April Easter Holiday

22 nd April	First day of term
1 st May	Year 4 Trip to Starlight Express, Wembley Park Theatre
8 th May	VE Day 80 th Anniversary (details of how we will mark this occasion will follow)
12 th – 15 th May	KS2 SATs
17 th May	PTA Eurovision Song Party

26th May – 30th May Half Term Break

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