



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)



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KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

No Nuts & No Sesame:

I do hope you saw my email earlier in the week stressing again the importance of not sending your child to school with anything containing nuts or sesame. **Please be vigilant, ensuring everyone in your household knows the significance of this.** After a very serious incident on Tuesday, our preference would be to request that the children only bring in fresh fruit as a snack. However, if this is not feasible please check packaging and listed ingredients on all products including dried fruit snacks and cereal bars, many of which do contain nuts.

As Tuesday's incident confirmed, we have children in school with severe allergies who are dangerously affected when coming into contact with such items. We must all work together to safeguard them.

Supporting Partners for Change, Ethiopia:

Our Lent fundraising project for Partners for Change, Ethiopia, a charity we have supported for over eleven years, got off to a great start on Tuesday with a Bags to School event. Collectively we managed to collect 373kg of clothes which means we have already raised £74.60 for the charity. Our thanks go to Mrs. Ransome who coordinated the collection for us.

Year 6 have started their fundraising event, a walkathon which will see them clock up 430 miles, the distance from Cookham to just over the Scottish boarder. They are all aiming to walk one mile of the fitness track each day for the next three weeks in return for sponsorship. So far they have almost made it to Manchester!

Year 3 have been busy during the week bringing in, as well as making, pocket toys to sell to their friends. Lunchtime sales this week have added to our fundraising total. Our aim is to send as many children as possible to Tibase M School with breakfast in their tummies but to do so, we need to work hard. A breakfast for each child per day costs £1 so with 60 children desperately needing our help, we hope to reach as many as possible.

To add to our current total, in just over a week, on Monday 24th March, Year 4 have decided that they would like to hold a teddy bears' picnic which they are inviting anyone to attend if they wish. Our catering team will be providing packed lunches in place of cooked meals so all your child needs to bring is a teddy bear and maybe a picnic rug. To join the party, Year 4 ask for a donation of 50p. If you wish to order a grab bag, orders must be placed on Scopay by midnight on Monday 17th March.

Next week Year 2 are holding a soft toy sale. They are looking for donations so any sent in will be gratefully received. Their toy shop will be open on Thursday (20th March) at lunchtime with any left-over items sold the next day. The following week, on Wednesday 26th March, Year 1 and Reception Class will be holding a board game and jigsaw puzzle sale. If you have any complete puzzles or games you are also willing to donate which our youngest children can sell, please send them in too. In the same week, as well as the Year 4 picnic, Year 5 will be organising a 'book toppling' extravaganza – think of dominoes falling and you'll get the idea – after which they will be giving the books away as prizes in their tombola.

It has been wonderful to see how much excitement the project has generated already and how willing the children are to donate their pocket money to the campaign. Thank you for your support in helping us to make a difference. To find out more about the charity and the incredible work they do take a look at the article in the latest Parish Magazine or go to: [PFC Ethiopia – Partners for Change Ethiopia Website](#)

Eco-Council News:

This week our Eco-Council met to update their action plan. As one of their projects, they have decided to introducing a litter picking rota giving classes specific weeks to take responsibility for. This is partly in response to the 'Great Big School Clean' which starts on Friday 21st March and lasts for 2 weeks. The team are soon to display posters around school encouraging everyone to clear up after them and protect our wildlife.

Success in Netball:

On Wednesday we sent our netball squad off to Holyport for a couple of much anticipated netball matches. Both teams were successful; our A team won 18-9 and our B team, in which three Year 4 children played, achieved a spectacular 17-1 win! They were all brilliant!

Easter Cracked:

Year 6 enjoyed working with Wayne Dixon and his colleague, Beth, both from Christian Connections in Schools, when they came into school on Wednesday to deliver their 'Easter Cracked' programme. They were highly complementary in how the children contributed to the discussion and participated in the learning.

'Drenched in Colour' Workshop with Norden Farm:

Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 had a fabulous session earlier today with Amelia from Norden Farm. The team there are creating an interactive chill out space at the gallery and were keen to get young artists involved. In small groups the children created otherworldly video images using light, a combination of everyday objects, mirrors and coloured lighting gel. Their videos will be projected across the gallery space onto an alternative universe of moving spheres to create a shimmering and colour drenched gallery space for visitors to enjoy over the Easter and Summer holidays. Do go along and see.

Clubs:
For details of clubs running this term, please refer to last week's newsletter. Spaces are available in some. **Please note, there will be no Yoga and Fitness Club on Wednesday of next week.**

Finally, we are delighted to introduce you to a new member of the team who started work on Monday. Miss Eagles is our new teaching assistant who has spent the week working in every class meeting all the children. Already she is making a positive impact.

Have a lovely weekend and we'll see you on Monday.
Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

20 th March	Year 2 PiC soft toy sale at lunchtime
20 th March	Ascot Bake off Event for Y5 (details tbc)
20 th March	Y4 Trip to Busy Buttons (details tbc)
20 th March	A and B team boys football matches vs All Saints Junior (away), selected children informed by letter
21 st March	Year 2 PiC soft toy sale at lunchtime (if items are left over)
21 st March	Year 6 Devon Trip – Next Instalment due (please refer to letter sent 30.1.25)
21 st March	Year 5 boys football tournament (pm), Claires Court Junior School, selected children informed by letter
24 th March	Year 4 PiC charity event - Teddy Bears' Picnic
25 th March	Year 5 PiC charity event - Book Topple
26 th March	Reception and Year 1 PiC charity event - Board Game and Jigsaw Puzzle Sale & Year 5 Book Tombola
26 th March	B team netball match vs Courthouse (home), selected children informed by letter
27 th March	Y3 Trip to the Henley River and Rowing Museum (please refer to letter)
27 th March	A team boys and A team girls football matches vs Lowbrook (home), selected children informed by letter
31 st March	Girls A team football match v All Saints Junior (home), selected children informed by letter.
2 nd April	PTA Meeting
3 rd April	B team boys and A team girls football matches vs Furze Platt Junior (home), selected children informed by letter
2 nd April	Rock Steady Concert am
4 th April	Come to school dressed in colours of the Ethiopian flag (green, yellow, red & blue) in support of Partners for Change
4 th April	PTA Easter Event (details tbc)

7th April – 21st April Easter Holiday

21 st April	Year 6 Devon Trip – Final Instalment due (please refer to letter sent 30.1.25)
22 nd April	First day of term
24 th April	B team boys and A team girls football matches vs Waltham St Lawrence (home), selected children informed by letter.
1 st May	Year 4 Trip to Starlight Express, Wembley Park Theatre
6 th May	KS2 Open House
7 th May	EYFS & KS1 Open House
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
7 th June	Royal Windsor Flower Show
8 th June	Special Eucharist to Celebrate the Opening of Holy Trinity Church, Cookham 11am
13 th June	Arts and Culture Week Performance pm
17 th June	EYFS Trip to Braywick Nature Centre
18 th June	Arthur Burgin Science Exhibition – Year 6
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
9 th July	Rock Steady Concert am
17 th July	Last day of term & Leavers' Service