



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

I hope your child has enjoyed these last few days and spoken positively about the things that have been happening. Despite the weather earlier in the week, spirits have been high.

Class newsletters:

We hope that you found the class newsletters emailed out to you last week useful and informative. They have now been posted on our school website for easy access: [Class Newsletters | Holy Trinity C. of E. Primary School](#)

Supporting Partners for Change, Ethiopia:

You may well be aware that for over fourteen years we have cemented links with the charity, Partners for Change, Ethiopia, an organisation whose mission is to empower the most disadvantaged communities in Ethiopia and neighbouring countries to end child poverty. Over the years we have fund raised for five schools, improving facilities and funding breakfast clubs. This week we heard from Sarah Parfitt who has been heavily involved with the charity since the beginning of our involvement. She is off to Ethiopia soon as wondered if we might like to send with her, letters for the children there.

Given the challenge and the short amount of time to respond, I am delighted that several sprang into action. Today we have given Sarah a number of letters and gifts from the children here which will be safely delivered to the children there just as we did a year ago. They are sure to be received well and we hope to perhaps get some pictures back.

To find out more about the charity, go to: [PFC Ethiopia – Partners for Change Ethiopia Website](#)

National Year of Reading / Book Week:

You may be aware that this year has been declared the National Year of Reading. The aim is to change the nation's reading culture, both during the year and beyond. It is a Department for Education initiative, delivered in partnership with major UK reading charities.

Last week I wrote about the importance of children having a positive experience of reading and you are central in creating this. Today you have been sent an attachment which offers top tips on how to create a safe and encouraging reading environment for your child. We are incredibly lucky to have a book shop in our village and during Book Week we are hoping to make class visits there as we did last year. A number of authors have been booked to come in to school to share their love of reading with the children and we will be welcoming a travelling theatre company, M & M Productions, in to perform their adaptation of L. Frank Baum's 'The Wonderful Wizard of Oz'. The week will finish with a dress up day.

If you would like to be part of our Book Week this year we would love to have you. You can help make it special and memorable. Would you be willing to come in for a short session and read to a class from your favourite childhood book? Do you work in the world of books or publishing and feel you could share your experiences with a class? Are you an author who would be willing to talk about your experience of writing your book in the hope that you inspire others? If you would like to be involved or would like to find out more about how you might be part of the week, please do contact me by simply emailing the office or catching me at the gate. Thank you.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Please refer to last week's newsletter for details of the extra-curricular activities that are on offer this term: [Newsletter 09_01_26.pdf](#)
We are thrilled that again there are so many options available.

PTA meeting:

The PTA will be meeting on Monday at 8pm at the Kings Arms in Cookham. Do come along; all are welcome.

National Child Measuring Programme (NCMP):

In last week's newsletter I explained about the NCMP and how the team will be in gathering data about our Reception intake. If you have a child in Reception, please refer to the letter which went home in book bags this week. Responses need to be compiled and returned to the office as soon as possible.

Have a wonderful weekend.
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 will be added on a regular basis as events come up. **Any new additions (or any changes and deadlines) are highlighted in blue.**

19 th January	PTA meeting 8pm Kings Arms
27 th January	Football match v White Waltham C of E Academy away (selected children to be informed by letter)
28 th January	Netball Match v Cookham Dean away (selected children to be informed by letter)
30 th January	PTA Disco (details tbc)
4 th February	Early Years – Height, weight and vision with the school nurse
12 th February	Borough Dance Festival (Year 4 and our elite boys' group participating – please refer to the letter you have been sent)

16th – 18th February

HALF TERM BREAK

25th February	Y2 Trip to The Lookout (please refer to letter sent out)
2 nd – 6 th March	Book week
3 rd March	Virtual Parent Consultations
5 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations
14 th March	PTA Ball
18 th March	Ascot Bake-Off Finals (Year 5 participating)
25 th March	Rock Steady Concert, school hall 9:30am

30th March – 10th April

EASTER HOLIDAY

6th May	Year 4 trip to 'The Lion King' (details to follow)
8 th May	Cookham Festival Schools' Event (tbc)
11 th – 14 th May	KS2 SATs

25th – 29th May

HALF TERM BREAK

5 th June	PTA Disco
8 th – 12 th June	Arts and Culture Week
12 th June	Arts and Culture Week Performance pm
17 th June	Arthur Burgin Exhibition (Year 6)
22 nd – 26 th June	Y6 Residential Trip
22 nd – 2 nd July	Sports Fortnight
3 rd July	Sports Day
4 th July	HT Fest
10 th July	Spanish Assembly
16 th July	Last Day of Term – Leavers' Assembly (details tbc)