



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

News from Around the School:

This week, Gosling have continued their studies of the Roman Empire learning about how they tried to invade Britain several times before they achieved success! Incursions tres! Even mighty armies can be stopped in their tracks when there is a will, which remains a valuable lesson in today's world. Meanwhile, back in Pompeii, the children have been studying eye witness accounts of the AD79 eruption of Vesuvius imagining what it might have been like to be there before composing well-crafted descriptions.

Using the first two lines of their new text, Kingfishers visualised a floating city before using watercolours to realise their vision on paper. They then used these detailed paintings to inspire creative writing. Their P4C (Philosophy for Children) question, 'What is the internet?' led to the definition "an electronic universe". This linked to PSHE (Personal Social and Health Education), where the class considered a range of devices and their uses.

Cormorants have been doing their best to terrify staff with their sinister character descriptions inspired by their class novel, Philip Pullman's 'Clockwork'. In their PSHE lessons, they have been thinking about how we are all unique. Learning how to respectfully disagree when the opinions of others differ from theirs has also been a valuable discussion. While Year 6 were out at their hockey tournament yesterday, a handful of children travelled to Furze Platt to take part in a foot golf challenge organized by The Ascot and Maidenhead School Sport Partnership to which we belong. Once they learnt what the sport entailed, they then tried out some drills before advancing to the 6-hole course. We wait to find out how successful we were against the other seven teams but we do know that one of our team, Spencer, triumphed with a hole in one which earned him a medal!

Teals have been smashing their personal bests in the Multiplication Tables Check! They have also been contemplating the act of prayer and discovering how different religions pray. As a whole school, we were thrilled to welcome Father Nick to school on Tuesday to lead us in Collective Worship. It was the first time in a very long time that the clergy have been into school so it was a special moment.

Moorhens have had an exciting week - a highlight of which being their trip to a hockey tournament in Marlow yesterday. Showing fantastic sportsmanship, determination and teamwork, they gave it their all under the blazing sun and came away with some great results. All spoke positively about the experience! At school, as you may have seen from Twitter, they've been studying the water cycle - making models in a bag to observe its effects. They've also thought a lot about the heart and body - particularly how exercise can affect you.

Swans filled an aquarium with sea life which they animated themselves by coding them individually. Continuing their work on Andy Goldsmith, they children also spent time collecting leaves which they are going to use to create land art inspired by his work. Whilst out and about, they listened and made note of the sounds in and around school. This all tied in to their work in science lessons where the focus was our senses.

 Follow us on twitter and see more of what we are up to!
@HTSchoolCookham

National Testing Programme:

We are nearly at the end of the national testing programme which all schools have to follow. The final year group to complete tests is Year 4 with the Multiplication Check. The results from all these tests (Year 1 Phonics, KS1 and KS2 SATs and the Year 4 Multiplication Check) will be shared with you as part of your child's annual report at the end of term.

Year 6 Residential Trip to CRS Adventures, Devon:

With just over a week to go before Year 6 head of to CRS Adventures in Devon for a five day residential trip, I still require the medication you may wish us to carry for your child. Medication should be sent in along with the paperwork to accompany it. If you would like time to discuss your child's specific medical needs, please make an appointment with the office to see me. Any medication you wish me to take for your child needs to be given to me or the office by Thursday (23rd June). If you have a child in Year 6, please refer to the email sent out last week.

Curriculum:

Schools are always guided by the DfE in what is statutory and this applies also to the curriculum. Elements of Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) are taught for the most part in PSHE lessons but also in science. New statutory guidance for Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education was released a couple of years ago. Today's children and young people are growing up in an increasingly complex world and living their lives seamlessly on and offline. This presents many positive and exciting opportunities, but also challenges and risks. In this environment, children and young people need to know how to be safe and healthy, and how to manage their academic, personal and social lives in a positive way. This is why Relationships Education was made compulsory in all primary schools in England. For details of what is taught, please refer to our policy which can be found on our website.

Safeguarding:

This week has been exceptionally hot so we are glad to have got to the end of it safely. Part of our RSE/PSHE curriculum is all about teaching the children how to be safe in the sun so there have been lots of discussions around this recently. I am pleased to report that everyone has been making some sensible choices. We have made provision today for the children to stay inside at lunchtime which many did. Thank you for continuing to send your child to school every day wearing sunscreen and with full water bottles. Hats and shades are also needed when the weather is exceptionally hot.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Extra-curricular activities including Early Bird Club continue as follows:

Club	Year Group	Day	Start:	Arrangements for drop-off/pick-up
Early Bird Club	All	Monday – Friday inclusive	Start time 8am each day of the week	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Spanish Club	Year 4	Monday	Before school at 8.20am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Kwik Cricket	Year 5 & 6	Monday	Finish time 4:30pm	Collect from the back gate
Playball	EYFS & Year 1	Monday	Finish time: 4:15pm	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Junior Choir	Years 3 & 4	Tuesday	Before school at 8am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Netball	Years 5 & 6	Tuesday	Before school at 8am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Spanish Club	Year 2	Tuesday	Before school at 8.20am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Little Samurai	EYFS, Y1 & Y2	Tuesday	Finish time: 4:00pm	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Spanish Club	Year 1	Wednesday	Before school at 8.20am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Spanish Club	Year 5	Wednesday	Finish time: 3:50pm	Collect from the front entrance of school
Playball	EYFS & Year 1	Wednesday	Finish time: 4:15pm	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Senior Choir	Years 5 & 6	Thursday	Before school at 8am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Young Samurai	Years 3 - 6	Thursday	Finish time: 4:15pm	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Spanish Club	Year 3	Friday	Before school at 8.20am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Sewing Club	Year 2 – 6	Friday	Finish time: 4:35pm	Collect from the front entrance of school
Knitting Club	Year 6	Friday	Finish time: 4:15pm	Collect from the front entrance of school
IPro Football	Years 1 - 6	Friday	Finish time: 4:30pm	Collect from the back gate

Sports Fortnight:

Mr Whittle is busy organising activities for our Sports Fortnight which begins the week Year 6 are on their residential trip, climbing rock faces and exploring caves! It will continue the following week and culminate on Friday 8th July with Sports Day. If you or anyone you know has a particular interest or expertise in anything related to sport and are willing to run a workshop for the children during the fortnight please email the office marking your message for the attention of Mr Whittle. He would love to hear from you.

Please note that iPro or Sewing Club will not be meeting after sports day on 8th July. These clubs have been cancelled. Please refer to information sent out from these club providers about what alternative provision is in place.

Transition Week:

While the Year 6 children are down in Devon, everyone else will have the opportunity to spend a little bit of time in the classroom they will be spending next year in. Over a couple of days we will also be welcoming the new Cygnets to Holy Trinity. News about which teacher your child will be with in September will be released at the end of term.

Music Lessons Maestros:

On Monday, the woodwind teacher from Berkshire Maestros visited every class to play for the children. There was a lot of interest in learning to play all the instruments she brought in. If you would like your child to have instrumental lessons, please see the flyer emailed out to you today.

Calendar Dates for the new Academic Year:

Please find attached again a document outlining the term dates for 2022-2023. Please note the first day of the new academic year is Friday 2nd September.

Finally, the DfE have funded a souvenir for children across the country in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Today your child was given the gift, a book, 'Queen Elizabeth, A Platinum Jubilee Celebration' to bring home in the hope that they will treasure it for years to come. Do ask them to show you.

CALENDAR DATES

6 th – 24 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Screening Test
21 st June	Drowning Prevention Workshop at Braywick Leisure Centre Year 5 & Year 6
23 rd June	Deadline for handing in medication ahead of the Year 6 Residential Trip to Devon
27 th June – 1 st July	Year 6 Residential Trip
27 th June – 8 th July	Sport Fortnight
8 th July	Sports Day
2 nd July	HT Fest (please see flyer sent out today)
14 th July	Last day of term
15 th July	First Day of the summer holiday
2 nd September	First day of the new academic year
8 th October	PTA Ball (details to follow)