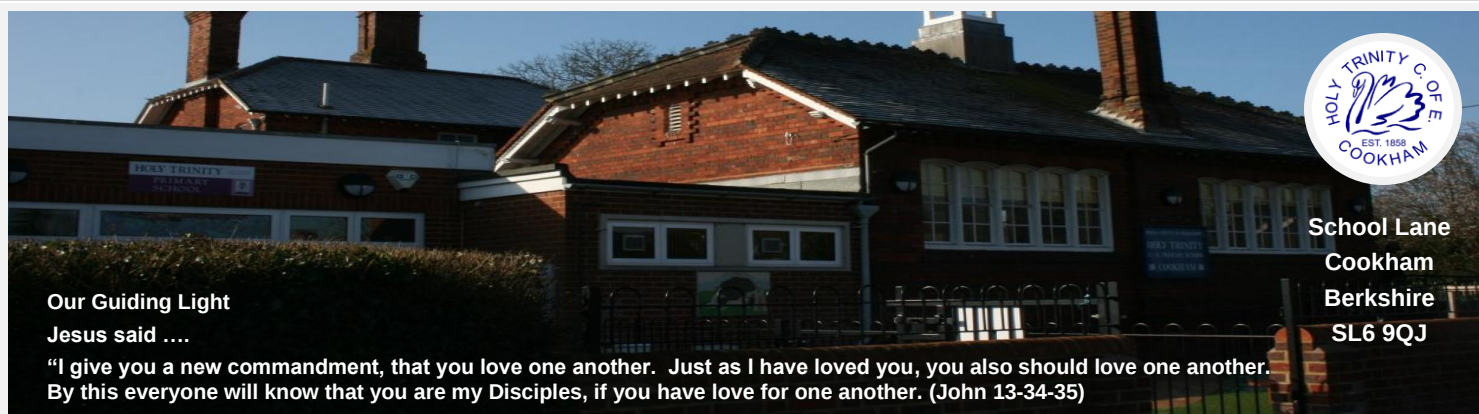




KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

It has been another happy and productive week in school. The children are working hard embracing new topics and supporting each other along the way. Year 3 enjoyed their second swimming lesson at Braywick and steel pan lessons for Year 5 and Year 6 have begun. Our Rock Steady bands met for the second time on Wednesday and peripatetic lessons started yesterday. There are a number of children this term learning to play the piano with Janice from the Berkshire Music Trust. We have had singing practice almost every day this week as we have got ready for performing in church on Sunday and the day finished today with us celebrating the achievements of many in our Star of the Week assembly.

Heritage Open Day Celebration at Holy Trinity Church, Cookham:

Do join us if you can on Sunday at 10am at a special family service at Holy Trinity Church to mark the end of Open Heritage Week. We would love to see you. We will meet in church around 9:45am.

Meet the Teacher Meetings:

We hope that those of you who have been able to attend our virtual 'Meet the Teacher' meetings this week have found them useful. As meetings for every class have now taken place, I'm pleased to inform you that class newsletters and meeting slides have been posted on Google Classroom for you to refer back to. Class newsletters have been sent to you today as attachments and will shortly be posted on our website.

Marking National Fitness Day:

Did you know that Wednesday was National Fitness Day? We marked it in school by participating in a 10@10 Schools Workout which encouraged everyone to get up and get active.

The children have engaged in lots of sporting activities this week. There was a wonderful turnout for netball club before school on Tuesday for the older children and Mrs Thomas' netball club for Year 2, 3 and 4 was equally popular. Its been encouraging to see new as well as seasoned participants in Samurai and several of our very youngest children are getting to grips with Play Ball on Monday. Today's football session with iPro was well attended and during week Mr Whittle has enjoyed working with all the children in timetabled PE lessons.

We are incredibly proud to share that our school has just been awarded the Silver School Games Mark, recognising our commitment to providing opportunities for all children to be active, enjoy sport and develop their confidence and skills. This is a government-led award scheme with an aim of ensuring every child gets 60 active minutes per day. The award celebrates our work in promoting participation, inclusion, teamwork and positive sporting experiences, while encouraging children to develop a lifelong love of being active.

A huge well done to all our pupils for their enthusiasm, effort and fantastic sportsmanship and of course to Mr Whittle for leading us with such passion. This achievement is a reflection of the whole school community, and we look forward to building on this success! In the meantime, we encourage you to enrol your child in any one of our sports clubs if you are able. The children who attended events this week seemed to really enjoy being involved. All our clubs, sports and otherwise, were listed on last week's newsletter.

Saving our World:

In Wednesday's assembly the children learnt about the plight of emperor penguins who, because of climate change, are in danger. This is something which Rosie in Year 3 and Olivia in Year 5 are particularly concerned about. The girls, who planned and led assembly, asked everyone to think back to the work we had done together last week when we read Tom Percival's story book, 'The Invisible'. We were challenged to remember how Isabel had helped her community and consider what we need to do to look after our world and slow down climate change in the hope that we can save the penguins.

It was a really powerful message, beautifully delivered.

Shortly we will be forming our new Eco-Council. If your child is interested in guiding others on how to look after our planet, they should consider putting themselves forward for election. Last year's Eco-Council did a fabulous job which we want to continue this year.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND WHAT IT IS DOING TO EMPEROR PENGUINS.



My First Class Photo:

On Tuesday a photographer from the Maidenhead Advertiser was in school taking a photograph of some of the children in Cygnet Class. This will feature in the paper soon so do look out for it.

Year 6 Residential Trip:

I was delighted that so many of you with children in Year 6 were able to attend our online meeting with Roger Sell from CRS Adventures on Thursday. I hope you found the session useful. If you were unable to attend or would like to revisit the presentation go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=luuaWqaMQBA>

Today your child received a letter providing more details about the trip and asking for an expression of interest from you. **Do ensure you send the reply slip at the bottom of the letter back to us by next Friday (25th September) to secure a place on the trip for your child.**

Themed Weeks:

I trust you saw my letter that went out earlier about the themed weeks we propose organising this year. We remain ever grateful for the support you are able to give us to do this. I hope you enjoyed revisiting last year's experiences of themed weeks with your child. They all served to motivate, enthuse and really enhance the learning journey for the children. We are committed to doing this again this year.

Flu Vaccinations:

Please refer to the email sent out on Tuesday for details of how to give your consent for the flu vaccination to be administered in school (on 20th October – see calendar below). There is a deadline to do this.

Macmillan Coffee Morning Event:

Next Friday the country will be taking part in the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning event raising money for cancer research. We support this every year and we hope that, with your backing, we can make a success of it again this time. On Friday we plan to hold, not a coffee morning, but a cake sale after school on the back playground. In order to do this, we require cakes! If you are able to send your child in with cakes on Friday morning, we would be most grateful. Individual fairy cakes are best, bought or made, and if they come in in a container that you wish us to return, please ensure your child's name is clearly written on it. Then, of course, we need you to come along to our sale and make a purchase! All cash donations will be sent to the charity to support them in the amazing work they do.

When sending in cakes, can I remind you that we endeavour to be a nut and sesame free school. Please join us in our efforts to safeguard the children and keep our site as free of nuts and sesame as possible. **Cakes containing nuts or traces of nuts should not be brought in.** Thank you for working with us on this.

Finally, thank you for your kind words and well-wishes for Miss Buckley. The staff are incredibly grateful for your support.

I hope that you have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing those of you who can make it, at the church service on Sunday.

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 are added in order to keep abreast of what is coming up in school. Any additions or any changes highlighted in blue.

25 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning Charity Event
1 st October	Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity Church 10am
5 th October	Start of Y6 Cycling Proficiency course
8 th October	PTA Quiz
12 th October	Start of Science and Technology Week
13 th October	Parent Consultations
15 th October	Parent Consultations
20 th October	Flu Vaccinations
20 th October	KS2 Open House
21 st October	EYFS & KS1 Open House
21 st October	School Photos
26 th October to 30 th October	Half Term Break
2 nd November	Start of Term 2
9 th November	Year 1 Trip to Windsor Castle
11 th November	Whole School Remembrance Service at the War Memorial
11 th November	PTA AGM 7:30pm
16 th November	Start of Maths and Computing Week
18 th November	Open Evening
20 th November	Children in Need
24 th November	Choirs performing at the Royal Albert Hall
8 th December 2pm	Nativity Performance
9 th December 6pm	Nativity Performance
9 th December	Rock Steady Concert 9:30am

15 th December	Final swimming lesson for Y3
16 th December	EYFS & KS1 Trip to the pantomime at the Wycombe Swan
16 th December	KS2 Christmas Party
16 th December	PTA Carols in the Courtyard
17 th December	Christmas Service at Holy Trinity Church 10am
17 th December	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Party
18 th December	Last day of term
21 st December to 1 st January	Christmas Holiday
4 th January	Start of Term 3
29 th January	PTA Disco
2 nd February	KS2 Open House
3 rd February	EYFS & KS1 Open House
10 th February	Safer Internet Day
15 th February to 19 th February	Half Term Break
22 nd February	Start of Term 4
27 th February	PTA Black Tie Ball
1 st March	Start of Book Week
2 nd March	Parent Consultations
4 th March	Parent Consultations
4 th March	World Book Day
5 th March	Book Week Dress-Up Day
19 th March	Comic Relief
24 th March	Rock Steady Concert 9:30am
25 th March	PTA Make the Rules Day and Easter Trail
26 th March to 9 th April	Easter Holiday
12 th April	Start of Term 5
22 nd April	Earth Day
27 th April	KS2 Open House

28 th April	EYFS & KS1 Open House
3 rd May	Bank Holiday
10 th May to 13 th May	KS2 SATs
17 th May	Start of National Walk to School Week
31 st May to 4 th June	Half Term Break
7 th June	Start of Term 6
11 th June	PTA Disco
14 th June	Start of Arts and Culture Week
18 th June	Arts and Culture Week Show
21 st June	Y6 Residential Trip
28 th June	Start of Sports Week
2 nd July	Sports Day
3 rd June	HT Fest
14 th July	Rock Steady Concert
15 th July	Y6 Leavers' Service 10am
15 th July	Last Day of Term