



KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

After the week we'd previously had, it has been lovely to see some normality this week. I hope the return of clubs and wrap around care has helped you manage child care arrangements and been something the children have also welcomed. For details of all the extra-curricular activities now available, please see below.

On a regular basis, we are contacted by club providers offering activities during holidays. These are always sent out to you as attachments with the weekly newsletter. Some have been sent to you today.

Drawing on our Vision:

Last week I was lucky enough to attend the Institution and Induction Service, led by the Bishop of Reading and Archdeacon of Berkshire, to welcome Revd Stephen Mills to the parish in his new role as vicar. He led his first service at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday which was extremely well attended and full of warmth and greetings.

As you may remember, we were asked by the church wardens to be part of the recruitment process which led to ten of our Year 6 children interviewing the candidates. Now his appointment has been secured, we have spoken about Stephen in assembly and considered how he might be feeling as he takes up his new job. We have prayed for him and David and are excited about welcoming him to our school in the near future. As you may have seen from our recent SIAMS inspection report, sent today as an attachment, the second of our two development points is '*to continue to grow the current strong partnership with Holy Trinity Church when the new incumbent is in place*' so with Father Stephen here we can now begin the work.

This week in school the children have continued to support each other in a whole host of ways during lessons and beyond. School has felt busy and productive. We enjoyed Mr. Simmonds leading assembly on Tuesday when he spoke about Epiphany, and other activities which enrich the learning experience have resumed now the flood waters have gone. Lots of our musicians enjoyed seeing Ben from Rock Steady on Wednesday when Paul from CultureMix was also in delivering a steel pan lesson to Year 6. Year 4 are making great progress on their dance routine ahead of their performance at the borough's dance festival next month and we were delighted that gymnast Olivia was able to come in on two days this week which now means that every child in the school has had the opportunity to work with her. Dan, the hockey coach from Borlase has also been in. It's great to be functioning normally again.

Supporting your Child Through the Curriculum:

If you were able to attend the meetings this week, we do hope that you found the content useful. You will find the presentations and the Spring Term Class Newsletter relevant to your child's class posted on Google Classroom. Class Newsletters have also been sent out as attachments today. They contain information about what your child will be studying this term.

Parking:

The village was understandably quiet last week and it was lovely to see everyone walking to school. This week cars have returned to School Lane so I am grateful that those of you who have had to drive have respected our neighbours by parking considerately. Coincidentally, from the borough's Road Safety Education Officer, I have received a 'New Year, New You, New Parking Resolution Checklist' and 'Pavements are for People' poster which all schools have been asked to share with parents. It reminds drivers of how to park safely and considerately especially around schools. Please find a moment to take a look. They have been sent out today as attachments.

Discover Cookham Photobook:

In support of the organisers of the Cookham Festival, the 'Discover Cookham Photobook' is being sold in school. The book contains 100 photos of the village and by identifying the locations you could win up to £150 in prize money. It might be a fun activity, a little like the PTA Christmas and Easter trail, to do as a family and in buying a copy you'll be supporting the festival from which we, as a school, benefit. Pick up a book from the office or from, from time to time, from me at the back gate. The cost is £10.

Dates this Term:

A few new dates have been added to the calendar, mostly related to sporting fixtures, so do take a look.

New Netball Kit – Sponsored by UK Vein Clinic

With a number of netball fixtures appearing on the calendar, our squad are especially excited to go along to these matches now they have stylish new kit to wear. We are enormously grateful to Jason Powell who, through his company UK Vein Clinic, has sponsored the gear. The full set of clothing, including shorts and t-shirts for every player, is very smart and the children love it. Our thanks go to Jason for his incredibly kind gesture and also Jen Parker for coordinated the project and coach, Richard Lucas. With it, the team are sure to play even better than they have before!

Extra-Curricular activities running this term and details of providers. Please see providers for further information:

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 8:45pm. 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
Spanish Club	Year 5 & 6	Monday before school at 8:20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 or francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Maths Club	KS1	Monday before school at 8:20am	Invited pupils only	Arrive through the back door of the hall
iPro Football	KS2 boys	Monday lunchtime	Book directly: Office 07908 172175 Email: office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk	Pupils taking part may come to school in their school PE kit to avoid the need to change
Playball	EYFS & Year 1	Monday, finish time: 4pm	Book online: http://www.playballkids.com/f/southbucks	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Art Club	Years 3 & 4	Monday, finish time 5pm	Contact Mrs Hyslop directly nickyw1@hotmail.co.uk or 07764884747	Collect from the front entrance of school
Junior Choir	Years 3 & 4	Tuesday before school, start time: 8am	All welcome, simply come along larainebrownbda@gmail.com	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Spanish Club	Year 2	Tuesday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow 07939 045722 or francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Little Samurai	EYFS, Y1 & Y2	Tuesday, finish time: 4:15pm	Book directly: 07828 534817 or www.SamuraiKickboxing.com See: info@SamuraiKickboxing.com	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Football	Year 5 & 6 boys and girls	Tuesday, finish time 4:20pm	All welcome Please note, this arrangement will run up until February Half Term	Collect from the back gate
Art Club	Year 5 & 6	Tuesday, finish time 5pm	Contact Mrs Hyslop directly nickyw1@hotmail.co.uk or 07764884747	Collect from the front entrance of school
Rock Steady	EYFS – Y6	Wednesday morning	Book directly: 0330 113 0330 see: Rocksteadymusicschool.com	N/A lessons take place during the school day
Netball	Years 5 & 6 squad training	Wednesday before school, start time: 8am	Selected children informed	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Spanish Club	Year 1	Wednesday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 or francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive through the back door of the hall
iPro Football	KS2 girls	Wednesday lunchtime	Book directly: Office 07908 172175 Email: office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk	Pupils taking part may come to school in their school PE kit to avoid the need to change
Spanish Club	Year 3	Wednesday after school, finish time 3:50pm	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 or francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Collect from the front entrance of school
Yoga & Mindfulness	All	Wednesday, finish time 4:30pm	Book directly by contacting Sallie Windsor: 07846 992824 or sallie.windsor@nurturekidsyoga.com	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Senior Choir	Years 5 & 6	Thursday before school, start time: 8am	All welcome, simply come along larainebrownbda@gmail.com	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Ukulele Club	Years 5 & 6	Thursday lunchtime	Mrs Lucas will be running the club for those invited	Look out for more details of an Easter Ukulele experience soon to be advertised
Young Samurai	Years 3 - 6	Thursday after school, finish time: 4:15pm	Book directly: 07828 534817 or www.SamuraiKickboxing.com See: 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: 07939 045722 or francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive through the back door of the hall
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	Book directly: lornarennie@berkshiremaestros.org.uk	Times of lessons determined by Maestros

PTA News:

The next **PTA Meeting is at 8pm on Monday (22nd January)** on Zoom. A link to the meeting will be posted on the PTA WhatsApp group and Facebook page during the day on Monday.

Booking is now open for the **PTA Disco next Friday (26th January)**. Tickets cost £5 which includes a snack and drink. The timings of the disco are as follows:

- EYFS & KS1 - 4.30 - 5.50
- KS2 - 6.00 -7.30

As in the past, drop-off will be at the front of school but **please collect your child from the back door of the hall**. KS2 children will be allowed in once everyone from the earlier disco have left.

Booking link for the disco:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKMhbj-lfVHaldPXdDcEEz4en_2i9QOBbhIX62ngHyACN7qA/viewform

'Diamonds are Forever' - School Ball

Already lots of tables have been confirmed which indicates this year's ball might be the best attended so far! Tickets cost £65 per head for a 3 course meal and entertainment. Tables can still be booked by going to:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdyTS1buw8xPWEzvR8JRF--NUvI4oOrLyORe72PEho-BeWvqg/viewform?fbclid=IwAR2KF31Nq-8lx25Qt7B1bN1U1qFbS2uGfrgXW2CbatS8POxN6HyKV5nWTnl>

A large component of the PTA Ball is the auction. Again, this year, there will be a live auction on the night with around 10 big ticket items plus an online silent auction for the rest.

The PTA does not make any money from the Ball ticket price, all profits come from the auctions. Therefore, in order to make an impact, the team need your help this year in securing some prizes.

In the past the kind of prizes we've had for the main auction have been:

- Tickets to Henley
- Framed artwork
- Boat trips
- Weekends away
- Theatre tickets
- Wellness Days
- Hosted dinner parties
- Wine tastings

As you can see, the committee try to offer group events as prizes so that bids can be put together by a number of people. This adds to the fun!

For the silent auction, previously people have bid on:

- dog grooming
- afternoon tea
- wine
- hampers
- vouchers
- skin care
- candles
- sporting memorabilia
- fitness classes
- babysitting
- birthday cakes
- jewellery
- coaching
- toys
- flowers

The team inform me nothing is too big or too small. Everything contributes to our fundraising on the evening and consideration is given to the importance of catering for everyone's budgets. They do hope you will be able to help. This year your donations will allow us to upgrade our trim trail which is going to cost around £18,000 and improve the audio visual system in the hall which is another big spend. The children will all benefit from these projects. To hear what else your money is going to be spent on and what it has been spent on in the past, do come along to our PTA meetings where these things are regularly discussed. Thank you for your support.

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday for an 8:45am start.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

22 nd January	A team Football Match v St Edmund Campion (home) – selected children informed by letter
22 nd January	PTA meeting 8pm via Zoom
23 rd January	A team netball match v St Edmund Campion (Home) – selected children informed by letter
25 th January	B team netball match v Wessex Primary (Home) – selected children informed by letter
25 th January	A and B team football matches v Courthouse Junior (away) – selected children informed by letter
26 th January	PTA Disco (details tbc)
29 th January	Year 5/6 girls football match v Braywick Court (home) – selected children informed by letter
1 st February	B team football match v All Saints (away) – selected children to be informed by letter
6 th February	Open House (EYFS & KS1)
6 th February	A team netball match v Holyport (away) – selected children informed by letter
7 th February	Open House (KS2)
8 th February	Dance Festival (Year 4)
9 th February	Term ends for half term break (normal finish time: 3:15pm)
12 th – 16 th February	Half Term break
19 th February	Term starts
24 th February	PTA Ball at Odney – save the date!
4 th – 8 th March	Book week
5 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations (no after school clubs running other than WrapAround4U)
7 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations (no after school clubs running other than WrapAround4U)
8 th March	Book Week Dress Up Day
15 th March	Comic Relief event (details tbc)
23 rd March	Inter PTA Netball Tournament (details tbc)
28 th March	Easter Service at Holy Trinity Church (tbc)
28 th March	End of Term – Easter break begins (normal finish time: 3:15pm)
29 th March - 12 th April	Easter Holiday
15 th April	Start of Summer Term
13 th – 16 th May	KS2 SATs
24 th May	Term ends for half term break (normal finish time: 3:15pm)
27 th – 31 st May	Half Term break
3 rd June	Term starts
3 rd June – 14 th June	Window for completion of Year 4 Multiplication Check
7 th June	PTA Disco (details tbc)
10 th – 14 th June	Arts and Culture Week
10 th – 14 th June	Window for completion of Year 1 Phonics Screening
24 th – 28 th June	Y6 Residential Trip
24 th – 4 th July	Sports Week
5 th July	Sports Day
6 th July	HT Fest
19 th July	End of Term – Summer Holiday begins (normal finish time: 3:15pm)