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KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

As last week's newsletter was circulated before the children's lockdown learning was shared in our grand 'show and tell' session, I would like to take the opportunity today to thank you again for all you did in supporting your child during the last period of home-schooling. The quantity and quality of the work the children produced at home was excellent and they were clearly proud to share everything with their friends last Friday. It gave us a wonderful occasion to celebrate their achievements.

Thank you, this week, for sticking to the simple procedures outlined in last week's newsletter and for taking sensible precautions to reduce the risk of us having to collapse bubbles in the event of a Covid-19 outbreak. As part of these measures, please do consider taking regular lateral flow tests or alternatively collecting (or ordering) test kits for the adults in your home if you haven't already done so. **The nearest rapid lateral flow test site is at Braywick Leisure Centre (SL6 1BN) and the nearest home test kit collection point is the Magnet Leisure Centre Car Park (SL6 8AW) open every day from 1:30pm to 7pm.** Regular testing helps reduce transmission of the virus and is strongly recommended to all who are eligible. As parents of school age children, you are entitled to test kits and by engaging in the testing programme we all have a better chance of protecting our community. Thank you.

Homework:

Although we are back in the classroom, we will continue to use Google Classroom to share homework tasks with you and the children each week. These will always appear in the 'Classwork' section under a heading 'Year ... Homework'. Homework is generally set on a Thursday or Friday and the expectation is that the children complete it all. They should follow the instructions, which the staff always run through in the day to ensure they are clear in what they need to do, by writing appropriate responses in their yellow homework book. This should be returned at the beginning of the following week.

Please oversee your child completing their homework. Encourage them to take pride in their work. They are clear on the high expectations we have when they are in the classroom and writing in their exercise books so do remind them of this at home too. Please help us by hearing your child read at home each evening and writing in their reading diary. If your child is older and they would prefer to read to themselves from time to time, still encourage them to write a comment in their own reading diary. Spelling tests have resumed so, to help your child learn new words, encourage them to visit the list each day and write them out using the 'look, cover, write, check' method. It would also help if they spent 10 minutes each evening playing Numbots (KS1) and Times Table Rock Stars (KS2). Several classes are learning about time at the moment. This is one topic which you can really help your child to grasp by revisiting at regular intervals. Our Catch-Up programme is well underway but part of its success comes from you. Any help you can continue to give your child, will really make a difference. Thank you.

Turn on the Subtitles:

Last week I shared news of a campaign encouraging us all to turn on the subtitles while children are watching television. Research shows that by doing so we can double the chances of a child becoming good at reading. I urge you to give it a go. To find out more go to <https://turnonthesubtitles.org/>

Reading Lists:

Don't forget to use the [Books for Topics](#) link which was posted on your child's Google Classroom last week. This is an excellent website which gives suggestions for quality texts covering the primary curriculum. This should guide you in helping your child choose suitable reading material.

Red Nose Day

Thank you for helping us support Comic Relief. We have been successful in raising £222. The older children seemed to enjoy battling against each other in the Times Table Rock Star Comic Relief challenge during the week and everyone embraced our 'splash of red' campaign today. Do have a look at some of the photos we have shared on Twitter.

The children are becoming remarkably quick at recalling times table facts. Many congratulations go to the following children who topped the leader board!

Fastest in school	1. William Garrett 2. Tristan Wallace 3. Ethan Bryan
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Fastest 3 in each class		Student score
MOORHENS	1. Tristan Wallace 2. Ethan Bryan 3. Harry Macleod	4,178 3,834 3,254
CORMORANTS	1. William Garrett 2. Harry Strudwicke 3. William Ganachaud	5,107 3,502 2,888
TEALS	1. Theo Rudd 2. Lewis Garrett 3. Yaseen Al-Amin	3,234 2,337 1,538
GOSLINGS	1. Ben Brittain 2. Lyla Elliott 3. Scarlett Mason	554 478 466

'Clock Up your Kilometres' Campaign:

Our 'Clock Up your Kilometres' campaign, steered by the children, continues in support of 'Partners for Change, Ethiopia'. The team are aiming to make the virtual journey of 8,766km from Cookham to Debre Birhan, Ethiopia through a sponsored event to raise money which will change the lives of disadvantaged children in two schools there. Please refer to the flyer and sponsor form to find out how you can get involved. Details have also been posted on Google Classroom.

School Uniform:

During the last few months we have been running down the stock of uniform which we hold in school. In future you will be able to purchase uniform from Goyals (28 Bridge Street, Maidenhead, SL6 8BJ Tel: 01628 639725). However, we still have some stock on site. If you wish to purchase uniform from school, please telephone the office to check on supplies before making a purchase using your ScoPay account.

Have a good weekend, stay safe, and thank you for supporting us in all we are doing to keep our school operating effectively.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

2 nd – 16 th Apr	Easter Break
16 th Apr	National Offer Day for September 2021 Primary School Allocations
4 th May	BucksCC Transfer Test (11+) Registration Portal Opens at 3pm



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