



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

Book Week – 27th February to 3rd March:

Just a reminder that we are in the process of planning our annual Book Week and inviting guest speakers into school. If you would like to be part of this event, perhaps you have connections in the book/publishing industry, if you know an author or illustrator, if you would like to come in and simply read from your favourite children's book, do get in touch. Email the office with a brief outline of how you can help and together we'll be sure to provide the children with a memorable experience. On World Book Day a special menu will be served by our catering team. Do look out for this.

Well-Being:

We continue our work in school focusing on the well-being of everyone and giving the children strategies to develop their own self-belief and resilience. This is something we tackle in class and in assemblies on a regular basis. Assemblies this week began on Monday with us exploring the messages in Charlie Mackesy's book, '*The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse*'. We then continued to look at stories of inspirational people who, through their own positive attitudes and self-worth have gone on to achieve great things. All our assemblies can be found on Google Classroom under 'Collective Worship' for you to revisit with your child if useful. Higher levels of anxiety are an ever-growing problem for many people. To address this, there are many support groups and resources available. Today, please find attached a flyer about one such group meeting on 15th February.

Industrial Action:

At the start of the week it was announced that the teaching profession would be affected by industrial action. This is currently just affecting one union who are calling members out on 1st February, 2nd March, and 15th & 16th of March. At this stage I am unable to inform you of how our school might be affected. Staff are not required to disclose which union they belong to or whether they will be taking industrial action until the morning of any strike. That said, I have asked if anyone intends to take action to enable me and the board of governors to put in place a plan. As soon as I am able, I will inform you. I'm sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating but we remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and continuing to deliver high-quality teaching during this period as much as we are able.

Vacancies:

If you missed the notice on last week's newsletter, we are currently looking to appoint a Teaching Assistant. If you know of anyone who might be interested in this role, do contact Mrs Streames-Smith in the office or speak to me. Experience is preferable but not essential.

Our cleaning company, Sasse FM are looking to appoint an early evening cleaner for Holy Trinity School. The role involves 2 hours per day Mon to Fri. If you or anyone you know would suit, please contact Andy Heer on 07884 265 198 or alternatively email andy.heer@sasse.de for more information.

EYFS Health Check:

If you have a child in EYFS, thank you for completing the health questionnaire and passing it to the office ahead of the nursing team coming in.

Winter Wheeze Webinar:

As published on last week's newsletter, on Friday 27th January at 1pm the paediatric nursing team from Frimley Health will be running a virtual webinar via Teams aimed at parents/carers who have children experiencing a wheeze when coughs and colds strike. To sign up go to bit.ly/JanWheeze A flyer is also attached for your convenience.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

For details of clubs running this term, please refer to the information below.

Extra-Curricular Activities and Details of Providers:

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, sent out via email
Spanish Club	Year 5 & 6	Monday before school at 8:20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	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 in Y3, 4 & 6 will be in school PE kit, Y5 should bring their school PE kit to change into
Playball	EYFS	Monday, finish time: 4:15pm	Book online: http://www.playballkids.com/f/southbucks	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Junior Choir	Years 3 & 4	Tuesday before school, start time: 8am ALL WELCOME	All welcome, simply come along larainebrownbda@gmail.com	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Netball	Years 5 & 6	Tuesday before school, start time: 8am	Netball trails now complete – selected children informed	Arrive through the back door of the hall (start date 10.1.23)
Spanish Club	Year 2	Tuesday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Football Club	Years 4, 5 & 6 Girls	Tuesday, finish time: 4:30pm	Girls from Y4, 5 & 6 welcome	Collect from the back gate (start date: 10.1.23, please refer to letter)
Knitting Club	Year 6	Tuesday lunchtime BRING NEEDLES & WOOL	All welcome, simply come along	N/A (start date 10.1.23)
Little Samurai	EYFS, Y1 & Y2	Tuesday, finish time: 4pm	Book directly: 07828 534817 www.SamuraiKickboxing.com info@SamuraiKickboxing.com	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Rock Steady	EYFS – Y6	Wednesday morning	Book directly: 0330 113 0330 Rocksteadymusicschool.com	N/A lessons take place during the school day
Spanish Club	Year 1	Wednesday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Spanish Club	Year 3	Wednesday after school, finish time 3:50pm	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Collect from the front entrance of school
Playball	Year 1	Wednesday, finish time: 4:15pm		Collect from the back door of the school hall
Senior Choir	Years 5 & 6	Thursday before school, start time: 8am ALL WELCOME	All welcome, simply come along larainebrownbda@gmail.com	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Young Samurai	Years 3 - 6	Thursday after school, finish time: 4:15pm	Book directly: 07828 534817 www.SamuraiKickboxing.com info@SamuraiKickboxing.com	Collect from the back door of the school hall
			Book a FREE TRIAL in the following after school classes: Tuesdays - Little Samurai (age 4 - Year 2) 3.15pm - 4pm Thursdays - Young Samurai (Years 3-6) 3.30pm - 4.15pm	
Spanish Club	Year 4	Friday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Sewing Club	Year 2 – 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	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

Attendance:

With such a lot of illness around at the moment, we understand there are times when pupils are too unwell to attend and we appreciate your support in keeping your child off school when they are infectious. However, it remains a difficult balancing act; we are keen for the children to be in school as any lesson missed puts a child at a disadvantage especially when that lesson falls within a sequence of planned learning activities. It was encouraging to see how many pupils achieved 100% attendance during the Autumn Term. All were presented with a certificate in today's assembly.

While I appreciate how difficult it can be to arrange appointments outside school hours, we ask that you aim to do so whenever possible and days out for family events or holidays are not permitted. Our focus will always be on helping those children catch up who are absent because of genuine illness. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Year 6 Devon Trip:

You will have received an email regarding booking a place for your child on the Year 6 residential trip to Devon in June. Please return the booking slip by Monday 23rd January to the school office.

Class Newsletter:

Finally, please see attached class newsletter informing you of areas of learning your child will be covering during the Spring Term.

Have a lovely weekend and we shall all look forward to seeing you and the children on Monday.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

Please continue to refer to this section in our newsletter during the course of the term to keep ahead of what is happening in school. Dates will be posted on a regular basis.

24 th January	Year 3 Trip to The Look Out Discovery Centre
24 th January	Year 4 Badminton Festival (selected children informed by letter)
25 th January	PTA Zoom meeting (details to follow)
27 th January	Year 5 & 6 Sportshall Athletics event at Braywick Leisure Centre (selected children informed by letter)
29 th January	Candlemas Service 6:30pm Holy Trinity Church to celebrate the ministry of Father Nick
9 th February	Year 4 Primary Dance Festival at Braywick Leisure Centre
7 th February	KS2 Open House Event to view books and classrooms
8 th February	EYFS & KS1 Open House Event to view books and classrooms
13 th February	Half term
20 th February	Start of term
24 th February	PTA school disco (details to follow)
27 th February	Start of Book Week
1 st March	PTA Zoom meeting (details to follow)
3 rd March	Book Week Dress-Up Day
7 th March	Parent Consultations
9 th March	Parent Consultations
17 th March	Red Nose Day (details to be confirmed)
27 th March	PTA Quiz Night (details to follow)
30 th March	Easter Service tbc



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