



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

We have had another busy week in school preparing for Arts and Culture Week. Year 2 have worked hard on their SATs and our ducklings have hatched!

National Testing Programme:

With KS1 & KS2 SATs now complete, we still have the Year 4 Multiplication Check and the Year 1 Phonics Screening Test to do before this year's programme of national testing is finished. Please refer to the calendar for when these will be happening.

Arts and Culture Week:

There are still a small number of reply slips (indicating whether you are coming along to our event next Friday) which are yet to be returned to school. We really need these back in order to be able to organise appropriate supervision. There are also a number of outstanding payments for the workshops we have booked. If you haven't made the £5 payment via Scopay, please could you do so by Monday or we may have to cancel activities. Thank you.

This week you received a letter explaining the 'Colour Run' event which the PTA are organising on the afternoon of 27th May. In order for your child to take part you must complete the waiver and send it back to school by Monday.

On Friday 27th May, you should send your child to school wearing plain black shorts/black cycling shorts, a plain short sleeved black t-shirt and black pimplsolls/white trainers. Stripes or logos should not be visible. In their bag should be a white t-shirt for them to change into at lunchtime for the 'Colour Run' if you have completed the waiver and wish them to take part.

Your child's tub planted with red, white and blue flowers should be brought to school on Thursday afternoon when you pick them up or on Friday morning. At the end of the event, please take them home with you.

On Friday we invite you to arrive at 11am at the front of school where you will be let in. Please make your way down to the field where you will have a short amount of time to look at the children's work displayed under gazebos. Classes will parade down at 11:10am after which our performance will begin. Once it has finished, we will ask you to remain on the field to allow us to get the children safely back up to school. After the last class has left you may make your way up to the building to your child's class to sign them out from the following spots:

Reception Class	School reception area
Year 1	usual hand-over point - outside door to classroom
Year 2	usual hand-over point - outside door to classroom
Year 3	usual hand-over point - outside door to classroom
Year 4	usual hand-over point - outside door to classroom
Year 5	corridor alongside Year 5 classroom
Year 6	corridor alongside Year 5 classroom

We thank you, in anticipation, for your patience as we complete the sign out process; it might take a little while. If you are not able to stay and have indicated on the reply slip that you require supervision for your child, they will remain in the classroom until all the other children have been signed out by parents before they are then taken down to the field with staff who will look after them. If you are not staying, you should use the front entrance to leave. This will be the exit for everyone on the day regardless of the time you choose to go; the back gate will not be open. Once you have signed your child out at lunchtime, while we hope you will stay for the picnic and the 'Colour Run', you are free to leave when you wish. Please remember no clubs will be running after school on this day. If you are coming at 3:15pm to collect your child, please come to the front of school where they will be waiting.

As you will have seen from the email sent out earlier in the week, if you wish your child to have a lunch on Friday this will be in the form of a grab bag which you will need to order in the usual way by Thursday at the latest.

Next week, other than on Friday when your child should come to school wearing their black performance clothes, as outlined above, they should come to school wearing their school P.E. kit. Lots of information about this, the accessories they require as part of their costume and things that are going on in school have been posted on Google Classroom. Do take a look. There are lots of interesting pictures of the children taking part in activities.

Finally, if the weather causes us to postpone the event, we will inform you as soon as we are able.

News from around The School:

Teals have had a wonderful time this week, immersing themselves in the 1970s! They have created their own fabulous tie-dyed t-shirts and created posters highlighting major events and trends of the decade. They found out about video games consoles, decimalisation, Concorde and Apollo 13 as well as bellbottomed trousers, glitter balls and glam rock! Lots of reminders from the 1970s have been displayed on their information posters which you can see in our gazebo next week. The children have also learnt a new skill using cross hatch and slip which they used to create fabulous 3D tiles to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. These too will be on display.

The 2012 Olympics has been a focus for Cygnets this week. As well as learning more about Olympic events, they have been printing and weaving using the Olympic rings as inspiration. We hope you will be impressed with their work next Friday!

Swans have considered how the Queen's great grandchildren could convince a younger, fussy-eating prince or princess to try the food at a Platinum Jubilee tea party. The children have begun to create a spread for their own tea party from papier mâché ready to be served on a splendid clay tea service, complete with a tea pot, tea cups and saucers and assorted serving bowls. Our kiln has been working over-time this week to get everything ready for the big day!

Goslings, a little like Teals, have been researching news events from the 1980s and finding out about anything from the discovery of the wreck of the Titanic to the demolition of the Berlin Wall. The children were amazed to find out that mobile phones only became a 'thing' in 1988!

Moorhens have also been journeying back into the past in their study of the 1950s. The Queen herself is set to make an appearance under their gazebo as a massive sculpture takes shape. Meanwhile, they've focused on some famous figures and events from the decade and been learning a rock and roll dance to 'Jailhouse Rock'! In a break from everything 1950s related, they enjoyed discussing the transition from primary to secondary school with Wayne Dixon from Christian Connections in Schools. At the end of the session on Friday every pupil was presented with an 'It's Your Move' book full of advice and top tips!

Aside from working hard with their song and dance rehearsals, Cormorants began the week by discovering how Maidenhead looked in the 1960s, and how the land use has changed over the years. Where once there were open fields and parks there now are housing estates and industry. To show this, they have sketched maps showing the town past and present! The class have also been looking at the Queen's commonwealth tour of the 1960s, researching where she went and what she did. They will plot out her route for you to see in the gazebo next week!

Alongside working their socks off during KS1 SATs Week, Kingfishers have made a great start on their work for Arts and Culture Week. The class made clay tiles onto which they carved a wide range of designs. Once the tiles had been biscuit fired, the children were then able to paint the designs using red, white and blue glaze. The finished results will be on display at our Arts and Culture celebration. Practice continued on their fabulous 1990's dance and the children also began work on their performance poem, 'Dawn Meets the Queen'.

And then there were the ducklings! Yes, in case you haven't heard, we have ducklings in school! As well as being a real confidence giver to those unused to handling and caring for animals, observing ducklings gives our children the opportunity to experience and ask questions about life cycles. Working scientifically, children will be able to make observations, explore what a duckling needs to survive and gather and record data in order to answer questions. By watching a newly hatched duckling communicating with a second duckling during the hatching process, they will be able to see firsthand what sociable creatures ducklings are and how they depend on each other. Each duckling will spend at least three hours in the incubator to recover from hatching before being moved to the brooding cage. Once in the brooding cage, they are then able to tour each classroom. After the weekend, we will be able to watch them take their very first swim!

Besides all this there were also sporting events happening. On Tuesday the Year 5/6 football teams played their final matches of the season against Waltham St Lawrence. Kicking off first were the boys B team and there was a ferocious atmosphere on both sidelines as home and away fans cheered their respective teams on. Holy Trinity raced into a 3 goal lead as William, Albie and Cole linked up to cause mayhem in the visitors' penalty area. We continued to dominate scoring a further 2 goals to make the score 5-0 at half time. The second half followed a similar pattern and for once our goalkeeper, player of the B team season, Lewis, found himself rather bored! The final score was 11-0 to Holy Trinity with 4 goals from William, 3 from Noah, 2 from Cole and 1 apiece for Albie and new signing Spencer. 'Man of the Match' was William.

The A team followed and they made a very positive start as within a minute William Ganachaud gave us the lead with a long range shot that their keeper fumbled. HT continued to pile the pressure on and never looked back with Kyan scoring a brace in the second half, deservedly taking the 'Man of the Match' award. The joy on the players' faces was great to see as we secured our first win of the season, 3-0.

The final match saw a very competitive and closely contested girls' team take on the opposition. Both teams displayed fantastic energy and enthusiasm as the tackles flew in. Billie-Mai was a constant threat and was so unlucky not to give us the lead as her shot hit the post late in the game. With the scores level at 0-0 both managers agreed to decide the match with a penalty shootout! Jenni made some brilliant penalty saves taking the contest to sudden death but it was Waltham St Lawrence who held their nerve to win 2-1. 'Girl of the Match' was Billie-Mai.

A big thank you goes out to the children in Year 5 and 6 who have represented the school so positively over the course of the season. Thank you for coming to support the teams and offering transport; it is much appreciated.

Football Report by Mr. Whittle and Mr. Burn

In another sporting event, on Thursday Year 3 took part in a cricket skills festival at Altwood School along with 6 other local primary schools. There were several activity stations for the children to tackle throughout the afternoon all developing different skills. It was clear that there are quite a few very talented cricketers in the class! We have some quick fielders who were relentless at chasing down the balls bowled by their fellow team members and some fine bowlers with lethal aims. Our thanks go to Mr. Whittle for organising this and all the other sporting events which have taken place this term. It was a great afternoon!

News of all these things have been posted on Twitter and many have appeared on Google Classroom; do take a look.



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

Our Vision in Action:

This week two new children have started at Holy Trinity. Both have been made to feel incredibly welcome by the children, staff and wider community which has helped them settle quickly. In the case of one, however, the help provided by the PTA has been utterly overwhelming. Thank you for your enormous generosity. In a remarkable coincidence, both boys celebrated their birthday on Wednesday! Everyone made a concerted effort to ensure their days were special; the warmth and friendship we have seen this week has demonstrated how strong our school ethos is and how well everyone understands our vision.

Celebrating the Jubilee in Cookham:

There are a number of events happening in Cookham to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee notably a street party on 5th June in Cookham High Street. Please refer to flyers about a baking competition (proceeds going to Thames Hospice), bunting, plus a fancy dress and portrait competition.

Oveys Farm Family Concert:

On Sunday 22nd May, after a very successful concert last Friday, members of our school choir will be performing at a family concert at Oveys Farm in the village. For more information about this Cookham Festival concert, and to book tickets go to: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cookham-festival/oveys-farm-family-concert/2022-05-22/15:00-t-kvmxaz>

Windsor Flower Show:

We are delighted to be taking part in this year's Windsor Flower Show. Year 2 are in the process of planting up a wheelbarrow with a variety of fruit and vegetables ready to enter for three prestigious awards which will be presented by Alan Titchmarsh during the flower show itself. Staff, pupils, parents, aunts, uncles and grandparents are also all encouraged to enter the individual competition classes; click the link to view the full competition class schedule and rules <https://rwrhs.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Royal-Windsor-Flower-Show-Schedule-2022-.pdf>.

The flower show is a very special event which is now in its 115th year with The Queen as the Patron and this year it will be celebrating the Platinum Jubilee. This boutique show makes for a perfect day out for the whole family with live entertainment, workshops, talks, shopping and activities taking place for all ages. Katie and Giancarlo Caldesi will be hosting some family cookery demonstrations, Little Muddy Boots will be running hands-on nature and gardening activities and Busy Buttons Core Charity will be running craft workshops and displaying their recycled cardboard woodland. There is also an opportunity to purchase Afternoon Tea by Master Chocolatier and Pastry Chef Mark Tilling or the option to bring your own picnic.

If you would like to go along to the flower show for this memorable local day out on 11th June 2022, 10am - 6pm in Windsor Great Park, tickets can be booked on line by clicking the link <https://rwrhs.com/shop/>.

Family Service at St John the Baptist: 22nd May

On Sunday you are invited to the @4 Family Service at Saint John the Baptist, Cookham Dean.

Finally, can we make a plea that you avoid, wherever possibly, taking your child out of school for a holiday or family event. These cannot be authorised and they create a considerable amount of disruption. Several children, for instance are not here to take part in our Jubilee extravaganza next Friday which we are so disappointed about. This in particular impacts on the other children especially when things like dance routines rely on partner work. Changes to choreography have now been made to avoid individuals on the day finding they no longer have a partner to dance with.

Thank you for all your support this week and have a wonderful weekend.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

22 nd May	Ovey's Farm Concert (choir)
23 rd – 27 th May	Arts and Culture Week (not 13 th June as previously advertised)
27th May	Platinum Jubilee Celebratory Event and Picnic (see timetable above)
30 th May – 3 rd June	Half Term Holiday
From 6 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Test
6 th – 10 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Screening Test
7 th June	Early Years Health Screening (refer to letter previously sent out)
10 th June	PTA School Disco (details to follow)
27 th June – 1 st July	Year 6 Residential Trip
8 th July	Sports Day (tbc)
2 nd July	HT Fest (details to follow)
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)

