



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

After a second full week, I hope you are becoming increasingly familiar with school routines, especially those of you who have joined our Holy Trinity family for the first time. The children certainly seem to have settled back in without any issue. It is lovely to see them so cheerful when they arrive at the gate each morning!

On that note, can I remind you that the gate opens for those children not attending Early Bird Club at 8:45am and it is closed promptly at 9am. The closer to 8:45am your child can arrive, the better as it means they do not miss any of the early morning work their teacher has prepared. We have noticed a handful of children this week arriving after the gate has been locked and having to come in through the front entrance which does not make for a particularly positive start to the day. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Meet the Teacher Meetings:

Meet the Teacher meetings have now all taken place and we hope you found them useful. Class presentations and newsletters have been posted on your child's Google Classroom for you to access and Class Newsletters have also been sent to you today as attachments. Thank you for taking the time to attend.

Year 3 Swimming Lessons:

I enjoyed accompanying Year 3 on their trip to Braywick this week and I was very impressed with what I saw. They tried hard throughout the lesson working with a team of four instructors who also had lots of positive things to say. Lessons continue next week.

It would be helpful if, on a Tuesday, you sent your child in with swimming goggles as well as all the other kit they need (as stipulated in the letter you have previously been sent). It was evident that some, without them this week, struggled a little in the water.

Senior and Junior Choir's Trip to the Opera:

Our choirs had a wonderful time on Thursday at The Old Court in Windsor. As part of this year's Windsor Festival, they were introduced to opera in a concert given by 'Magic Opera' which involved a certain amount of audience participation!

Senior Choir (Years 5 & 6) met for the first time before school yesterday and Junior Choir (Years 3 & 4) begins on Tuesday. All are welcome to attend; Mrs. Brown is looking forward to introducing the children to a new repertoire this year.

Samurai Club:

On Tuesday the children were introduced to some fancy moves when the Samurai team came in to talk to them about the clubs they are running this term. Spaces are still available so do contact them if you would like to find out more.

For your convenience, the full list of clubs running this term along with start dates and details of club providers are listed again at the end of this week's newsletter.

Year 6 Residential Trip:

If you have a child in Year 6, can I remind you that you are invited to attend a virtual meeting on Monday (23rd September) **at the slightly later time than previous advertised, 4:30pm**. This is your only opportunity to meet Roger Sell, managing director of CRS Adventures, and ask him any questions you may have about the visit so it's well worth coming along. You have been sent via email the link to the meeting so we hope to see you.

Please note, once Roger starts presenting it isn't always possible to see who is in the waiting room to come in so please log on promptly at 4:30pm to avoid missing the session.

PTA Virtual Meeting – Wednesday 25th September:

You are all invited to the first PTA meeting of the year which will be held virtually on Wednesday. Look out for the link which will be posted by the team on their WhatsApp and Facebook pages. Their first event of the year is the Quiz Night on 4th October. To book tickets, go to:

<https://forms.gle/QmQnzRmNAPNnzQ7CA>

Senior School Open Evenings:

A number of secondary schools are currently advertising open days. When we are made aware of them, we share the details with you. Today, you will have received a flyer about an Open Evening at Newlands Girls' School on Tuesday 1st October and another at Leighton Park on 21st September. Do continue to look out for flyers about open days/evenings and other events which will be sent out to you on Fridays with the link to our latest newsletter.

Macmillan Bake Sale:

As I reported in last week's newsletter, on Friday of next week we will be supporting the Macmillan Cancer Support charity. If you are able to send your child in with cakes on the morning of the event, made or bought, we would be most grateful. Individual fairy cakes seem to be the most popular with the children!

In doing so, please remember we are a no nut/no sesame school so avoid at all costs sending in cakes with these ingredients.

If you would like cake boxes to be returned to you, please ensure they are labelled clearly with your child's name and class. Thank you and we shall look forward to seeing you on the back playground at the end of the day ready to make a purchase or two!

A Visit to the Henley Literary Festival:

Every year we take part in the Henley Literary Festival. This year a number of classes will be meeting authors virtually but we have also been able to secure tickets for Year 4 to go and meet Cressida Cowell, author of 'How to Train Your Dragon', in person. If you have a child in Year 4 please refer to the letter you were sent earlier in the week with details on how to secure a ticket for your child.

Science and Technology Week:

Before long we will be launching this year's Science and Technology Week. Mr. Redjeb and Mrs. Weller are busy talking to workshop providers and securing activities which we know will excite and enthuse the children.

You can also help to make this week memorable by coming in and talking on a subject which interests you. Please refer to the letter sent out this week (and sent out again today as an attachment) if you are able to help. Thank you.

You have also been sent a letter this week about how we fund all of the five themed weeks we run during the academic year. Please refer to the letter which explains what we require from you in order to make this year's themed weeks a success.

Letters from our MP:

Last week I wrote about our school being named in the House of Commons by Joshua Reynolds, our local MP, after he received letters from our current Year 4 class which they wrote just before the summer when they were in Year 3 with Ms O'Reilly. Their letters, expressing their concern over river pollution in the Thames, have been answered; this week every child who penned a letter to Mr Reynolds received a personal reply as did Ms O'Reilly. The children were delighted to take their letters home and are excited about meeting Mr. Reynolds and possibly the Minister for Water and Flooding at some point in the future.

Have a wonderful weekend and we hope to see everyone at 8:45am on Monday morning ready to come in through the gate.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

Please continue to refer to this section in our newsletter throughout the year as new dates are added in order to keep on top of what is coming up in school. We will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible. Anything new will be highlighted in blue.

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| 23 rd September | Meeting about the Year 6 Residential Trip in the summer (Please note slightly later start time of 4:30pm) |
| 25 th September | PTA Virtual Meeting 8pm |
| 27 th September | Macmillan Bake-Sale |
| 30 th Sept – 3 rd October | Year 6 Cycling Proficiency (please refer to the letter you were sent at the end of the summer term) |
| 2 nd October | Year 4 to hear Cressida Cowell at the Henley Literary Festival |
| 4 th October | PTA Quiz Night |
| 7 th October | School Photographer in |
| 9 th October | EYFS Curriculum and Phonics Workshop 4pm |
| 14 th – 18 th October | Science & Technology Week |
| 15 th & 17 th October | Virtual Parent Consultations (information to follow) |
| 15 th – 22 nd October | Travelling Book Fair in school |
| 22 nd October | KS2 (Year 3-6) Open House Session to view classrooms 3:15pm -4pm |
| 23 rd October | EYFS & KS1 Open House Session to view classrooms 3:15pm -4pm |
| 23 rd October | Year 3 Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum |
| 19 th October | PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale |
| 28th Oct – 1st November | HALF TERM |
| 6 th November | PTA Annual General Meeting |
| 8 th November | Year 1 Trip to Windsor Castle |
| 11 th – 15 th November | Maths & Computing Week |
| 11 th November | Remembrance Service at Cookham War Memorial |
| 15 th November | Children in Need |
| 22 nd November | PTA Pyjama and Popcorn Party |
| 1 st December | Cookham Christmas Street Fayre |
| 3 rd December | Year 5 Trip to the Harry Potter Studios |
| 4 th December | Year 6 Trip to Bletchley Park |
| 10 th December | EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 2pm |
| 11 th December | EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 6pm |
| 12 th December | PTA Carols in the Courtyard |
| 18 th December | EYFS & KS1 Trip to the Braywick Pantomime |
| 19 th December | Christmas Lunch |
| 20th December – 6th Jan | Christmas Holiday |
| 3 rd – 7 th March | Book week |
| 4 th March | Virtual Parent Consultations |
| 6 th March | Virtual Parent Consultations |
| 1 st May | Year 4 Trip to Starlight Express, Wembley Park Theatre |
| 12 th – 15 th May | KS2 SATs |
| 9 th – 13 th June | Arts and Culture Week |
| 23 rd – 27 th June | Y6 Residential Trip |
| 23 rd – 3 rd July | Sports Fortnight |
| 4 th July | Sports Day |

Extra-Curricular activities running this term with details of providers:

| Club | Year Group | Day/Time | Contact Details | Arrangements for drop-off/pick-up |
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| Early Bird Club | All | Start time 8am each day of the week | No requirement to book, simply drop off anytime between 8am and 8:30am. 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: information 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 (starting 16.9.24) |
| Ukulele Club | KS2 | Monday lunchtime - All welcome | Children should speak to Mrs Lucas | N/A |
| Art Club | Year 3 & 4 | Monday after school, finish time: 5pm | Book directly by contacting Mrs Hyslop: Nickyw1@hotmail.co.uk | Collect from the front entrance of school |
| 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 (started this week) |
| Junior Choir | Years 3 & 4 | Tuesday before school, start time: 8am ALL WELCOME | All welcome, simply come along larainebrownbda@gmail.com (starting on 24 th September) | Arrive through the back door of the hall |
| Netball | Years 5 & 6 | Tuesday before school, start time: 8am | Please speak to Mr Lucas for more details | Arrive through the back door of the hall |
| Spanish Club | Year 2 | Tuesday before school at 8.20am | Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow (see above) | Arrive through the back door of the hall (starting 17.9.24) |
| Art Club | Year 5 & 6 | Tuesday after school, finish time: 5pm | Book directly by contacting Mrs Hyslop: Nickyw1@hotmail.co.uk | Collect from the front entrance of school |
| Little Samurai | EYFS, Y1 & Y2 | Tuesday, finish time: 4:15pm | Book directly: 07828 534817 www.SamuraiKickboxing.com info@SamuraiKickboxing.com | Collect from the back door of the school hall (starting 16.9.24) |
| Football | Year 5 & 6 boys and girls | Tuesday, finish time 4:20pm | All welcome: please refer to Mr Whittle's letter (starting on 17 th September) | Collect from the back gate |
| 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: (see above) | Arrive through the back door of the hall (starting 18.9.24) |
| Spanish Club | Year 3 | Wednesday after school, finish time 3:50pm | Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: (see above) | Collect from the front entrance of school (starting 18.9.24) |
| Yoga & Mindfulness | Year 1 - 6 | Wednesday, finish time 4:30pm | Book directly by contacting Sallie Windsor: 07846 992824 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 | All welcome, simply come along larainebrownbda@gmail.com (starting on 19 th September) | 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 or info@SamuraiKickboxing.com | Collect from the back door of the school hall |
| Maths Club | Year 2 & 3 (by invitation) | Friday before school at 8:15am | Organised by Mrs Neal, a rota of children will be invited to attend every few weeks (until 11.10.24) | Arrive through the back door of the hall |
| | Year 5 & 6 | | Organised by Mrs Neal, selected Year 5 & 6 pupils entered for the Primary Maths Challenge will be invited (from 18.11.24 to 22.11.24) | |
| Spanish Club | Year 4 | Friday before school at 8.20am | Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: (see above) | Arrive through the back door of the hall (starting 13.9.24) |
| 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 (starting today) |
| 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 | To find out more, go to: Homepage - Berkshire Music Trust berksmusictrust.org.uk | Times of lessons determined by Maestros |