



KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Open Evening:

We end the week on a high having hosted a very successful Open Evening on Wednesday. A number of prospective parents came along and all but four of the children in Year 5 and Year 6 attended as ambassadors for our school. They did a superb job modelling lessons and acting as tour guides. I was immensely proud of them as were all the staff. They were a credit to you and our school. Thank you for giving them the opportunity to be part of this important event in our calendar.

Maths and Computing Week:

Equally successful has been our Maths and Computing Week. All week the children have focused on these two specific areas of the curriculum working alongside workshop providers. On Monday, we welcomed Childnet into school who ran informative sessions for every class on the subject of online safety. This is a topic we regularly visit in school as part of our PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) curriculum but it is always valuable hearing the message from someone else. For those of you able to attend the session for parents in the evening, I hope you too found it useful. If you were unable to be here but would like to access to the session which was incredibly informative with lots of advice and top tips, you can hear it by using the link: <https://vimeo.com/1114257225/fbdfbb802> We also have leaflets and copies of a Childnet Family Agreement if you would like to pick them up from the office. If you did come along, you might like to complete the Parent Evaluation Survey which can be found at: <http://surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ChildnetEvaluation> Finally, Georgia sent us a handout summarising the online safety messages delivered to KS2 pupils which you might like to review with your child. They have been sent to you today as an attachment.

The children have also enjoyed working with the Maths Puzzle Company and Build to Learn returned to work with Reception and Key Stage 1 having been here earlier in the term working with Key Stage 2. Several parents have been in to speak to the children; we would like to thank Mrs Sewell, Mr Clarke, Mrs Konn, Mrs Leclercq and Mr Cuin-Wood for giving up their time. In class we have been on a maths journey around the world with Phileas Fogg and several Year 5 and Year 6 pupils took part in the Primary Maths Challenge. In assembly today the class who had come top in the Times Table Rock Star Challenge were congratulated as were those who entered our array competition. We were delighted that so many had a go. It has been a fabulous week with lots going on which the children certainly seem to have enjoyed.

Success on the Netball Court:

On Tuesday our Netball squad travelled to Riverside School for a netball match. They played brilliantly and came away with a 9-1 win which was celebrated in school.

Sportshall Athletics Event:

Today a selection of Year 4 and Year 6 students have been busy representing our school at Braywick in a sports hall athletics event organised by the Ascot and Maidenhead School Sport Partnership of which we are members. Year 4 took part in the morning, Year 6 in the afternoon. They competed in a range of athletic events against primary schools from across the borough. We are thrilled in the way the children represented our school, participating fairly and with great determination. Excellent team work was on display and they worked hard to clock up the points. They did a fine job and had lots of fun!

With a number of sporting fixtures timetabled for next week (see the calendar), do look out for letters coming home. As always, we are enormously grateful for your help and support in transporting the children to places and back.

Year 3 Swimming:

Year 3 continue to enjoy their weekly visit to Braywick Leisure Centre but with swimming lessons nearing the end and assessments having been completed, on Tuesday the focus will be on life saving skills. Therefore, on 25th as well as sending your child in with the usual kit (swimming costume/trunks, goggles, swimming hat and towel) please also pack a long-sleeved top and long trousers. Leggings are great or cotton pyjamas. They are **not permitted** to bring jeans, all in one suits or anything made of thick material. The week after that, normal arrangements will resume. Thank you.

Choir Performance at the Royal Albert Hall:

On Monday, our two choirs are required at the Royal Albert Hall because they are taking part, with 900 other children, in the Barnado's Young Supporters Concert [Barnardo's Young Supporters Concert | Royal Albert Hall](#) which we know many of you are coming along to see. If your child is taking part, they should arrive at school on Monday wearing their smartest school uniform with their concert t-shirt in place of their usual white shirt. They must wear their school blazer and they should also bring a coat along with the other things Mrs Brown has already informed you of. Please refer to her emails for specific details.

Nativity Costume Swap:

On Tuesday and Wednesday next week the PTA have organised a 'Nativity Costume Swap'. The team will be at the Reception Class gate at the end of each day with costumes. Our thanks go to Mrs Awoyemi and her team for coordinating this.

Christmas Lunch:

Please note that the deadline for ordering a Christmas lunch for your child, served on 16th December - the same day as our 'Wear a Christmas Jumper' fundraising event for Save the Children - is today, 21st November. Please make an order by midnight using your Scopay account. Orders after this date cannot be met and staff are not able to place any late orders.

Parent Survey:

We are very grateful to those of you who have completed our parent survey. Results will now be analysed with staff and governors. We would, in the meantime, like to thank you for the many positive comments we received about our school. Thank you.

Head lice:

Please note, we have received reports of headlice in school. We would be most grateful if you could carry out checks this weekend and treat if necessary to prevent any spread.

Finally, the total we raised for Children in Need last week has risen to £202.67. Thank you so much for your support.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

While some key dates appear below, please continue to refer to this section in our newsletter throughout the year as new dates will be added on a regular basis as events come up. **Any new additions (or any changes and deadlines) are highlighted in blue.**

24 th November	Barnardo's Royal Albert Hall Concert for our choirs
25 th November	Invictus Games at Braywick (selected children to be informed by letter)
25 th November	A and B team netball matches versus Courthouse Junior (away), selected children informed by letter
25 th November	Nativity Costume Swap 3:15pm outside the Cygnet Class gate
26 th November	Nativity Costume Swap 3:15pm outside the Cygnet Class gate
3 rd December	Year 6 Trip to Bletchley Park
5 th December	Year 5 Trip to the Harry Potter Studios
7 th December	Cookham Christmas Street Fayre
9 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 2pm
10 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 6pm
11 th December	A team football match v St Edmund Campion (away), selected children informed by letter
15 th December	Carols with the Choirs in Holy Trinity Church 6:30pm
16 th December	Christmas Lunch (please book via ScoPay) & Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children UK
17 th December	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Party
17 th December	PTA Carols in the Courtyard
18 th December	Christmas Service in Holy Trinity Church
18 th December	EYFS & KS1 trip to the pantomime in the Wycombe Swan
18 th December	KS2 Christmas Party
22 nd December – 2 nd Jan	Christmas Holiday
2 nd – 6 th March	Book week
3 rd March	Virtual Parent Consultations
5 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations
11 th – 14 th May	KS2 SATs
8 th – 12 th June	Arts and Culture Week
22 nd – 26 th June	Y6 Residential Trip
22 nd – 2 nd July	Sports Fortnight
3 rd July	Sports Day