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#### 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

Welcome back to the start of a new term. I do hope that you have had a wonderful Easter holiday and that your child has enjoyed the first week back.

We ended last term with lots to celebrate. Thank you again for taking the time to visit your child's class to see their books; there will be another opportunity to do this this term. We also hope you enjoyed our Easter service in church which came just after a visit from Wayne Dixon from Christian Connections in Schools who had been in to deliver his Easter workshop to our Year 6 students.

I am sure you will have heard about our wins in a number of sporting fixtures which we hope to replicate this term and with our May Musical Evening fast approaching, we are confident that some of the children who performed in our concerts last term will be showcasing their talents again.

After a delivery of seeds and compost before the holiday, Year 2 are now busy preparing their exhibit for the Royal Windsor Flower Show on 10<sup>th</sup> June and we expect to hear how much money we raised during our Lent 'Pennies for Change' project before too long. Maybe you saw the article written by Year 6 student, William Garwood, about the project which appeared in the children's national newspaper, 'First News' on 31<sup>st</sup> March. This was after Lily Gethin was interviewed on Marlow FM and after a report written by James Nye was published in Partner's for Change, Ethiopia's latest flyer. It will also appear in next month's parish magazine. We were delighted with the coverage our campaign got especially as it prompted the Shanly Foundation to donate another £500 to the pot to supplement what we have already raised.

I was also delighted to hear how brilliantly past and present pupils from Holy Trinity performed at The Cookham Village Easter Concert over the holiday. The 'Cookham Kids Singing Group' in partnership with 'Music for Change' took to the stage raising money for Maidenhead Food Share. The concert was a great success.

This term has started off on a positive note with lots achieved already.

#### **Bake-Off:**

On Tuesday three of our Year 5 students spent the day at Ascot Racecourse having reached the finals of the Learning to Work 'Ascot 1711 Bake-Off Competition'. The tray-bake, cooked by Alice, Ben and Drake, was selected to represent our school after several heats in class. The competition was tough with four schools represented in each category, primary and secondary, and the judging, carried out by the Ascot catering team and tv chef and personality James Tanner, was strict. After lunch, there was a tour of the racecourse which took us behind the scenes.

The project from the start has given all the children in the class an opportunity to explore their creativity, work together as a team and perfect their presenting skills. They have been exposed to the world of work and hopefully had lots of fun along the way. Despite coming away as runners up, our team of three should be proud of getting to the finals and representing our school so well.

#### **Recruiting a new Vicar:**

Yesterday we were delighted to welcome Holy Trinity Church Wardens, Bernadette Clark and Mark Stockdale, to school to discuss the appointment of a new vicar. As part of the recruitment process, Bernadette and Mark were keen to hear from the children about what qualities they would like to see in anyone appointed. Several of our Year 5 and Year 6 children shared their thoughts and gave incredibly insightful comments. We wish the team well in finding a replacement for Father Nick.

#### **Pennies for Change Campaign:**

Thank you again for your incredible support of our Lent 'Pennies for Change' project. This morning Sarah Parfitt from Partners for Change, Ethiopia came into school to collect all the Smarties tubes the children have filled. We are excited to learn, in due course, how much we have raised! At the same time, we welcomed Carla Delaney from Marlow FM. She spoke to two of our students in an interview which was recorded and will be broadcast on the station in due course.

**PTA News:**

My thanks go to our PTA, and in particular Mrs Bowler, for organising Easter trails around the village over the holiday which I hope you enjoyed following. I was delighted to present Rose in Year 2 with the prize she won after taking part. Their pre-loved uniform and book sale this week was also successful. I trust you found time to drop in and make a purchase.

Their next event is 'Race Night' on 9th June. Tickets cost £10 per person including dinner. Bookings are now open via the PTA Facebook page or at

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfliKp7r3vtwcVlkyCU9obt57SJysrC6DAnOgQQdMOgupA/viewform>

The tea towels designed by your children to mark King Charles' Coronation will soon be going on sale. Look out for details to follow.

**The King's Coronation:**

We will be celebrating the King's Coronation in school with a number of events. On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May your child is invited to come to school dressed royally in red, white and blue. We will hold a 'Coronation Parade' to judge and award prizes to the crowns that we hope your child will make and bring to school on the day, and as long as the weather is fine, we will have a picnic lunch on the field. There will be other things happening which we will share in due course but for now, get creative with those crowns!

**Cake and Badge Sale:**

Last term I was approached by Monty in Year 5 and two of his friends with a proposition. Through an organisation Monty belongs to outside school, he has got to know a little girl, Jasmine, and her family. Sadly, Jasmine who is 7 years old has been diagnosed with a rare brain tumour. The location of the tumour makes an operation incredibly difficult and at best she only has about a year and a half to live. To help prolong her life she is currently undergoing radiotherapy but her parents are desperate to take her abroad to receive further treatment which might be more effective. A fund has been set up in her name to help raise the £250,000 needed for this to happen.

To help in the fundraising efforts, the boys are organising a charity cake sale during which they will sell Hama Bead fish badges that Monty has been busy making. This will be after school on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, the same day as our Coronation celebrations. The boys have asked me to ask you if you would send cakes (nut-free and preferably fairy cakes which can be sold individually) into school on the morning of 5<sup>th</sup> and then come along to the sale to spend your money. This is a wonderful initiative which I hope you will support. To find out more about Jasmine plight, go to:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/jasmine-the-warrior-princess>

**School Dinners:**

There has been some disruption to the staffing in our kitchen over the last few weeks. Having worked tirelessly with Caterlink to resolve the issue, we are delighted that a new permanent cook is now in place and already making improvements to our service. The children too have noticed. To order a meal for your child simply do so using our ScoPay system. A summer menu is attached for your convenience. Please note that on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May when we are celebrating the Coronation, there will be a slight change to the menu; a Coronation themed picnic lunch can be ordered.

**Attendance:**

Last term I was delighted to present eleven children with certificates for full attendance throughout the Spring Term and by the end of this term, I hope others will be on the list. It remains the case that days away from school for family events or holidays are not permitted and while I appreciate how difficult it can be to arrange medical appointments outside school hours, any time away from the classroom is incredibly disruptive. A lesson missed puts a child at a disadvantage especially when that lesson falls within a sequence of planned learning activities. Children with an attendance figure of less than 90% are regarded as persistently absent and when you consider that this amounts to a morning or afternoon absent every week, you can perhaps appreciate why. Research shows that the pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 and key stage 4 have higher rates of attendance over the key stage compared to those with the lowest attainment. Of course, if a child is genuinely ill then they should not be in school but otherwise please ensure they are here.

The window for arriving at school is between 8:45am and 9am after which the gate is locked. If your child arrives after this time they miss out on early morning work which also puts them at a disadvantage. Please help us ensure a positive start to the day for your child by arriving promptly. Thank you.

**Class Newsletters:**

Now we have started a new term, the children have embarked on new topics. To find out what the next few weeks hold, please refer to the class newsletters which have been sent to you today and which will be posted on Google Classroom shortly. For regular news of what is going across the whole of school and to keep abreast of what is going to be happening in the weeks ahead, please continue to refer to this newsletter which will be emailed to you every Friday.

## Extra-Curricular activities running this term 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: <a href="mailto:holytrinity@wraparoundcare4u.com">holytrinity@wraparoundcare4u.com</a>	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 <a href="mailto:francesca@the-pows.co.uk">francesca@the-pows.co.uk</a>	Arrive through the back door of the hall
iPro Football	KS2 boys	Monday lunchtime	Book directly: Office 07908 172175 Email: <a href="mailto:office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk">office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk</a>	Pupils in Y3, 4 & 6 will be in school PE kit, Y5 should bring their school PE kit to change into
Playball	EYFS & Year 1	Monday, finish time: 4:15pm	Book online: <a href="http://www.playballkids.com/f/southbucks">http://www.playballkids.com/f/southbucks</a>	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 <a href="mailto:larainebrownbda@gmail.com">larainebrownbda@gmail.com</a>	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Spanish Club	Year 2	Tuesday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow 07939 045722 <a href="mailto:francesca@the-pows.co.uk">francesca@the-pows.co.uk</a>	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Little Samurai	EYFS, Y1 & Y2	Tuesday, finish time: 4pm	Book directly: 07828 534817 <a href="http://www.SamuraiKickboxing.com">www.SamuraiKickboxing.com</a> <a href="mailto:info@SamuraiKickboxing.com">info@SamuraiKickboxing.com</a>	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
Netball	Years 4 & 5	Wednesday before school, start time: 8am	All welcome	Arrive through the back door of the hall (start date 3.5.23)
Spanish Club	Year 1	Wednesday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 <a href="mailto:francesca@the-pows.co.uk">francesca@the-pows.co.uk</a>	Arrive through the back door of the hall
iPro Football	KS2 girls	Wednesday lunchtime	Book directly: Office 07908 172175 Email: <a href="mailto:office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk">office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk</a>	Pupils taking part should bring their school PE kit to change into
Spanish Club	Year 3	Wednesday after school, finish time 3:50pm	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 <a href="mailto:francesca@the-pows.co.uk">francesca@the-pows.co.uk</a>	Collect from the front entrance of school
Senior Choir	Years 5 & 6	Thursday before school, start time: 8am ALL WELCOME	All welcome, simply come along <a href="mailto:larainebrownbda@gmail.com">larainebrownbda@gmail.com</a>	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Young Samurai	Years 3 - 6	Thursday after school, finish time: 4:15pm	Book directly: 07828 534817 <a href="http://www.SamuraiKickboxing.com">www.SamuraiKickboxing.com</a> or <a href="mailto:info@SamuraiKickboxing.com">info@SamuraiKickboxing.com</a> Collect from the back door of the school hall	
Spanish Club	Year 4	Friday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 <a href="mailto:francesca@the-pows.co.uk">francesca@the-pows.co.uk</a>	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Sewing Club	Year 2 – 6	Friday after school, finish time: 4:30pm	Book directly: 07782 253565 <a href="mailto:anita@dhaaga-sewing.co.uk">anita@dhaaga-sewing.co.uk</a>	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: <a href="mailto:office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk">office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk</a>	Collect from the back gate
Maestro Music Lessons	EYFS – Y6	Various days during the week	Book directly: <a href="mailto:lornarennie@berkshiremaestros.org.uk">lornarennie@berkshiremaestros.org.uk</a>	Times of lessons determined by Maestros

A number of staff will continue to run booster sessions for specific children this term. If your child is involved, you will be contacted separately and informed of when these sessions are happening.

### Music Concert:

In case you missed information in previous newsletters, we will be holding a "Musical Evening" at school on Thursday the 18th of May from 6.00pm-7.00pm. This is an event which we have run in previous years to showcase the musical talents of our students. If your child takes private music lessons of any sort and would like to try out for this concert, auditions will take place next week on the morning of Tuesday the 25th of April. Your child should speak to his/her music teacher about which piece to play so they come prepared for the audition. On the day they should have with them their instrument, their music and, if appropriate, any piano accompaniment.

### Industrial Action:

With no end to the teachers' dispute over pay and conditions on the horizon, the NEU has announced another two days of strike action. There are on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and it is likely that our school will experience some disruption. An email will be sent out next week when I am clear on how we will be affected.

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.

17 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Summer Term
24 <sup>th</sup> April	2pm Year 5 girls football event at St Pirans (selected children informed by letter)
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Musical Evening auditions – see above
25 <sup>th</sup> April	2pm Year 3 girls football event at St Pirans (selected children informed by letter)
28 <sup>th</sup> April	2pm Year 4 girls football event at St Pirans (selected children informed by letter)
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday – school closed
5 <sup>th</sup> May	King Charles' Coronation Celebrations
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bake Sale in support of 'The Warrior Princess' (please send your child in with donations)
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday to mark The King's Coronation – school closed
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Boys' and Girls' home football matches vs Oldfield (selected children to be informed)
9 <sup>th</sup> May – 12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Musical Evening
29 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half Term
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of Term 6
5 <sup>th</sup> June – 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Window for Y4 Multiplication Check
9 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Race Night
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Royal Windsor Flower Show – Year 2 participation
12 <sup>th</sup> June – 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Arts & Culture Week
12 <sup>th</sup> June – 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Window for Y1 Phonics Screening
26 <sup>th</sup> June – 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Devon Trip – Year 6
26 <sup>th</sup> June – 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition Week: Rec – Y5 (tbc)
26 <sup>th</sup> June – 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Sport Fortnight
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Junior Music Festival at The Hexagon, Reading (Year 3)
1 <sup>st</sup> July	HT Fest
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Spanish Assembly (time tbc)
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' service (tbc)
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of Summer Term
18 <sup>th</sup> July	First Day of summer holiday



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If you are yet to sign up to follow us on Twitter, please make a request to do so. If you are not given access immediately, please contact the office to inform us; occasionally accounts are not recognised because of obscure names. Once we are clear on who is wanting to become a follower it will be granted and then you too will be able to see what is happening across school on an almost daily basis. This week fourteen tweets have been posted with others about the visit we had today from a Partner for Change, Ethiopia ambassador and Marlow FM appearing later.