



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

Meet the Teacher Meetings:

I hope that those of you who have children in Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5 have found our virtual 'Meet the Teacher' meetings this week helpful. Class newsletters, which were emailed out last week, and presentations can all be found in the Steam section of Google Classroom. Thank you for taking the time to attend.

Year 6 Residential Trip to CRS Adventures in Devon:

I hope that those of you who attended the meeting at which the Managing Director of CRS Adventures, Roger Sell, spoke interesting. The trip is booked for the week beginning Monday 24th June. In due course you will receive further information about the visit with payment details. In the meantime, a recording was made of the meeting so a link will be sent to you next week to allow those of you who were unable to attend to find out what was said. You might also like to take a look at their website: [Home - CRS River Dart Adventures \(crsadventures.com\)](http://Home - CRS River Dart Adventures (crsadventures.com))

Learning to Play the Violin with Maestros:

The children were entertained in assembly on Monday by Anne Marie Christensen, one of our peripatetic music teachers. If your child was inspired and is now interested in learning to play a violin, Anne Marie will be back on Monday 2nd October with a number of violins and violas for them to have a go at playing. If you would like to take up this opportunity for a free trial you should send an email stating your child's name and year group to Anne Marie at annemariechristensen@berksmusictrust.org.uk She will then ensure that she has the right sized instrument for your child to play. Do email her with any questions. A flyer about this free taster session has been emailed to you today.

Cycling Proficiency:

I am delighted to inform you that the cycling proficiency course which we organised for our Year 6 pupils this week was an enormous success. The children learnt a huge amount and spoke about how much they enjoyed the sessions. Perhaps you saw them out and about learning how to stay safe on the road. Our two instructors, who are keen to return in the summer term to deliver level 3 of the programme, were very impressed by the children's skill and their willingness to engage with the course. They have now all receive a report card, certificate and badge.

Year 3 Swimming:

This week Year 3 enjoyed their second swimming lesson at Braywick Leisure Centre. We are incredibly lucky to have secured a weekly slot at such a fabulous facility. Having been assessed last week, the children have now been split into four groups, each with an instructor. Already it is clear to see the confidence they have gained and the progress they have made. Lessons continue next week and for the rest of the term. Please ensure that you send your child to school on Tuesdays with a swimming hat as part of their equipment. Without it they will not be allowed in the pool.

National Fitness Day:

On Wednesday we celebrated National Fitness Day, an annual event designed to promote a healthy lifestyle. This year the message behind National Fitness Day was to view the day as just one step in a much bigger journey of health for life. With this in mind, the children were introduced to, and helped to develop, healthy habits. We spent the day finding out what it means to be healthy, choosing healthy habits and completing exercise challenges which for some was running our fitness mile. It was a great day.

Some of the resources we used with the children can be found on Google Classroom in Tuesday's Steam. Why not take a look! You might also like to go to the National Fitness website at: National Fitness Day | The UK's Largest Physical Activity Celebration

Choir Trip:

Yesterday, as a reward for regular attendance and commitment, last year's Junior and Senior Choir members enjoyed a trip to Windsor to see 'Opera Magic', a children's introduction to the magical world of opera. Mrs Laraine Brown organised the event and 24 children went along to participate in a morning of culture. It was a lovely experience.

If your child would like to be part of our choir this year, all are welcome. Junior Choir for children in Year 3 & 4 meets at 8am on Tuesday and Senior Choir for Year 5 & 6 is at the same time on Thursday. Already a number of events which they will be performing in over the year have been planned. Choirs start next week. Please see the flyer emailed out to you today.

Themed Weeks:

Please see the letter sent to you today containing information about the themed weeks we will be running this year. Do take a look. We greatly appreciate your support in responding to the letter before the October Half Term break.

Drawing on our Vision:

In our collective worship this week we have continued to use the messages in the book 'In Our Hands' as inspiration. We revisited the early part of the story when the world turned dark. We thought about times in our own lives when things don't go to plan and we feel sad, angry or frustrated. We thought about all the people who are there to support us through these difficult times and how we need to be strong, finding courage, resilience, determination and hope to continue. We thought about the power of teamwork and cooperation and ended the week knowing that in the story, as there are in life, better times lie ahead. Ask your child about how orphan Annie, Nemo and the two donkeys provided inspiration.

The children's willingness to embrace the message behind our vision becomes increasingly evident every day. At the start of term, I learnt of how one pupil in Year 3 had made tie-dyed t-shirts over the holiday to sell and raise money for the homeless. He collected £55. This week I received another email from a parent of a child in Year 2 who has been adding to a kindness box he made after hearing about ours in school. As well as raising £35 for Partners for Change, Ethiopia, he has given to a food bank, baked a cake for an elderly neighbour who is unwell, made a painting for a friend with cancer, hoovered the house and given money to a busker in London.

These stories are all worthy of celebrating. We have a collection of scrap books in school going back over the years which contain news worthy stories which we look back on from time to time. Last year we filled five scrap books so we're hoping to make that six this year. It's always lovely to hear these sorts of stories so please do send them in so we can keep a record.

Macmillan Bake Sale – Friday 29th September

Next Friday we will be holding a charity event, a cake sale, in support of Macmillan Cancer Support to tie in with their annual coffee morning campaign. If you are able to help us with this, we would be most grateful if you could send in cakes, preferably individual cakes which don't require cutting into slices, on the morning of Friday 29th September. We will set up a stall on the playground which we invite you to after school on 29th. In sending in donations, please remember we are a no-nut school. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there.

SEND Provision:

I am pleased to report that the new members of staff who have recently joined our team are already making a really positive contribution to the life of our school. Thank you for the warm welcome you have given them. Although Miss Buckley is not new, she is new to the role of SENDCo and she too has started to introduce fresh ideas to ensure all learners, whatever their specific needs, are supported. She is already working hard to make sure that all pupils flourish.

National Testing Programme:

Please see the letter sent out to you today outlining this year's National Testing Programme and how your child will be affected.

Flu Vaccinations:

As a reminder, on Tuesday 31st October the nursing team will be in school for the annual flu vaccination programme. If you would like your child to be given the vaccination, consent is required. Please refer to the letter sent out last week.

Head Lice:

As you will have seen from emails during the week, a number of cases of head lice have been reported. Please use the weekend to check your child's hair and treat if necessary to prevent any further spread. Thank you for your support in this matter.

PTA News:

If you attended the PTA meeting on Wednesday, thank you for giving up your time to find out what is planned for the year ahead. The team are busy organising events some of which will be coming up soon.

One event you might have gone along to on Tuesday was the pre-loved uniform sale. The next sale will be just before the half term break. As always, our thanks go to the team, particularly on this occasion to Mrs Brittain.

Our thanks also go to our sponsors, Volt, Hunters Solicitors and Modul-Systems, who supported us at Cookham Dean's Gravity Grand Prix a fortnight ago.

A special event in Holy Trinity's calendar is the PTA Ball. This year it will be held again in the Odney club on Saturday 24th February. It's a wonderful event so make sure you save the date.

Job Vacancy – Lunchtime Supervisor:

We are currently looking for someone who might be interested to join our team of lunchtime supervisors on a daily or part-time basis. If you, or anyone you know, are interested please see the attached flyer for details.

Clubs:

Attendance at our clubs continues to grow. However, there are still some spaces available so do contact the organisers if your child is keen to expand their interests. Remember that choir starts next week for children in KS2. Our new Yoga and Mindfulness class is proving popular but again there are still a handful of places available.

Next week we have our first competitive netball match against Courthouse School. Our good wishes go with the team chosen to represent our school.

If you missed the information on previous newsletters about what's running this term, please see below.

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: 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
iPro Football	KS2 boys	Monday lunchtime	Book directly: Office 07908 172175 Email: office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk	Pupils taking part may come to school in their school PE kit to avoid the need to change
Playball	EYFS & Year 1	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 (starting from 26 th September)	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 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive through the back door of the hall
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
Football	Year 5 & 6 boys and girls	Tuesday, finish time 4:30pm	All welcome; please refer to Mr Whittle's letter	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
Netball	Years 5 & 6	Wednesday before school, start time: 8am	All welcome (starting from 13 th September)	Arrive through the back door of the hall
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
iPro Football	KS2 girls	Wednesday lunchtime	Book directly: Office 07908 172175 Email: office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk	Pupils taking part may come to school in their school PE kit to avoid the need to change
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
Yoga & Mindfulness	All	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 from 28 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	
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 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
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	Book directly: lornarennie@berkshiremaestros.org.uk annemariechristensen@berksmusictrust.org.uk	Times of lessons determined by Maestros

X (@X) / Twitter:

It's good to see that since the start of term we've recruited a few new followers on our social media site, X, formally known as Twitter. For news on things as they happen in school why not sign up to follow us. If we don't immediately grant you access, please email the office. Sometimes we can't be sure who is making a request.

This week we have posted news about our pre-loved uniform sale, cycling proficiency, the Berkshire Maestro concert, iPro football's lunchtime clubs, National Fitness Day, our residential trip for Year 6, our visit to the opera and activities the children have been doing in class.

Finally, it is with great sadness that today we say goodbye to Mrs Thandi who has decided to follow a different career path which takes her out of the classroom. Mrs Thandi has worked at Holy Trinity for ten years as a classroom assistant and more recently delivering modern foreign language lessons. We are enormously grateful to her for everything she has done for our school and we wish her well in her new chosen career.

Despite Mrs Thandi leaving, modern foreign language lessons continue. We are thrilled that Mrs Pow, who many of the children know from Spanish Club, will be joining the team to lead Spanish lessons to Years 3 and 4 and French lessons to Years 5 and 6. I know Mrs Pow is keen to share her passion for languages and we are excited to welcome her to our school in a slightly different capacity.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

Please continue to refer to this section in our newsletter throughout the year to keep abreast of what is happening in school. Dates will be added on a regular basis.

27 th September	Year 5/6 Netball matches vs Courthouse (away) (see letter sent to those participating for details)
28 th September	Maidenhead Advertiser 'First School Photo' for Cygnet Class
28 th September	Active Festival for Y2 at Altwood School 12:45 – 2:30pm (letter to follow)
29 th September	Macmillan Cake Sale
30 th September	PTA Inter-Committee Football
3 rd – 7 th October	Henley Festival (virtual workshops organised for the children in school)
3 rd & 5 th October	Virtual Parent Consultations (information to follow)
6 th October	Rugby World Cup Inspired Y6 Tag Rugby Festival at Desborough College 12:15 – 2:30pm (selected children To be informed by letter)
12 th October	Harvest Festival in church 10:30am
16 th – 20 th October	Science & Technology Week
16 th – 20 th October	Open House Session to view classrooms 3:15pm -4pm (KS2 on Tuesday, EYFS & KS1 on Wednesday)
19 th October	PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale
23rd - 27th October	HALF TERM
31 st October	Flu Vaccinations
13 th – 17 th November	Maths & Computing Week
24 th November	PTA Quiz Night (details to follow)
3 rd December	Cookham Christmas Street Fair
5 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 2pm
6 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 6pm
24 th February	PTA Ball at Odney – save the date!
4 th – 8 th March	Book week
5 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations
7 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations
13 th – 16 th May	KS2 SATs
10 th – 14 th June	Arts and Culture Week
24 th – 28 th June	Y6 Residential Trip
24 th – 4 th July	Sports Week
5 th July	Sports Day