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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

After another positive week in school in which the children have enjoyed a range of activities including gymnastics sessions with our specialist coach Olivia and an Open the Book assembly about Esau and Jacob we are now looking ahead to the coming week. Do take a look at the calendar below for details of what is happening and when.

PTA Meeting:

It was lovely to see a good turnout at the recent PTA meeting. Discussions were around recent spends, future projects and planned events. The next event for the children to look forward to is the disco this Friday. To book a ticket, go to: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc410L08nHDD3TZlqcU35dFObf1_-7sISjaw6b1F-8tyWfEA/viewform?usp=dialog

Arrangements are as follows (please note a change in timings from last time we had a disco in school):

- **EYFS & KS1 - 4.45 – 6pm**
- **KS2 - 6.15 -7.30**

Children in EYFS and KS1 should arrive at 4:45pm at the front entrance.

If your child is at Sewing Club or iPro football training you are required to pick up your child from the club and then bring them back to school at the appropriate time. WE ARE UNABLE TO SUPERVISE THEM IN SCHOOL BETWEEN THE CLUB FINISHING AND THE DISCO STARTING.

If your child is going to WrapAroundCare before the disco, please inform Nina and her team.

Children in EYFS and/or KS1 should be collected from the back door of the hall at 6:00pm. We will be as quick as we can handing them over but it may take a little while. Thank you for your patience while we do this.

Once all the younger children have safely left, we will then open the doors at the front of school to allow KS2 children to come in. **They too should be collected from the back door of the hall at 7:30pm.**

We would be grateful if you could discourage your child from bringing unnecessary items with them which may get mislaid. **Please note, that the bringing of mobile phones is strictly prohibited.** Thank you for your help in making this a wonderful evening for the children.

PTA HT Fest:

Further ahead than the disco is the HT Fest. However, planning is well underway. The team are soon to print the programme but require a front cover. Therefore, your child is invited to enter the competition to design one. As the flyer sent to you today explains, their design should have a sport theme and be returned to school by Friday 6th February. They have a fortnight to get drawing!

Book Week:

As a reminder, if you would like to be part of our Book Week this year, we would love to have you. You can help make it special and memorable. Would you be willing to come in for a short session and read to a class from your favourite childhood book? Do you work in the world of books or publishing and feel you could share your experiences with a class? Are you an author who would be willing to talk about your experience of writing your book in the hope that you inspire others? If you would like to be involved or would like to find out more about how you might be part of the week, please do contact me by simply emailing the office or catching me at the gate. Thank you.

Residential Trip to Devon:

If you have a child in year 6, please note that the deadline for paying the deposit to secure a place for your child on the trip is coming up very soon. We require prompt payment as we have our own deadline for giving final numbers to CRS Adventures. Thank you.

RSPB Bird Watch:

If you took part in the RSPB Bird Watch this weekend, we hope your child enjoyed the experience. Mrs Weller will be interested in hearing any results you gathered.

No Toys in School:

Staff have noticed that increasingly children are bringing in toys or other unnecessary items into school. These provide unhelpful distractions. Please can you oversee what your child has in their school bag/book bag to prevent the need for us to confiscate items. Thank you.
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.**

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| 27 th January | Football match v White Waltham C of E Academy away (selected children to be informed by letter) |
| 28 th January | Netball Match v Cookham Dean away (selected children to be informed by letter) |
| 30 th January | PTA Disco (details above) |
| 3 rd February | Open House KS2 |
| 4 th February | Early Years – Height, weight and vision with the school nurse |
| 4 th February | Open House EYFS & KS1 |
| 12 th February | Borough Dance Festival (Year 4 and our elite boys' group participating – please refer to the letter you have been sent) |

16th – 18th February

HALF TERM BREAK

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| 24 th February | Junior Music Festival Rehearsal for Year 3 (please refer to letter) |
| 25 th February | Y2 Trip to The Lookout (please refer to letter sent out) |
| 2 nd – 6 th March | Book week |
| 3 rd March | Virtual Parent Consultations |
| 5 th March | Virtual Parent Consultations |
| 14 th March | PTA Ball |
| 18 th March | Ascot Bake-Off Finals (Year 5 participating) |
| 25 th March | Rock Steady Concert, school hall 9:30am |

30th March – 10th April

EASTER HOLIDAY

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| 5 th May | Junior Music Festival Rehearsal for Year 3 (please refer to letter) |
| 6 th May | Year 4 trip to 'The Lion King' (details to follow) |
| 8 th May | Cookham Festival Schools' Event (tbc) |
| 11 th – 14 th May | KS2 SATs |

25th – 29th May

HALF TERM BREAK

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| 5 th June | PTA Disco |
| 8 th – 12 th June | Arts and Culture Week |
| 12 th June | Arts and Culture Week Performance pm |
| 17 th June | Arthur Burgin Exhibition (Year 6) |
| 19 th June | Junior Music Festival Rehearsal & Concert for Year 3 (please refer to letter) |
| 22 nd – 26 th June | Y6 Residential Trip |
| 22 nd – 2 nd July | Sports Fortnight |
| 3 rd July | Sports Day |
| 4 th July | HT Fest |
| 10 th July | Spanish Assembly |
| 16 th July | Last Day of Term – Leavers' Assembly (details tbc) |