



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)

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KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

I hope your child has enjoyed the week we've had and the lovely weather we've experienced. It's allowed us to make use of our wildlife area and enjoy a trip around the village which Year 5 did yesterday to enhance their history and geography studies. It's been a week of positive experiences for all.

Working with the National Archive Team:

On Tuesday Year 6 enjoyed an online session learning more about their history topic when they spoke directly with the team from The National Archives. During the lesson they were presented with a number of primary and secondary sources which they had to analyse and answer questions about. It really helped to deepen their understanding.

Exploring the Village:

Did you see Year 5 around Cookham yesterday? To supplement their local history topic they took a walk in the sunshine comparing pictures of Cookham a hundred years ago to how it is today. They also took the opportunity to learn more about man-made and natural features which is what they are studying in geography. They couldn't have picked a nicer day.

Earth Day:

We couldn't let Earth Day, 22nd April, pass us by so on Wednesday we joined hundreds of other school for an online lesson with the BBC. An assembly in the afternoon helped us appreciate the significance of the day and, with the help of our Eco-Council, make a renewed commitment to looking after our planet. The children were full of good ideas as to what we can do.

Coincidentally, on Saturday our PTA have organised a sponsored litter pick. I am sure you will have heard about it via WhatsApp but a flyer has also been sent out to you today. If you would like to join for the litter picking walk on Saturday, please email pta.holytrinitycookham@gmail.com.

Preparing for Arts and Culture Week:

With only a few weeks to go before our annual Arts and Culture Week extravaganza down on the field, classes have been preparing in earnest. Dance routines are being rehearsed and songs learnt. The borough's dance lead, Jane Douglass, has been in working with Year 1 and 2 while Mrs Lucas had met with everyone else. Our theme this year has a geography slant with performances focusing on the weather. Do ensure that you put the afternoon of Friday 12th June in your diary; we would love you to come to our show!

Summer Music Concert:

Yesterday Mrs Brown held auditions for our summer music concert. Again, this year the standard is high as is the enthusiasm to take part. Of course, our choirs will be performing and soloists will be informed in the next week or so if they've been successful but at this stage, I'd like to congratulate everyone who put themselves forward; they all did so with real confidence.

The Cookham Festival gets underway soon and on Friday 8th May we will be joining with the other Cookham schools to perform in a children's cantata, commissioned by the festival and written by our very own parent, musician and composer Rob Castell. This year's theme is inspired by the true story of locals who fought to protect the commons of Cookham hundreds of years ago. In taking part, just as was the case on Earth Day, the children are being encouraged to think about their village and how they can protect its future. If your child is in one of our two choirs, continue to look out for emails from Mrs. Brown about the event.

Sporting Success:

Both our netball and football teams have been in action this week. Playing against Holyport on Tuesday, our two football teams experienced two wins, 1-0 and 4-1. They were elated as was one of our netball teams when they beat Furze Platt 22-7 in an away game yesterday. The other netball team, after a 1-1 draw at half time, finished down three goals, 5-8 but they fought hard and showed great teamwork. We celebrated their sportsmanship in assembly today.

PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale & PE Kit:

We were enormously grateful to Mrs Awoyemi and her team for running a PTA pre-loved uniform sale for us on Tuesday. If you came along, perhaps you saw what we might introduce as a new PE kit. Comments so far have been overwhelmingly positive but if you are yet to have your say, please do not hesitate to catch me at the gate or email in. The kit is on display in reception so feel free to drop in to take a look.

Extra- Curricular Activities:

As a reminder of the clubs running this term, see below. Club providers will continue to liaise directly with you so do look out for emails from time to time.

Extra-Curricular Activities running next term: Please contact club providers directly to enquire about availability. Thank you

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 8:30am. Payment of £2.50 per session 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 4	Monday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:20am
Ukulele Club	Year 4, 5 and 6	Monday lunchtime	No need to book; Mrs Lucas is looking forward to starting up her band	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.
Junior Choir	Years 3 & 4	Tuesday before school, start time: 8am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Brown larainebrownbda@gmail.com	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Netball	Years 5 & 6	Tuesday before school, start time: 8am	Book directly by contacting Mr Lucas	Arrive at the side gate promptly at 8am ready to be let in by Mr Lucas
Spanish Club	Year 2	Tuesday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:20am
Spanish Club	Year 3	Tuesday 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
Football Club	Year 5 & 6 girls & boys	Tuesday after school, finish time 4:30pm	Please refer to Mr Whittle's email sent this week for dates	Collect from the back gate – do not walk through school at the end of the session!
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
Cooking Club	Year 1 - 6	Tuesday after school, finish time 4:30pm	Refer to flyer for booking details	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
Hand Chime Music Club	Y3 & Y4	Tuesday, finish time 4:00pm	Led by Miss Smith Limited spaces – please email the office to confirm a space	Collect from the front entrance of school
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: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:20am
Mad Science Club	Year 1-6	Wednesday after school, finish time 4:30pm	Refer to flyer for booking details	Collect from the front entrance of school
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	Book directly by contacting Mrs Brown larainebrownbda@gmail.com	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Computer Xplorers	Years 4, 5 & 6	Thursday after school, finish time 4.30pm	Book directly Computer Xplorers Booking Page	Collect from front entrance of school
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
Cooking Club	Year 1 - 6	Thursday after school, finish time 4:30pm	Refer to flyer for booking details	Collect from the front entrance of school
Netball Club	Year 2, 3 & 4 (numbers limited)	Thursday after school, finish time: 4:15pm	Book directly by contacting Mrs Thomas	Collect from the back gate
Maths Club	Year 5 & 6 (by invitation)	Friday before school at 8:15am	Organised by Mrs Neal with a rota of children invited to attend every few weeks	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:10am ready for an 8:15am start
Spanish Club	Year 5	Friday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:20am
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 (See flyer sent out again today.)	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 – do not walk through school at the end of the session!
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

Summer Menu:

I trust you saw my email earlier in the week reminding you that we remain strictly a no nut, no sesame school. Thank you for always remaining mindful of this when sending your child into school with food. You will also have seen our updated summer menu which has been sent to you again today as an attachment. Please note that each day there will be jacket potatoes and grab bags available as options.

Confirmation Classes:

After half term Father Stephen will be running confirmation classes for Year 6 in school. These will happen on Wednesday afternoons starting 3rd June. When we return after the summer holiday the same course will run again for children currently in Year 4 and Year 5 ahead of the Bishop of Reading confirming those who have taken part on Sunday 4th October in Holy Trinity Church. At this stage there is no need to book a place. Father Stephen will be in school on 19th May to lead an assembly when he will explain all about it. For now, you have been sent a flyer with details.

Don't forget that the church will be running a summer camp here at school during the week beginning 3rd August. Again, a flyer has been sent out as a reminder.

Open House:

Next week we would like to invite you into school for another Open House. Do take the opportunity to come in at the end of the day to see your child's books and meet their teacher(s). Parents of KS2 children are invited in on Tuesday, and on Wednesday if you have a child in Year 1 or Year 2 its your turn. Open House on Wednesday will begin a little earlier for those of you with children in Early Years. Doors will open at 2:45pm for a 'Stay and Play' session.

Finally, last week I wrote about the new steps leading up to our 'garden room' on the playground. These have really enhanced the look of the building. Over the Easter holiday a number of other building works were carried out including a complete refit of the toilets in Year 1. If you're at our Open House next week do pop your head in, we are thrilled with how they have enhanced the space for our Year 1 children.

Enjoy the weekend and we shall look forward to seeing you on Monday when, in the evening, we have our next PTA meeting. You are all welcome to come along.

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.**

27 th April	PTA meeting 8pm Kings Arms
28th April	Tri-Golf Skills Festival, Winter Hill Golf Course 12:40pm -3pm (selected Y3 children informed by letter)
28 th April	Open House KS2
29th April	Year 1 – Trip to the Moor
29 th April	Open House EYFS 2:45pm – 3:15pm 'Stay and Play' & KS1
1 st May	Window for Applying for the Buckinghamshire Transfer Tests Opens
5 th May	Junior Music Festival Rehearsal for Year 3 (please refer to letter)
5th May	Away Netball match vs All Saints Junior School (selected children informed by 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
12th May	Year 3 out at cricket event at Pinkney's Green Cricket Club (details to follow)
19 th May	Start of Walk to School Week
19th May	EYFS out at Waltham Place Biodynamic Farm (details to follow)
20 th May	Musical Evening Concert
21 st May	Boys A and Girls home football matches vs All Saints CE Junior School (selected children informed by letter)
22 nd May	Mufti Day (non-uniform day in exchange for an HT Fest tombola prize)

25th – 29th May

HALF TERM BREAK

2 nd June	Window for Applying for the Buckinghamshire Transfer Tests Closes
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)