



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 hope you had a lovely half term break and that your child has enjoyed being back at school. We end the week with a PTA disco. EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to their disco which starts at 4:30pm and ends at 5:45pm when they should be picked up from the back of the hall. If you wish us to take your child from iPro football or Sewing club to the disco, please inform the office. KS2 children arriving for their disco which starts at 6pm should come to the front of the school. There may be a slight delay in us letting them in while we wait for all the younger children to be picked up. KS2 pupils should also be collected from the back of the hall at 7:30pm. Thank you for supporting us in this venture especially if you are a member of the team organising and supervising.

Industrial Action – Thursday 2nd March:

As you may be aware, the National Education Union is holding a second day of industrial action on Thursday. With some of our teaching staff taking the decision to strike, and having explored all possibilities for managing this, I am writing to inform you that on Thursday 2nd March school will run as normal for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 but if you have a child in Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 or Year 5, please do not send him/her in. Instead, remote learning will be posted on Google Classroom under a heading 'Remote Learning – Thursday 2nd March' which they will be able to access in the usual way. This decision has been based on availability of staff and the need to meet safeguarding requirements. I am sorry that some of you are being asked to make alternative arrangements for your child and I understand the frustration this may cause. As always, we remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching in incredibly testing circumstances. In light of this, I ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

Two further days of industrial action have been called on Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March. As yet, I cannot be sure how our school will be affected on these days. I will continue to keep you informed as soon as I have the relevant information and decisions are made.

Book Week – 27th February to 3rd March:

I hope you saw details about our Book Week in the email which was sent to you earlier in the week. There is lots planned which we hope will inspire the children and promote a love of reading. Please note, the PTA's second-hand book sale will now be held after school on Wednesday outside our Year 3 and Year 4 classrooms; thank you for dropping off so many donations this morning.

The visits to 'The Little Bookshop' in the village are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday 28th February:

9:15 – 10:00am	Year 6
10:15 – 11:00am	Year 5
11:15 – 12:00 noon	Year 4
1:30 – 2:15pm	Year 3
2:15 – 3:00pm	Year 2

Thursday 2nd March:

1:30 – 2:20pm	Year 1
2:30 – 3:15pm	EYFS (pupils should be collected from The Little Bookshop on this day unless they are attending a club in which case they will be walked back to school)

By the time your child visits, they will have received their World Book Token. This means they will be able to exchange it for a World Book Day books specially written for the occasion. Alternatively, it can be used as a £1 token for any other book they may wish to purchase. Your child should bring any money they want to spend at the book shop in a named wallet which they will be responsible for looking after. We would be grateful for any help you can give in walking the children there and back. Do let your child's class teacher know if you are available.

Friday will be a dress-up day when your child is invited to come to school dressed as a book character.

Extra-Curricular activities and details of providers offering provision this term:

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, 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 in Y3, 4 & 6 will be in school PE kit, Y5 should bring their school PE kit to change into
Playball	EYFS	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	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Netball	Years 5 & 6	Tuesday before school, start time: 8am	Netball trails now complete – selected children informed	Arrive through the back door of the hall (start date 10.1.23)
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
Football Club	Years 4, 5 & 6 Girls	Tuesday, finish time: 4:30pm	Girls from Y4, 5 & 6 welcome	Collect from the back gate (start date: 10.1.23, please refer to letter)
Knitting Club	Year 6	Tuesday lunchtime BRING NEEDLES & WOOL	All welcome, simply come along	N/A (start date 10.1.23)
Little Samurai	EYFS, Y1 & Y2	Tuesday, finish time: 4pm	Book directly: 07828 534817 www.SamuraiKickboxing.com info@SamuraiKickboxing.com	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
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
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
Playball	Year 1	Wednesday, finish time: 4:15pm	Book online: http://www.playballkids.com/f/southbucks	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	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 info@SamuraiKickboxing.com	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Book a FREE TRIAL in the following after school classes: Tuesdays - Little Samurai (age 4 - Year 2) 3.15pm - 4pm Thursdays - Young Samurai (Years 3-6) 3.30pm - 4.15pm				
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 2 – 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	Collect from the back gate
Maestro Music Lessons	EYFS – Y6	Various days during the week	Book directly: lornarennie@berkshiremaestros.org.uk	Times of lessons determined by Maestros

2023 Maidenhead Big Read Festival – 4th & 5th March:

The weekend programme for the 2023 Maidenhead's Big Read festival event taking place at the Maidenhead Library on 4th & 5th March with the theme of "Outer Space" can be found in the MBR newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/b3cc74009aba/mbr-newsletter-16689816>

Pennies for Change, Ethiopia:

This week during collective worship we have been thinking about the season of Lent and next Friday Sarah Parfitt of Partners for Change, Ethiopia, will be coming in to talk to the children about the work the charity does in Africa. This year we are joining up with them to help in their campaign to provide breakfast club to children at Basso School. The idea for a fundraising event during Lent was originally suggested by two of the charity's Junior Ambassadors who came to our school, Ava and Arthur Knight, so we are keen to continue the tradition. The idea is that your child collects up their pennies over the next 6 weeks to donate to the charity. Alternatively, as was explained in assembly today, they might like to see how many 20p coins they can fit into a Smarties tube. Whatever they choose to do (and donations should be brought back to school by 29th March), we hope to help the team get closer to their goal of raising £5000. For more information refer to the 2 flyers which have been sent out today.

Success in Sport:

On Wednesday our netball squad travelled to Oldfield for the final of this year's netball league. I am thrilled to inform you that our Year 6 team were successful in beating the opposition and were therefore crowned league champions. Our Year 5 squad put up a valiant fight but just lost out. The success of our netball team this year has been phenomenal. We are incredibly grateful to Mrs. Cunliffe, and Mrs. Harris who has regularly umpired matches. However, it is Mr. Lucas who, through his skill and commitment, has trained up our team to an exceptionally high standard. We are delighted with their success in putting Holy Trinity on the map.

'Music for Change' Event:

On the 1st April "Music for Change" in collaboration with The Cookham Kids Singing Group are holding their annual charity concert in aid of Maidenhead Foodshare. Many talented musicians will be performing including Rob Castell and past and present students of Holy Trinity. There will also be a Cowderys BBQ and an open bar. To find out more and book tickets go to: <https://buytickets.at/cookhameasterconcert/851306>

Cookham Footprint:

Thank you for the items donated to Cookham Footprint who will be holding their event in the Community Room at the library in the village tomorrow. For more details, refer to the flyer.

Finally, next week you will receive an invitation to book a parent consultation, dates below. As last time, these will be done remotely. We will also be sending out a short survey which we'd be grateful if you could find time to fill in. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

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.

27 th February	Start of Book Week
27 th February	Girls' Football Match against Braywick Court School (home) selected children informed by letter
1 st March	Netball Match against St Piran's (away) selected children informed by letter
2 nd March	Industrial action (see above)
3 rd March	Book Week Dress-Up Day
7 th March	Parent Consultations (details to follow)
8 th March	Year 3/Year4 Football Tournament LVS, Ascot (selected children to be notified by letter)
9 th March	Parent Consultations (details to follow)
17 th March	Red Nose Day (details to be confirmed)
17 th March	PTA Quiz Night (details to follow)
22 nd March	Berkshire School Games (selected children to be informed by letter)
24 th March	Frimley Paediatric Respiratory Nursing Team in school 9:15am (see flyer)
29 th March	Send in your 'Pennies for Change' in support of Partners for Change, Ethiopia
29 th March	Rocksteady Concert
30 th March	Easter Service tbc



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