



School Lane
Cookham
Berkshire
SL6 9QJ

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

PTA Quiz

We hope those of you who came along to the PTA quiz last week enjoyed the evening! Thank you so much for showing your support and helping to raise £1113.62 which will all be spent on projects to enhance the curriculum for the children. My thanks go to Alex Bedwell who did a superb job as Quiz Master and to Kate Winrow-Davis and her team who worked incredibly hard ensuring the night was a success. Many congratulations to the winning team who claimed The HT Quizzly Shield, just pipping the staff team to the post! It goes without saying that we are already revising hard ready for next time!

PTA Project – Tea Towels:

To celebrate the coronation, the PTA are embarking on a new project. Next week in class the children will be drawing a picture of themselves as a king or queen wearing a crown, with their first name included with their picture, to be transferred onto a class tea towel to mark King Charles' coronation. These will be available for you to buy sometime next term. If you do not want your child's work included, please inform the office by Tuesday evening at the latest.

Red Nose Day – Friday 17th March:

Thank you again for helping us support Comic Relief last Friday. The total we raised has gone up from £147.53 to £160.53 which we are delighted about.

Pennies for Change, Ethiopia:

Next week any money your child has raised for Partners for Change, Ethiopia, should be brought to school. Several Smarties tubes have already arrived. There will be another chance for your child to 'guess how many sweets in a jar' next week up until Wednesday after which the winner will be announced. Information about this Lent charity project can be found on Google Classroom.

Learning with Learning to Work:

We would like to thank Rachael, Becs and Alisha of 'Learning to Work' for coming into school on Monday to deliver a wonderful session to the children in Year 6. Their workshop, 'Heathrow Explorers', required our pupils to reflect on the world of work as they worked in teams designing new modes of transport fit for the future with a focus on sustainability and innovation. It was an excellent morning of learning.

Success in Sport:

It's been another week of success in sport. Earlier in the term, we sent a team of Year 4 children to a badminton event organised by the Ascot and Maidenhead Sport Partnership. Although the team had not had much practice in the sport, they won the tournament which meant they qualified for the Berkshire School Games. This took place yesterday. The squad came fourth out of eight teams and afterwards were lucky enough to take part in a number of other events including mountain biking, fencing and skipping.

Our netball squad, which has enjoyed lots of success this year, also qualified for the games yesterday. They faced some tough competition as they came up against teams from across the county but their skill and determination served them well. They came away from the event crowned Berkshire Champions! We are thrilled for them and delighted that their success has put Holy Trinity on the map. My thanks go to Mr Lucas for his leadership.

Over the other side of the borough, our Year 3 and Year 4 footballers were also in action on Wednesday. They travelled to LVS in Ascot for a tournament. The squad won all four of their games which put them straight through to the final. Unfortunately, the opposing team scored in the closing minutes ending the match 1-0 but the boys were thrilled with second place nonetheless.

Despite the dreadful weather, our Year 6 rugby team were not put off when it came to travelling over to Freith School for a

rugby match yesterday. Despite a loss of 10-4 and being caked in mud, the team ended in good spirits pleased to have been chosen to represent the school.

I am delighted that so many children have been involved in sporting fixtures this week, this term, this year. It is our aim to involve as many children as possible in activities which get them up and active. The principles reflected in The School Games Organisation form part of our vision and we place a heavy emphasis on six core values - Passion, Self-Belief, Respect, Honesty, Determination and Teamwork. It has been lovely to see these qualities shown by the children throughout the week.

Music Concert:

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 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. In the past, so many children have come forward to play that we could have had a concert lasting 5 hours or more! This means that Mrs. Laraine Brown who runs our choirs and is organising the concert will be selective but we will aim to include as many children as possible.

Next week, if your child has peripatetic music lessons with Lorna Rennie, you are invited to one of two concerts on Tuesday 28th March. The concert in which KS2 children will perform will start at 9:30am followed by a concert of Reception and KS1 children at 10am. If your child is part of a RockSteady band, you are invited to come in on Wednesday 29th March at 9:30am.

Open House:

Next week you are invited to drop into your child's class to chat informally with their teacher(s) and to see their books in another of our Open House events. If you have a child in KS2, save time on Tuesday to call in and for those of you with a child in Reception or KS1, classrooms will be open on Wednesday. We hope to see you.

Easter Service at Holy Trinity Church:

You are warmly invited to our Easter service at Holy Trinity Church on Thursday morning. We will leave school at 10:10am so do meet us at the front entrance of school if you are able to help us walk the children there. The service will start at 10:30am after which any help in walking the children back will be gratefully received. Thank you.

Frimley Paediatric Respiratory Workshop:

Thank you to those of you who attended the session in the hall today at which the nursing team from Frimley spoke. We hope you found it useful.

Parking:

Thank you for being considerate when driving along School Lane and parking your vehicle. If you could avoid parking over drive ways, on junctions and on white lines, I would be enormously grateful.

Finally, you may be aware that, hoping for the same success as our girls' netball team, our HT mums including some staff have formed netball teams of their own. They will be in action tomorrow at the Inter PTA Netball Tournament at Braywick between 2pm and 6pm. Do go along to support them if you can!

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

27 th March	A team football match v Riverside Primary - away (selected children informed by letter)
28 th March	Girls Football Match v Lowbrook – home (selected children informed by letter)
28 th March	9:30am concert for parents of children in KS2 who learn woodwind instruments and the piano with Lorna Rennie (please refer to email)
28 th March	10am concert for parents of children in Reception and KS1 who learn woodwind instruments and the piano with Lorna Rennie (please refer to email)
28 th March	KS2 Open House 3:15pm -4pm
29 th March	Send in your 'Pennies for Change' in support of Partners for Change, Ethiopia
29 th March	Rocksteady Concert 9:30am
29 th March	Reception and KS1 Open House 3:15pm -4pm
30 th March	Easter Service at Holy Trinity Church 10:30am
30 th March	Boys' and Girls' A team football matches v Holyport Primary - away (selected children informed by letter)
3 rd April	Start of Easter Break
17 th April	Start of Summer Term



Follow us on twitter and see more of what we are up to!
@HTSchoolCookham