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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

I do hope your child is looking forward to this evening's PTA disco if they are coming along. The team will be waiting at the front entrance to sign them in.

- EYFS & KS1 - 4.30 - 5.50
- KS2 - 6.00 - 7.30

Children in EYFS and KS1 should arrive at 4:30pm. **If your child is going along to Sewing Club or iPro football training first and you would like us to take them directly to the disco from the club, please inform the office if you haven't already done so, so we can be sure of which children to collect. If your child is going to WrapAroundCare first, please inform Sophia and her team yourself.**

Children in EYFS and/or KS1 should be collected from the back door of the hall at 5:50pm. 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. Thank you for your help in making this a wonderful evening for the children.

Drawing on our Vision:

This week in collective worship we have continued our journey through the Bible exploring stories from the Old Testament and discussing some of the messages that come from them. Kindness and forgiveness have featured consistently. Our Eco-council have been busy meeting and coming up with ideas for projects which they hope to work on in the coming months. They are keen for as many people as possible to take part in this weekend's RSPB's Big Garden Bird Watch. See below for details on how your child can support them. Our House Captains led an assembly on Wednesday steered by Miss Buckley who is keen to gather the children's ideas about how lunchtime can be enhanced. This project was shared at the PTA meeting on Monday when those present expressed interest in how future fund raising events could help. We hope to have some ideas to bring to the next PTA meeting in March.

On Monday we welcomed Police Community Support Officer, Lorraine Holmes, from Thames Valley Police in to school. As part of a borough wide project aimed at Year 5 and Year 6 pupils, she came to talk to Moorhen Class about a number of topics including crime and consequence and online safety. She delivered an excellent presentation sharing information which came as a surprise to many of the children. Do ask your child about E-scooters and age ratings for apps which caused the most shock. There are a number of excellent websites which offer support including:

NSPCC: [What are app age ratings? | NSPCC](#)

Overview Education: [A Guide to Social Media Apps and their Age Ratings - OpenView Education](#)

Internet Matters: [A parent's guide to apps for kids | Internet Matters](#)

RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch:

This weekend the RSPB is inviting everyone to get involved in their Big Garden Bird Watch. We have spoken about this in school and a post on Google Classrooms explains to the children how they can get involved. Do encourage your child to take a look and be part of the world's largest garden wildlife survey which helps to build a picture of how garden birds are faring.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>

Sporting Events:

We are delighted that gym coach, Olivia, and Borlase hockey coach, Dan, have been in school again this week sharing their expertise and love of their sport with the children. Clubs have continued and a number of sporting fixtures have happened. On Monday our football squad was up against St. Edmund Campion in a home game which they won 1-0. Then on Tuesday we invited the same school back for a match against our netball team. It was the first time they had played in their new kit, sponsored by Jason Powell and UK Vein Clinic. They looked incredibly smart and their appearance spurred them on to a 9-6 victory. Thank you to Coach Lucas and Coach Parker for their support.

Our week of fixtures ended with the children in action again against Wessex in a home match while the footballers took on Courthouse Juniors in a couple of away games. The netballers won their game convincingly but the footballers weren't so lucky. The B team lost 6-1 and the A team 3-2. Regardless, everyone felt proud to be representing their school and we are proud of their achievements.

Cross Country Running Club:

Is your child keen on athletics? Would they be interested in joining a running club? If so, take a look at the flyer sent to you today to find out more information about the Windsor, Slough, Eton and Hounslow Athletics Club. Two of the coaches, Peta Bee and Paddy McGrath, former parents of Holy Trinity, are keen to hear from you. If you would like to find out more, email Peta at: pbracingsquad@gmail.com
It might be good to get some expert advice before the Year 5 and 6 cross-country event coming up on 7th February at the Alfred Major Recreation Ground at which our children will be competing.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

For details of clubs running this term please see last week's newsletter: [Newsletter 19 1 24.pdf \(holyltrinitysch.co.uk\)](#)

Year 6 Residential Trip to Devon:

If you have a child in Year 6, next week look out for a letter about a payment plan. You will also be sent a kit list of things to start putting together for your child ahead of our departure in June. If you have an queries once the letter comes out, please contact Mrs Streames-Smith in the office.

Fundraising for Georgia:

Next Friday, in an initiative led by Izzy Parker in Year 6, we will be fund raising for a former Holy Trinity pupil, Georgia Carmichael.

Georgia, 21, a National Champion kayaker and young Paralympian hopeful, suffered a brain injury at 16 shortly after returning home to Cookham after winning two golds at the 2018 World Cup in Belgium. Since then she has suffered another brain injury and more recently a spinal stroke. She is paralysed from the waist down and has spent a considerable amount of time in and out of hospital. Izzy is hoping you will support her in raising money for Georgia which will go towards purchasing a power-assisted custom-made wheel chair for her.

Next Friday (2nd February) Izzy will be running a cake sale after school and she hopes you will support her by bringing cakes in on Friday for her to sell and by coming along to spend some money. She will also be selling wrist bands to raise awareness of Georgia's plight. Individual cakes are best and please remember the fact that we are a no nut / sesame school. Cakes and wrist bands will be on sale in the back playground immediately after school so come along and help us show some support for Georgia.

Parking:

Following an incident this week, the two flyers from the borough's Road Safety Education Officer, 'New Year, New You, New Parking Resolution Checklist' and 'Pavements are for People' shared last week, have been sent to you again. Please do consider our neighbours, pedestrians and other road users if you have to drive to school.

Hopefully you saw my email earlier today about the 30 minutes free parking in the National Trust car park on Cookham Moor. While there is a payment machine there, the notice on it indicating the half an hour free parking has faded. I have been informed by one of our parents that the free parking has been confirmed by the Trust. Using this space to park, if you have to use a vehicle to get to school, will keep traffic away from School Lane and hopeful prevent any further parking violations happening.

Book Week – Monday 4th to Friday 8th March:

We are busy planning for our next themed week which this time will be Book Week. It runs from 4th to the 8th March to coincide with World Book Day on 7th March. Already we have booked a number of events and, like last time, we are thrilled to be able to visit Chantal at the Little Bookshop in the village. If you would like to be involved in celebrating books and the power of reading by coming in to talk to the children about something related to this topic we would love to hear from you. In the past, parents who work as journalists, or in publishing have spoken. Others who are involved in the theatre have come in and some have simply given up their time to read from their favourite children's book. Our aim is to give the pupils a range of experiences to ensure the week is memorable. Do get in touch if you can help.

Teaching Assistant Vacancy:

We are currently looking to appoint a teaching assistant, preferably full time and someone with experience but we would consider applicants new to the role and those preferring part time work. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please direct them to our website:

[Vacancies | Holy Trinity C. of E. Primary School \(holyltrinitysch.co.uk\)](#)

Alternatively, they could contact Mrs. Streames-Smith in the office. If you are able to help us by spreading the word, we would be grateful.

Health Questionnaire – Reception Class:

You have now received a health questionnaire from the school nursing team which needs to be completed and returned to the office by Friday 2nd February. Either return it in your child's book bag or by posting it through our letter box at the front of school.

Measles:

You may have noticed the recent BBC news coverage on the increase in measles outbreaks:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/topics/cqee2qz4vk1t>.

Measles is a highly infectious disease, especially within schools, and can be very serious.

NHS England has launched a national MMR catch-up campaign. Over the next few months, children aged 6 to 11 who are missing one or two doses of the MMR vaccine will be invited to contact their GP practice to check their immunisation history and book an appointment for the MMR vaccination. [Your local Children's Immunisation Team](#) will also be holding local community clinics for 6- to 11-year-olds.

You can find more information about measles and the MMR vaccination below:

<https://vaccineknowledge.ox.ac.uk/measles> (with google translate to select your preferred language)

[MEASLES - Don't let your child catch it - Schools version \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

[MMR vaccination \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

Threadworm:

After the email sent on Wednesday, please can I remind you to be mindful of the fact that we have received reports of children having threadworm. We have reinforced the importance of washing hands at regular intervals and especially after going to the toilet and before eating but if you could do the same, it would help us reduce any spread. If your child is affected, please seek treatment immediately. For advice see: [Threadworms - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

School Newspaper:

Two of our Year 6 children, Ben and Rafferty, have been busy putting together the first ever Holy Trinity E of E Primary School newspaper. It will be on sale from Monday at a cost of 50p. The boys will be hoping you'll support them in this venture by purchasing a copy at the end of the school day; they will be on sale at the back gate. If it's successful, they hope to make it a monthly project. Watch this space!

Parent and Carer Autism Online Support:

On Friday 2nd February from 10am to 11:15am, the GEMS team will be running a 'How to communicate with your Autistic child' workshop. The online session is designed to be a 'learn and discuss' meeting with a focus on how to have meaningful communication with your child and how to support him/her with communicating with other people. To find out how to reserve your space, please see the flyer sent out today.

Attached is another GEMS flyer offering other sessions related to autism and ADHD with links to book workshops. Do take a look.

PTA News:

We hope that those of you who came along to the PTA meeting on Monday found it informative; we are grateful for your support. If you weren't able to attend and you missed the information on last week's newsletter about the ball coming up on Saturday 24th February, take a look below.

'Diamonds are Forever' - School Ball

Already lots of tables have been confirmed which indicates this year's ball might be the best attended so far! Tickets cost £65 per head for a 3 course meal and entertainment. Tables can still be booked by going to:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdyTS1buw8xPWEzvR8JRF--NUvI4oOrLyORe72PEho-BeWvqg/viewform?fbclid=IwAR2KF31Nq-8lx25Qt7B1bN1U1qFbS2uGfgrgXW2CbatS8POxN6HyKV5nWTnl>

A large component of the PTA Ball is the auction. Again, this year, there will be a live auction on the night with around 10 big ticket items plus an online silent auction for the rest.

The PTA does not make any money from the Ball ticket price, all profits come from the auctions. Therefore, in order to make an impact, the team need your help this year in securing some prizes.

In the past the kind of prizes we've had for the main auction have been:

- Tickets to Henley
- Framed artwork
- Boat trips
- Weekends away
- Theatre tickets
- Wellness Days
- Hosted dinner parties
- Wine tastings

For the silent auction, previously people have bid on:

- dog grooming
- afternoon tea
- wine
- hampers
- vouchers
- skin care
- candles
- sporting memorabilia
- fitness classes
- babysitting
- birthday cakes
- jewellery
- coaching
- toys
- flowers

Thank you for your support.

Finally, congratulations to Henry Milburn who was presented with a prize, a toy elf, in assembly today for finishing the PTA Christmas Trail and being pulled first out of the hat! Thank you to the team who put the trail together and everyone who had a go at completing it.

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday for an 8:45am start unless you are returning with your child for the disco later.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

29 th January	Year 5/6 girls football match v Braywick Court (home) – selected children informed by letter
1 st February	B team football match v All Saints (away) – selected children to be informed by letter
1 st February	Netball match v Riverside (away) – selected children to be informed by letter
2 nd February	Parent and Carer Autism Online support session, 'How to communicate with your Autistic child' (10 – 11:15am)
6 th February	Open House (EYFS & KS1)
6 th February	A team netball match v Holyport (away) – selected children informed by letter
7 th February	Year 5 & 6 Cross Country Event – Alfred Major Recreation Ground – selected children informed by letter
7 th February	Open House (KS2)
8 th February	Dance Festival (Year 4)
9 th February	Term ends for half term break (normal finish time: 3:15pm)
12 th – 16 th February	Half Term break
19 th February	Term starts
24 th February	PTA Ball at Odney – save the date!
4 th – 8 th March	Book week
5 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations (no after school clubs running other than WrapAround4U)
7 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations (no after school clubs running other than WrapAround4U)
8 th March	Book Week Dress Up Day
15 th March	Comic Relief event (details tbc)
20 th March	PTA Meeting (details tbc)
23 rd March	Inter PTA Netball Tournament (details tbc)
28 th March	Easter Service at Holy Trinity Church (tbc)
28 th March	End of Term – Easter break begins (normal finish time: 3:15pm)
29 th March - 12 th April	Easter Holiday
15 th April	Start of Summer Term
13 th – 16 th May	KS2 SATs
24 th May	Term ends for half term break (normal finish time: 3:15pm)
27 th – 31 st May	Half Term break
3 rd June	Term starts
3 rd June – 14 th June	Window for completion of Year 4 Multiplication Check
7 th June	PTA Disco (details tbc)
10 th – 14 th June	Arts and Culture Week
10 th – 14 th June	Window for completion of Year 1 Phonics Screening
24 th – 28 th June	Y6 Residential Trip
24 th – 4 th July	Sports Week
5 th July	Sports Day
6 th July	HT Fest
19 th July	End of Term – Summer Holiday begins (normal finish time: 3:15pm)