

#### 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

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our cake sale this afternoon in support of Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you for the delicious bakes you sent in. In next week's newsletter we will let you know how much we have raised. Named cake boxes will be returned to your child on Monday for them to bring home.

#### My First Class Photo:

The photograph of Cygnet Class taken yesterday will feature in the Maidenhead Advertiser on 24<sup>th</sup> October. Do look out for it.

#### National Testing Programme:

You will perhaps have read about the National Testing Programme in last week's newsletter. As promised, sent out to you today as an attachment is a letter explaining what these tests are and when your child will be taking them. You have also been sent DfE leaflets about:

- Reception Baseline Assessment (EYFS)
- Phonics Screening Check (Year 1)
- Optional KS1 Tests (Year 2)
- Multiplication Tables Check (Year 4)
- Key Stage 2 Tests (Year 6)

#### Themed Weeks:

If you have already made payment for our themed weeks this year, thank you. We kindly ask that if you are yet to do so, payment is made Via your Scopay account by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Please refer to the letter that went out last week for details. Your contributions have already allowed us to book a number of activities. We hope the children will be excited to meet alpacas, for instance, in the coming weeks!

Many thanks also to those of you who have expressed an interest in being part of our Science and Technology Week coming up at the end of term. Mr Redjeb and Mrs Weller who are coordinating events will be in touch in due course.

#### PTA News:

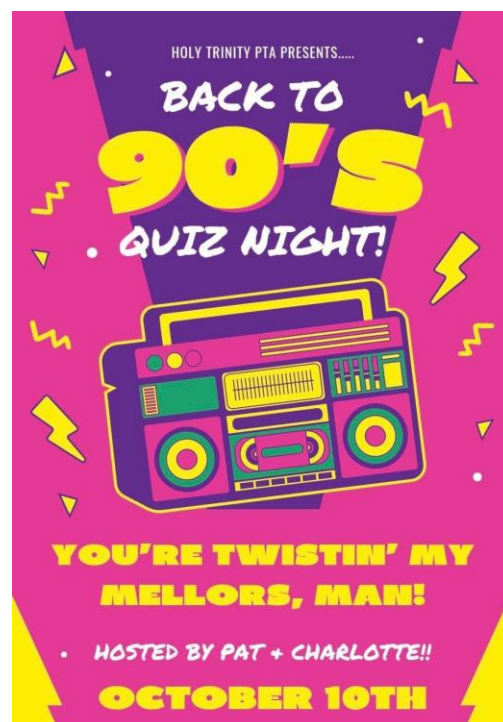
If you were able to attend the PTA meeting on Wednesday, thank you for showing your support. As I was at the Service of Licensing for the new Associate Priest, The Reverend Sophie Troczynska, in Holy Trinity Church, I was unable to be there but I hear it was productive. I had wanted to come along to thank everyone for their tremendous fund raising efforts which have allowed us to replace the trim trail at the bottom of our playground. It was officially opened on Tuesday and since then the children have enjoyed the space. We have considered the rules for using it safely and so far I've been impressed with how the children are looking after it. Your child is very welcome to use the trim trail at the end of the day as long as you are there with them (please note staff will not be providing supervision). Please ensure you make your way up to the gate before it is locked at 3:30pm.

This week Key Stage 2 classes have elected PTA Junior Ambassadors. A number of students put themselves up for election and many had prepared excellent election speeches. The winning candidates, two from each class, met with the chair and secretary of the PTA on Wednesday to discuss future projects and events. They were also presented with badges in assembly today. Already they have come up with a wonderful idea. They would like a flag pole to be erected in the front of school from which we can fly our newly acquired Green Flag. We will be looking into this and hoping your continued fund raising efforts will help us to make this request possible.

The next event coming up is, however, for adults. Perhaps you have already got your tickets for the PTA quiz night but if not don't delay! The link you require is:

<https://forms.gle/TJeoJRPEVg6bU6y68>

The service welcoming Sophie to our parish was well attended and a lovely affair. It won't be long before she is back in school meeting again those children in Year 6 who were part of the interview process last term.



### Heritage Open Days at Holy Trinity Church, Cookham:

You will have read about our involvement in Heritage Open Days at Holy Trinity Church recently. We had a lovely mention in the service on Sunday and all the art work our Year 6 children produced is now on display in the school. Father Stephen will be visiting school next week to see it all again.

### Collective Worship with Year 6:

Our Year 6 children were busy this week leading class collective worship on Tuesday. They did an excellent job reminding us of all the things we have to be thankful for. In other assemblies we have kept with the theme of resilience. Perhaps you read in last week's newsletter how important it is to build resilience in our children. A couple of videos promoting this, which we have enjoyed watching, have been posted on Google Classroom, 'Soar' and 'Boundin' for you to look at again with your child.

### Extra-Curricular Activities:

Please refer to last week's newsletter which can be found on our website for details of the clubs that are running this term.

Calendar dates are listed below with any new additions (or any changes and deadlines) highlighted in blue.

Enjoy your weekend.

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 are added in order to keep abreast of what is coming up in school.

6 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 Bikeability
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Y2 trip to the Henley Literary Festival (letter to follow)
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Meeting about the Year 6 Residential Trip in the summer (4:30pm)
8 <sup>th</sup> October	Y4 trip to the Henley Literary Festival (letter to follow)
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival in support of FoodShare (details to follow)
10 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA Quiz Night
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Science & Technology Week
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Travelling Book Fair in school
14 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Virtual Parent Consultations (information to follow)
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Vaccination Programme (Deadline to complete consent form is 16 <sup>th</sup> October at 9am. Please refer to email)
21 <sup>st</sup> October	KS2 (Year 3-6) Open House Session to view classrooms 3:15pm -4pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	EYFS & KS1 Open House Session to view classrooms 3:15pm -4pm
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Deadline for themed weeks payment
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	HALF TERM
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year 1 Trip to Windsor Castle (details to follow)
4 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA event (details to follow)
7 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Pyjama and Popcorn Night
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service at the War Memorial
12 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA AGM 7:30pm in school
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 trip to the Chiltern open Air Museum (details to follow)
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Maths & Computing Week
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Evening
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Year 6 Trip to Bletchley Park
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 Trip to the Harry Potter Studios
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Cookham Christmas Street Fayre
9 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 2pm
10 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 6pm
17 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Party
17 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Carols in the Courtyard
18 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS & KS1 trip to the pantomime in the Wycombe Swan (details to follow)
18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Party

### 22<sup>nd</sup> December – 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan Christmas Holiday

2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Book week
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Virtual Parent Consultations
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Virtual Parent Consultations
11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs
8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Arts and Culture Week
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Residential Trip
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Sports Fortnight
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Sports Day