

KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Industrial Action:

In last week's newsletter I explained more about the industrial action which has been called by one of the teaching unions. Please refer to the email which went out earlier explaining how our school will be affected on the first of these days, Wednesday 1st February. The next three strike days are on Thursday 2nd March, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March. How are school might be affected on these days is yet to be determined. As soon as I have a clearer picture, you will be informed.

Success in Sport:

This week a team of Year 4 children went with Mr. Whittle to a 'Racket Pack Badminton Festival' at Braywick Leisure Centre organized by the Ascot and Maidenhead School Sport Partnership group to which we belong. Following an afternoon of competitive events with over 60 children from 8 other schools locally, they were thrilled to be crowned winners. This means they have now qualified for the Berkshire School Games in March where they will be representing Maidenhead and Ascot against schools from across the country. This is a wonderful achievement and our congratulations go to all who took part.

Today a number of Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in a 'Sportshall Athletics Competition' at Braywick Leisure Centre. Our Year 4 team were thrilled to be placed 4th out of 12 teams and the Year 5/6 team reliably informed me on their return that they too made 4th place out of 'about 15 schools'. What is certain is that everyone had a wonderful time!

Farewell Father Nick:

On Tuesday we were joined by Father Nick for collective worship. With his retirement imminent, this marked the last time he will be coming to Holy Trinity in his current capacity. Following a presentation organised by the children, we gave him a rousing send off. If you too would like to pass on your best wishes there is a special service at Holy Trinity Church this Sunday at 6:30pm.

PTA Meeting:

It was lovely to see a number of you at the PTA meeting on Wednesday. Do look out for details of forthcoming events both for you and the children which start on 24th February when we invite Dave into school for a disco.

We are very lucky to have an active and thriving PTA who as well as organising events to bring our community together, raise a huge amount of money for the school. In recent years their fundraising has kitted out every classroom with desks and chairs for the children, our Reception classroom has been refurbished, the trim trail at the bottom of the playground has been installed, the wildlife area has been created, the SHEL has been revamped, our ICT has been transformed and a huge number of fiction books, and non-fiction books to support the delivery of all areas of the curriculum have been purchased. Other smaller projects have also been completed. On Wednesday the team spoke about the next round of spending which will continue to enhance the learning environment for the children.

These projects can all happen in a school but with budgets tight the timescales for them to be actioned can be enormous. We work hard to provide the best environment and learning opportunities for the children and our PTA really do make a difference in helping us to do this. Thank you for the part you play in ensuring its success.

Year 6 Residential Trip to Devon:

If you have a child in Year 6, thank you for expressing your interest in booking a place for your child on the residential trip to Devon in the summer. Today you have been sent a letter outlining a payment plan. Do look out for this.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

For details of clubs running next week, please refer to the information below.

Extra-Curricular Activities and Details of Providers:

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: Iornarennie@berkshiremaestros.org.uk	Times of lessons determined by Maestros

Travelling to and from School:

This week you may have seen community support officers outside school monitoring the traffic situation. Thank you for avoiding driving down School Lane whenever possible and for taking time to park considerately in the adjacent streets.

Consultation on new SEND provision in the Royal Borough:

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead is carrying out public consultation on new provision for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). To find out about all of the proposals, and share your views, go to: https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/home/council-and-democracy/consultations/education-consultations/new-provision-children-special-educational-needs

The consultation is open until midday on Friday 24th February 2023.

Have a lovely weekend and we shall all look forward to seeing you and the children on Monday.

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.

29th January Candlemas Service 6:30pm Holy Trinity Church to celebrate the ministry of Father Nick

9th February Year 4 Primary Dance Festival at Braywick Leisure Centre 7th February KS2 Open House Event to view books and classrooms

8th February EYFS & KS1 Open House Event to view books and classrooms

13th February Half term 20th February Start of term

24th February PTA school disco (details to follow)

27th February Start of Book Week

1st March PTA Zoom meeting (details to follow)

3rd MarchBook Week Dress-Up Day7th MarchParent Consultations9th MarchParent Consultations

17th March Red Nose Day (details to be confirmed) 27th March PTA Quiz Night (details to follow)

30th March Easter Service tbc



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