



#### 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 has been another busy and positive week in school with lots going on. Thank you for your support in ferrying children to and from sporting events and getting them prepared for music auditions. Thank you also for your understanding during the disruption yesterday.

### Music Concert – 18<sup>th</sup> May:

Mrs. Laraine Brown is currently busy preparing the children for an evening of music on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> of May here at school from 6.00pm-7.00pm. Auditions took place this week and several children have been selected to perform. It was lovely to see how many were keen to participate and we are sorry if your child is disappointed not to be chosen. We could have had a concert lasting several hours so we had to limit the numbers. If your child hasn't been chosen on this occasion, they are very welcome to speak to their class teacher to arrange a time when they can play their instrument in class instead.

Our two choirs will be singing at this event. Choir is non-selective and although it is too late for your child to join the choir to perform for the music evening, they are very welcome to go along to choir practice so they are part of any future performance. Mrs. Brown is always delighted when new faces turn up. Junior Choir meets at 8am on Tuesday and Senior Choir at 8am on Thursday.

### Sporting Opportunities:

This week a number of girls were in action at football tournaments held at St Pirans. On Tuesday our Year 5 girls went along and managed to play four matches before the rain fell. Out of the matches they played, they scored 9 goals with 3 scored against them. On Wednesday it was the turn of Year 3. This time the weather was kinder to them. They managed to play eight matches back-to-back winning 3, drawing 2 and losing 3. They returned to school the next day full of excitement for having represented the school. This afternoon Year 4 girls return after a successful afternoon, winning 4 out of their 6 matches.

### Daily Mile:

We do hope that you found the Class Newsletters, sent out to you last week and posted on Google Classroom this week, interesting and informative. As you will have seen, we have planned lots of exciting activities on a range of topics for the children to enjoy before the end of the Summer Term.

Over the last couple of years, we have spent a huge amount of time redesigning our curriculum and we are proud of the learning opportunities we offer the children. We hope they have spoken to you with enthusiasm about some of the newer projects we have launched and the latest resources we have introduced to support the learning. The curriculum is vast and with our themed weeks included, five in total over the course of a year, we work tirelessly to ensure everything is covered. We also recognise the value of enhancing our curriculum and providing wider development for the pupils. In order to do this, we have ensured trips form part of our curriculum offer, that there are a range of extra-curricular activities for the pupils to access and that when there are opportunities for the pupils to participate in music festivals, sporting events, Bake-Off competitions, sleep workshops and charity initiatives, for instance, there is no restriction on them doing so.

Because there is so much to cover, it has not been so easy to ensure the daily mile is covered. The weather also restricts us getting outside so we have decided to change the name to the 'fitness mile' to better reflect how we use our running track.

The benefits of getting active and running the fitness mile are not in dispute and we aim to use the track as often as we can. Our weekly P.E. lessons, the additional sporting fixtures we enter and our Sports Fortnight in the summer mean we exceed the requirements of the P.E. National Curriculum but we don't want to restrict those children who love running the mile so we have come up with what we feel is a great idea which we hope you support too.

This term you are invited to use the running track down on the field when you come to collect your child at the end of the day. You can either run the mile (5 times round the track) with them or you can supervise them running it. The only thing we ask is that you supervise your own children (staff will not be available to do so) and that the field is used purely for running the mile. To allow you to do this, the gate will be locked a little later at 3:40pm to give you time to get there, run the mile then get back up to exit the site. We appreciate that on days when your child is in wrap around care or at another club you will not be able to do this but we hope there are other days in the week when you can. We trust you will take advantage of this offer if it appeals to you and that the children will benefit from the initiative.

#### **PTA News:**

In case you missed the information on last week's newsletter, the next PTA event is 'Race Night' on 9th June. Tickets cost £10 per person including dinner. Bookings are now open via the PTA Facebook page or at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfliKp7r3vtwcVlkyCU9obt57SJysrC6DAnOqQOqdMOqupA/viewform>

The tea towels designed by your children to mark King Charles' Coronation will soon be going on sale. Look out for details to follow.

#### **The King's Coronation:**

As explained on last week's newsletter, we will be celebrating the King's Coronation in school with a number of events. On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May your child is invited to come to school dressed royally in red, white and blue. We will hold a 'Coronation Parade' to judge and award prizes to the crowns that we hope your child will make and bring to school on the day, and as long as the weather is fine, we will have a picnic lunch on the field. We hope your child is enjoying the preparations for this event as it gets ever closer.

#### **School Dinners:**

Please note that next week, on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May when we are celebrating the Coronation, there will be a slight change to the published lunch menu; a Coronation themed picnic lunch can be ordered so that the children having a school meal are not excluded.

#### **Cake and Badge Sale:**

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May three Year 5 boys will be organizing and running a cake sale to raise money for a project they are passionate about supporting. All proceeds from the sale of cakes and Hama bead badges that Monty has been making will go towards vital medical care for Jasmine, 'The Warrior Princess'. Sadly, Jasmine who is 7 years old has been diagnosed with a rare brain tumour. The location of the tumour makes an operation incredibly difficult and at best she only has about a year and a half to live. To help prolong her life she is currently undergoing radiotherapy but her parents are desperate to take her abroad to receive further treatment which might be more effective. A fund has been set up in her name to help raise the £250,000 needed for this to happen.

The boys would be incredibly grateful if you could get baking next week ready to send cakes in on Friday morning which they can sell after school on the playground. Fairy cakes or other individual cakes are preferable and please remember we are a nut-free school. Monty's badges will also be on sale so do arrive at pick up with money to spend!

This is a wonderful initiative led entirely by the children which I hope you will support. To find out more about Jasmine plight, go to: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/jasmine-the-warrior-princess>

#### **Industrial Action:**

With no resolution to the teachers' dispute over pay and conditions, and the NEU calling for another day of industrial action on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, as you will have seen from my email earlier in the week and again today, our school will experience further disruption. I apologise for the inconvenience this may cause. As was the case yesterday, online learning will be posted on Google Classroom for those classes affected by the partial school closure in Tuesday to access.

The work is posted to help you guide your child with their learning. A lot of time is spent collating the activities so we hope the tasks set are helpful. I do, however, appreciate that for working parents it can be difficult to supervise remote learning; the work is there if you need it.

#### **Maidenhead Warriors:**

I've been asked to publicise the fact that Maidenhead Warriors Football Club are looking for additional players to join their U11 and U13 teams. This is an exciting opportunity for boys/girls to train on Friday evening, play matches on a Sunday Morning, be part of a team and meet new people. I'm told all of their coaches hold FA Level 1 coaching qualifications. If you are interested for more information, contact Kam on [07900847730](https://www.gofundme.com/f/jasmine-the-warrior-princess)

A number of flyers are sent out on a weekly basis advertising local events like this so do look out for them. Today, for instance, your child might be interested in the archery day, the pond dipping morning and the Coronation events in the village, details of which have been shared.

## Extra-Curricular activities running this term 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: <a href="mailto:holytrinity@wraparoundcare4u.com">holytrinity@wraparoundcare4u.com</a>	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 <a href="mailto:francesca@the-pows.co.uk">francesca@the-pows.co.uk</a>	Arrive through the back door of the hall
iPro Football	KS2 boys	Monday lunchtime	Book directly: Office 07908 172175 Email: <a href="mailto:office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk">office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk</a>	<b>Pupils taking part may come to school in their school PE kit to avoid the need to change</b>
Playball	EYFS & Year 1	Monday, finish time: 4:15pm	Book online: <a href="http://www.playballkids.com/f/southbucks">http://www.playballkids.com/f/southbucks</a>	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 <a href="mailto:larainebrownbda@gmail.com">larainebrownbda@gmail.com</a>	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Spanish Club	Year 2	Tuesday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow 07939 045722 <a href="mailto:francesca@the-pows.co.uk">francesca@the-pows.co.uk</a>	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Little Samurai	EYFS, Y1 & Y2	Tuesday, finish time: 4pm	Book directly: 07828 534817 <a href="http://www.SamuraiKickboxing.com">www.SamuraiKickboxing.com</a> <a href="mailto:info@SamuraiKickboxing.com">info@SamuraiKickboxing.com</a>	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
Netball	Years 4 & 5	Wednesday before school, start time: 8am	All welcome	Arrive through the back door of the hall (start date 3.5.23)
Spanish Club	Year 1	Wednesday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 <a href="mailto:francesca@the-pows.co.uk">francesca@the-pows.co.uk</a>	Arrive through the back door of the hall
iPro Football	KS2 girls	Wednesday lunchtime	Book directly: Office 07908 172175 Email: <a href="mailto:office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk">office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk</a>	<b>Pupils taking part may come to school in their school PE kit to avoid the need to change</b>
Spanish Club	Year 3	Wednesday after school, finish time 3:50pm	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 <a href="mailto:francesca@the-pows.co.uk">francesca@the-pows.co.uk</a>	Collect from the front entrance of school
Senior Choir	Years 5 & 6	Thursday before school, start time: 8am ALL WELCOME	All welcome, simply come along <a href="mailto:larainebrownbda@gmail.com">larainebrownbda@gmail.com</a>	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Young Samurai	Years 3 - 6	Thursday after school, finish time: 4:15pm	Book directly: 07828 534817 <a href="http://www.SamuraiKickboxing.com">www.SamuraiKickboxing.com</a> or <a href="mailto:info@SamuraiKickboxing.com">info@SamuraiKickboxing.com</a> Collect from the back door of the school hall	
Spanish Club	Year 4	Friday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 <a href="mailto:francesca@the-pows.co.uk">francesca@the-pows.co.uk</a>	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Sewing Club	Year 2 – 6	Friday after school, finish time: 4:30pm	Book directly: 07782 253565 <a href="mailto:anita@dhaaga-sewing.co.uk">anita@dhaaga-sewing.co.uk</a>	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: <a href="mailto:office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk">office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk</a>	<b>Children attending this club are permitted to come to school wearing their school P.E. kit with a football shirt to change into at the end of the day if they wish.</b> <b>Collect from the back gate</b>
Maestro Music Lessons	EYFS – Y6	Various days during the week	Book directly: <a href="mailto:lornarennie@berkshiremaestros.org.uk">lornarennie@berkshiremaestros.org.uk</a>	Times of lessons determined by Maestros

A number of staff will continue to run booster sessions for specific children this term. If your child is involved, you will be contacted separately and informed of when these sessions are happening.

As I am sure you are aware, Monday is a bank holiday so I hope you enjoy the long weekend and we shall look forward to seeing you and the children next week.

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.

1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday – school closed
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Industrial Action (please refer to email)
5 <sup>th</sup> May	King Charles' Coronation Celebrations
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bake Sale in support of 'The Warrior Princess' (please send your child in with donations)
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday to mark The King's Coronation – school closed
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Boys' and Girls' home football matches vs Oldfield (selected children to be informed)
9 <sup>th</sup> May – 12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 Tri-Golf Festival, Courthouse Junior School 10am – 12 noon (selected children informed by letter)
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 music rehearsal at Courthouse school (arrival time 9:20am, pick up time 11:30am – please refer to email sent yesterday about this)
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Holy Trinity Musical Evening at school
29 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half Term
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of Term 6
5 <sup>th</sup> June – 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Window for Y4 Multiplication Check
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 music rehearsal at Courthouse school (arrival time 9:20am, pick up time 11:30am – please refer to email sent yesterday about this)
9 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Race Night
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Royal Windsor Flower Show – Year 2 participation
12 <sup>th</sup> June – 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Arts & Culture Week
12 <sup>th</sup> June – 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Window for Y1 Phonics Screening
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	PTA Meeting – all welcome
26 <sup>th</sup> June – 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Devon Trip – Year 6
26 <sup>th</sup> June – 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition Week: Rec – Y5 (tbc)
26 <sup>th</sup> June – 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Sport Fortnight
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Junior Music Festival at The Hexagon, Reading (Year 3)
1 <sup>st</sup> July	HT Fest
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Spanish Assembly (time tbc)
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' service (tbc)
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of Summer Term
18 <sup>th</sup> July	First Day of summer holiday



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