



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 School Disco:

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 at Sewing Club or iPro football training and you would like us to take them directly to the disco from the club, please inform the office immediately 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 Emily 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. **Please note, that the bringing of mobile phones is strictly prohibited.** Thank you for your help in making this a wonderful evening for the children.

News from the Week:

We began this week with the news that in a national poll of young people, 'kindness' has been chosen as Children's Word of the Year for 2024. Kindness is something we speak a lot about in school and we see examples of it on a daily basis. It's been very evident this week as we've enjoyed hearing more about Paddington's adventures traveling in Ethiopia. You may have read in last week's newsletter about our latest project with Partners for Change Ethiopia. His adventures have really inspired the children who are keen to organise fund raising events to support the pupils in Tibase M Primary School. It's a school heavily affected by poverty, populated by children from many internally displace families so any money we raise will be used to provide them with breakfast and school materials. We are currently deciding how best to incorporate everyone's fund raising ideas, and there are many, into a whole school project during Lent.

In other news this week Year 6 have enjoyed welcoming Mr Redjeb back to the classroom after a period of paternity leave. He is grateful for all your kind messages of support and we are thrilled to have him back. The class have had a great week diving into the world of Philip Pullman's 'The Firework-Makers Daughter' and creating their own set of instructions for making fantastical fireworks. Their imagination has gone into over-drive. Led by Year 1's accurate weather forecasting, Year 2 have found dry days to go out and explore the school grounds ahead of writing a tour guide for visitors and Cygnet Class have focused on the Chinese New Year. Look out for their snake display that they've created for you ahead of Open House next week. Year 3 have continued their study of the skeleton and Year 5 have been designing and making pop-up books ready to share with Year 1 next week. They've learnt lots about different mechanisms including loose pivot levers and parallel sliders! With the Primary Dance Festival less than two weeks away, Year 4 have continued to work hard on perfecting their routine. Please refer to the email about costumes which was sent out yesterday. Aside from this the class have been considering the question, 'Are pilgrimages necessary for believers?' The focus has been on the Jewish faith with other religions tackled next week. It's been an interesting discussion for everyone.

The football team were disappointed that the match on Monday had to be postponed owing to unforeseen circumstances but our A and B netball squad were able to play their games against Courthouse yesterday. Both teams played admirably and although the A team narrowly missed out on a win, final score being 12-15, our B team won 4-1. There next match is on Thursday so Mr Lucas will be keen to start training on Tuesday promptly at 8am.

Open House next week:

So that you can see for yourself all the interesting things the children are learning about, we would like to invite you to another Open House event next week. By coming into school, you will be able to see your child's books, have a look around their classroom and talk to staff. The sessions will start immediately after school, on Tuesday for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2, and on Wednesday for KS2 (Years 3-6). We hope to see you.

Year 6 off to Furze Platt Senior School:

On the afternoon of Monday 10th February, Year 6 have been invited to Furze Platt Senior School to see their annual musical production of *Oliver! Jr.* Unfortunately, transport is not provided so we kindly request that if you have a child in Year 6, you pick them up from school at 12:30pm and take them to Furze Platt ready to arrive no later than 12:45pm. They will eat lunch in school before they go. We will meet just outside the school gate and then walk in together to find our seats. The performance ends at 3:00pm so your child should be picked up from the same place you dropped them off. On the day your child should come to school dressed smartly in full school uniform wearing their blazer. As they will not be coming back to Holy Trinity, they will need to take their bags with them when they leave at 12:30pm but we ask that they remain in the car and are not taken into the venue. Space in the auditorium is limited. Thank you for your support in enabling us to go. Please refer to the email which was sent out earlier on the week for details on how to give consent.

Book Week:

If you didn't see the newsletter last week, on 3rd March, to coincide with World Book Day on 6th March, we launch Book Week. A number of interesting activities are currently being planned all to promote a love of reading. On Friday 7th March the children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and we hope to have Book Day vouchers to give out so they can make their own book purchase.

If you are able to make this week special and memorable by coming in and reading to the children from your favourite childhood book or running a workshop on something book related, do get in touch. We'd love to incorporate as many interesting and varied experiences as possible.

A Thank You from Children in Need and Macmillan Cancer Support:

We were delighted to receive letters this week from Children in Need thanking us for the £343.65 we raised for them back in November and from Macmillan Cancer Support acknowledging the £295.60 we raised in September. This money will go towards supporting children facing difficulties all across the UK through the many projects CIN run and helping those affected by cancer. Thank you for helping us make this possible.

Height and Weight Checks for Reception Children:

Last week I informed you of the annual National Child Measurement Programme which the nursing team will be carrying out on children in EYFS. This week we have been informed that these height and weight checks will be done on Monday 10th March. If you have a child in Cygnet Class, please refer to the letter you were sent earlier in the week which has been sent again today as an attachment.

Gems4Health Workshops:

Do you need support with the needs of your child who may have behavioural, sensory, social and/or communication challenges? Is your child experiencing anxiety?

GEMS offer a variety of FREE courses and workshops that will help develop your knowledge of these things as well as autism and/or ADHD. Your child does not need to have a diagnosis for you to be able to attend, they can be waiting for an assessment or you can suspect they may have autism and/or ADHD.

Conveniently book yourself in by clicking on the "book here" option next to each workshop or course on the link below.

[Workshops - Gems4health](#)

GEMS also offer social sessions for children incorporating social communication with fun, informal activities with the aim of building social skills, confidence and new friendships. Information can be found about these on the link below.

[Social groups - Gems4health](#)

Alternatively, speak to Miss Buckley who will be happy to advise you.

Sickness Bug:

A number of children from across the school have been off this week with a sickness bug. Our policy is that a child should not return to school until at least 24 hours (preferably 48 hours) after the last bout of sickness. We are grateful for your support in this and hope the weekend break puts pay to anyone else coming down with the same illness.

Clubs:

Please refer to the list below to see what clubs are running this term and the arrangements for each.

Please note that from the start of next week, there are slight changes to the arrangements for some clubs which meet before school. Spanish Clubs should arrive at the front of school at 8:20 where Mrs Pow will meet them and take them through to her classroom. Mrs Neal's Maths Club, which meets on a Wednesday, should also be at the front door at 8:10am for Mrs Neal to let them in. Netballers should wait at the side gate until Mr Lucas opens it for Netball Club to start. If your child attends Spanish Club or Maths Club and you would like to drop them off before the clubs meets, you are of course welcome to do so. In which case, you should take them round to Early Bird Club and sign in with Miss Hutchins. Please note the usual Early Bird charge will apply.

Choir will continue next term but in a slightly different way. While the musical abilities of Laraine Brown's two choirs, Junior and Senior, continue to grow and enhance the children's experiences, we are aware of the need to bring the administration of the choir in line with our other club providers. To ensure fairness and parity across all, choir will move to a system of membership and subscription beginning after half term. Laraine will be in touch shortly with further information on how to sign your child up. With exciting plans afoot and the hugely talented and qualified Laraine at the helm, we can't wait to see what the year ahead brings for our dedicated vocalists.

With half term approaching, we are regularly receiving flyers advertising holiday activity camps that your child may be interested in attending. We will continue to send these out to you as attachments.

Extra-Curricular activities running this term and next with 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 8:30am. 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: information sent out via email
iPro Football	KS2 boys	Monday lunchtime – start date to be confirmed	Book directly: Office 07908 172175 Email: office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk (school PE kit may be worn)	N/A
Ukulele Club	KS2	Monday lunchtime - All welcome	Children should speak to Mrs Lucas	N/A
Art Club	Year 3 & 4	Monday after school, finish time: 5pm	Book directly by contacting Mrs Hyslop: Nickyw1@hotmail.co.uk	Collect from the front entrance of school
Playball	EYFS & Year 1	Monday, finish time: 4pm	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 having referred to the flyer from larainebrownbda@gmail.com	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Netball	Years 5 & 6	Tuesday before school, start time: 8am	Please speak to Mr Lucas for more details	Arrive at the side gate ready to be let in by Mr Lucas
Spanish Club	Year 2	Tuesday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow (see above)	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:20am
Art Club	Year 5 & 6	Tuesday after school, finish time: 5pm	Book directly by contacting Mrs Hyslop: Nickyw1@hotmail.co.uk	Collect from the front entrance of school
Little Samurai	EYFS, Y1 & Y2	Tuesday, finish time: 4:15pm	Book directly: 07828 534817 www.SamuraiKickboxing.com info@SamuraiKickboxing.com	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Hand Chime Music Club	Y2 & Y3	Tuesday, finish time 4:15pm	Led by Miss Smith Limited spaces – please email the office to confirm a space	Collect from the front entrance of school
Football	Squad Training	Tuesday, finish time 4:20pm	Training, as last term, continues	Collect from the back gate
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: (see above)	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:20am
Maths Club	Year 4 (by invitation)	Wednesday before school at 8:15am	Organised by Mrs Neal with a rota of children invited to attend every few weeks	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:10am
iPro Football	KS2 girls	Wednesday lunchtime – start date to be confirmed	Book directly: Office 07908 172175 Email: office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk (school PE kit may be worn)	N/A
Spanish Club	Year 3	Wednesday after school, finish time 3:50pm	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: (see above)	Collect from the front entrance of school
Yoga & Mindfulness	Year 1 - 6	Wednesday, finish time 4:30pm	Book directly by contacting Sallie Windsor: 07846 992824 sallie.windsor@nurturekidsyoga.com	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 having referred to the flyer from 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 or info@SamuraiKickboxing.com	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: (see above)	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:20am
Sewing Club	Year 1 – 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 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.	Collect from the back gate
Maestro Music Lessons	EYFS – Y6	Various days during the week	To find out more, go to: Homepage - Berkshire Music Trust (berksmusictrust.org.uk)	Times of lessons determined by Maestros

Enjoy the weekend and we shall look forward to seeing the children later at the disco.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

31 st January	PTA Disco
4 th February	EYFS & KS1 Open House 3:15pm
5 th February	KS2 Open House 3:15pm
6 th February	A team netball match vs Riverside Primary (away), selected children informed by letter B team football match vs Riverside Primary (away), selected children informed by letter
10 th February	Year 6 Trip to Furze Platt Senior School to see <i>Oliver Jr.</i> (please refer to email)
10 th February	A team football match v Cookham Rise (home), selected children informed by letter - POSTPONED
11 th February	B team netball match vs All Saints Junior (away), selected children informed by letter
12 th February	PTA meeting (details to follow)
13 th February	Borough Dance Festival for Y4 – 1pm
13 th February	A team football match v Cookham Dean (home), selected children informed by letter
21 st February	Deadline for Year 6 Devon Trip Deposit

17th February – 21st February Half Term Break

24 th February	First day of term
27 th February	A team girls' match and B team boys' match v Oldfield (away), selected children informed by letter
1 st March	PTA Annual Ball
3 rd – 7 th March	Book week
4 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations
6 th March	World Book Day
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7 th March	Book Week Dress Up Day
10 th March	Nursing team in to carry out National Child Measurement Programme (EYFS)
14 th March	Comic Relief (details to follow)
20 th March	Ascot Bake off Event for Y5 (details tbc)
20 th March	Y4 Trip to Busy Buttons (details tbc)
4 th April	PTA Easter Event (details tbc)

7th April – 21st April Easter Holiday

22 nd April	First day of term
1 st May	Year 4 Trip to Starlight Express, Wembley Park Theatre
12 th – 15 th May	KS2 SATs

26th May – 30th May Half Term Break

9 th – 13 th June	Arts and Culture Week
23 rd – 27 th June	Y6 Residential Trip
23 rd – 3 rd July	Sports Fortnight
4 th July	Sports Day
17 th July	Last day of term