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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

Welcome back to the start of a new term. It was lovely to see everyone again on Monday and we do hope your child has spoken positively about the week they've had. After the success of Science and Technology Week before we broke up, we have started this term introducing new topics and gearing up for all the events planned in the weeks before Christmas. There will be lots going on so do take a moment each week to read the newsletter to keep abreast of all that is happening.

Maths and Computing Week – 13th to 17th November:

With Maths and Computing Week only a few days away, we already have lots planned to excite and engage the children. If you would like to be part of this event in the way that a number of parents offering workshops during Science and Technology Week were, do get in touch with Ms O'Reilly who will be delighted to hear from you. You should contact her through the school office: office@holytrinitysch.co.uk

Children in Need falls on the Friday of Maths and Computing. We will be supporting this charity as we do every year. As the theme for Maths Week England, which falls at the same time, is '3 is a Magic Number', the children are invited to come to school on Friday with a 3 themed embellishment to their uniform i.e. 3 hair bands, 3 ties, 3 hats! Buckets will be at the school gate to collect their donations for taking part. Thank you for supporting us in this.

Drawing on our Vision:

This week in collective Worship we have been thinking about All Saints Day which fell on Wednesday. Mr Simmonds came in and spoke to us about the significance of the day in the church's calendar. Then, following the recent visit from Partners for Change, Ethiopia, we have reflected on everything we heard and decided upon a name for the reindeer we have sent back to the children in Chole School as a gift. The children have named him Harmony. Several have expressed an interest in becoming charity ambassadors so we are hoping, with a new team to steer us, we can continue to make as big an impact on the lives of children in Ethiopia as we have in the past.

The visit from Cookham Library gave us a perfect opportunity to think about the books we are currently reading. Part of that assembly allowed us to reflect on the Bible and the importance it has in the lives of Christians. Next week we will be thinking about some of the stories which appear in it.

Friday's assembly allowed us to reflect on the successes of last term. The children were delighted to learn that already we have filled a whole scrapbook with good news stories. Another one has been started so we hope by Christmas it too will be full. If you have any stories to share with us of things your child has done, perhaps away from school, which show our vision in action, do email them in so we can include them.

Attendance:

It will, of course, be no surprise to you to hear that regular attendance is an essential part of your child's learning journey. While we understand that there are genuine reasons, notably illness, which mean it is not appropriate to send your child to school, any time away from the classroom is incredibly disruptive. A lesson missed puts a pupil at a disadvantage especially when that lesson falls within a sequence of planned learning activities. In order to comply with government regulations and the expectations of the Department for Education, 95% or above is the target schools always strive for.

I am delighted to inform you that 95 pupils achieved 100% attendance last term. Their achievement was celebrated today in assembly.

Sporting News:

Both our football and netball teams were in action this week despite the weather doing all it could to disrupt plans. On Wednesday the netball squad travelled to Oldfield School. Our B team didn't quite manage to secure a win but our A team were delighted to end their match 10-6 up. It was reverse fortunes for our footballers on Thursday. This time the A team lost their game but the B team, with a winning goal from Julius, enjoyed a 1-0 victory. We were proud of all the children who represented our school. Both teams are back in action next week.

Eco-Council Elections:

After Eco-Council elections just before the holiday, we were delighted to announce in assembly our new Eco-Team, who will be working with Mrs Weller on projects over the coming months. We celebrated the courage and passion of every child who put themselves forward for election; they should all feel proud of standing up in front of the electorate and sharing their views.

Clubs:

For details of clubs running next term, please see below.

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: holytrinity@wraparoundcare4u.com	See WrapAroundCare4U for details: information 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 (starting 11.9.23)
iPro Football	KS2 boys	Monday lunchtime	Book directly: Office 07908 172175 Email: office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk	Pupils taking part may come to school in their school PE kit to avoid the need to change
Playball	EYFS & Year 1	Monday, finish time: 4:15pm	Book online: http://www.playballkids.com/f/southbucks	Collect from the back door of the school hall (starting 11.9.23)
Junior Choir	Years 3 & 4	Tuesday before school, start time: 8am ALL WELCOME	All welcome, simply come along larainebrownbda@gmail.com (starting from 26 th September)	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 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive through the back door of the hall (starting 12.9.23)
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 (starting 12.9.23)
Football	Year 5 & 6 boys and girls	Tuesday, finish time 4:20pm	All welcome; please refer to Mr Whittle's letter	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
Netball	Years 5 & 6 squad training	Wednesday before school, start time: 8am	Selected children informed	Arrive through the back door of the hall
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 (starting 13.9.23)
iPro Football	KS2 girls	Wednesday lunchtime	Book directly: Office 07908 172175 Email: office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk	Pupils taking part may come to school in their school PE kit to avoid the need to change
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 (starting 13.9.23)
Yoga & Mindfulness	All	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 larainebrownbda@gmail.com (starting from 28 th September)	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: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive through the back door of the hall (starting 15.9.23)
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	EYFS – Y6	Various days during the week	Book directly: lornarennie@berkshiremaestros.org.uk	Times of lessons determined by Maestros

Summer Reading Challenge:

On Thursday we were delighted to welcome Jacalyn Lamb from Cookham Library into school to present certificates to those children who had completed the Summer Reading Challenge. They were delighted to be recognised for their achievements.

Book Fair:

If you made it along to our Book Fair this week, thank you for coming. The Book Fair will be open for one last day on Monday so if you are yet to drop in, save the date. It will be set up in our library from 3:15 – 4pm. Our thanks go to the Year 6 children who set up, manned the stall and packed away for us.

Trips:

As you will see from the calendar of events, a number of trips to places of interest are coming up. Do look out for the letters sent to you today with details of how to secure a place for your child. Thank you.

Open Evening:

A week on Wednesday (15th November) we will be holding an Open Evening for prospective parents. We are looking for Year 5 and Year 6 students who would be willing to stay behind after school and model lessons as well as act as tour guides. Letters will be given out next week to children who express an interest in acting as ambassadors for our school. Do encourage your child to get involved.

Please note, there will be no after school clubs that day including no Wrap Around Care. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

School Photographs:

The school photographer was in school today taking individual and family photos. Details of how to order your child's photo will be sent to you in due course.

PTA AGM:

Next week, on Wednesday at 8pm, the PTA will be holding their AGM at school. You are very welcome to attend. Please see the flyer emailed to you today for details. You have also been emailed today a flyer about the PTA quiz on Friday 24th November. I do hope you will be able to come along to both events.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal:

Next week we will be supporting the Royal British Legion in their Poppy Appeal. If your child would like to make a donation, poppies and other poppy related items will be available at lunchtime. Do refer to the Twitter post for what is on offer. We suggest a donation of about £1 for each of the items.

Next Friday (10th November) we will be conducting a service of remembrance at the War Memorial in the village. We will make our way there for 10:45am. You are very welcome to join us.

Its Not Easy Being Wheezy:

Nurses from the Frimley Health Trust will be in school on Tuesday to speak to anyone interested about asthma and other chest complications in children. If you wish to come along, please do. The session will start immediately after drop-off at 9am.

Caterlink:

Thank you for your diligence in ordering a school meal for your child at least 24 hours in advance. This really helps the kitchen team when it comes to placing food orders. The menu for this term can be viewed by logging into your ScoPay account. Our advice is to involve your child when placing a lunch order for them so they are happy with the selection. We are really trying to encourage the children to eat everything on their plate to avoid wastage.

No Nut Policy:

Please be mindful that we are a no nut school because of severe allergies that some of our children have. Food with sesame seeds should also not be brought into school for the same reason. Thank you for your support in helping us to safeguard the children.

Naming Uniform and Equipment:

Thank you for taking time to ensure your child's clothing and equipment is clearly named. We have had very little lost property this week and when named items have been mislaid, they have been quickly reunited with their owner. This is of great help to us.

Cookham Village Christmas Concert:

This annual concert at which a number of Holy Trinity pupils and Mrs Lucas will be performing is scheduled for 5:30pm on 2nd December at Pinder Hall. It promises to be a really lovely evening for families to share in the festive spirit of Christmas through music! To book tickets go to: <https://buytickets.at/cookhamchristmasconcert/1055335>

Lunchtime Staffing:

We are delighted that two new members of our lunchtime supervision team have recently joined our school. Mrs. Margaret Woodhouse and Mr. Scott Richardson are doing a wonderful job looking after the children and keeping them busy. We are thrilled to be working with them.

Finally, I'm sure, like me, you will be sad to see Revd. Helen leave for a new parish in Leeds. On Sunday at 10am in Holy Trinity Church there will be a special service to say goodbye to her. Everyone is welcome to attend. The service will be followed by refreshment in the Parish Centre.

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

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

Please continue to refer to this section in our newsletter throughout the year to keep abreast of what is happening in school. Dates will be added on a regular basis.

5 th November	Farewell Revd. Helen – special service at Holy Trinity Church at 10am
7 th November	9am school hall, 'Its Not Easy Being Wheezy'
8 th November	A team netball match v Holyport (away) - selected children informed by letter
8 th November	PTA AGM – wine and cheese (see flyer)
9 th November	A team netball match v Lowbrook (away) - selected children informed by letter
9 th November	B team football match v St Edmund Campion (away) - selected children informed by letter
10 th November	10:45am Remembrance Service
13 th – 17 th November	Maths & Computing Week and National Anti-Bullying Week
13 th November	Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament at Braywick Leisure Centre (9am – 12 noon) - selected children informed by letter
15 th November	Open Evening
16 th November	A team football match vs Braywick Court (home) - selected children informed by letter)
17 th November	Children in Need
20 th November	Y3 Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum
21 st November	Y3/4 (am) & Y5/6 (pm) Sportshall Athletics Competition – selected children informed by letter
23 rd November	A team netball match v Furze Platt (home) - selected children informed by letter
24 th November	PTA Quiz Night (see flyer)
27 th November	Y1 Trip to Windsor Castle
3 rd December	Cookham Christmas Street Fair
5 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 2pm
6 th December	Rock Steady Concert
6 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 6pm
7 th December	A and B Team Football Matches v Courthouse (away)
8 th December	Y6 Trip to Bletchley Park
12 th December	Y5 Trip to Harry Potter Studios
13 th December	Christmas Service in Holy Trinity Church tbc
14 th December	EYFS trip to Norden Farm (am) & KS1 Trip to Windsor Theatre's Pantomime (pm)
14 th December	PTA Carols in the Courtyard
24 th February	PTA Ball at Odney – save the date!
4 th – 8 th March	Book week
5 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations
7 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations
13 th – 16 th May	KS2 SATs
10 th – 14 th June	Arts and Culture Week
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