



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)

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KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Industrial Action:

Thank you for your support this week as we have dealt the complexities that industrial action has created. The next day of strike action is scheduled for Thursday 2nd March but plans for managing this have not yet been formulated. Between now and then a number of things might change which could affect how we address the situation. As soon as we are clear on if and how our school will be disrupted, you will be informed.

Book Week – 27th February to 3rd March:

Lots is now in place to ensure our Book Week provides the children with a varied and exciting learning experience. We will be inviting a number of authors to school starting with a visit from Leisa Stewart-Sharpe author of a number of children's books which she has written in conjunction with David Attenborough and his series of BBC Planet programmes. Authors Chris White and Colin Stuart will be in mid-week the children will meet other authors virtually. We have workshops delivered by parents and grandparents and Sarah Parfitt of Partners for Change, Ethiopia will be coming in at the end of the week to talk to the children about schooling in Gende Tesfa and Basso School, when she will give the children a different perspective on the challenges some schools face when books and resources are less readily available. The PTA will be holding a second-hand book sale on World Book Day so do see the flyer for how you can get involved.

In addition, every class will have an opportunity to visit 'The Little Bookshop' in the village. We are incredibly grateful to Chantal who has made this possible for us. The days when each class will be visiting her are as follows:

Tuesday 28th February:

9:15 – 10:00am	Year 6
10:15 – 11:00am	Year 4
11:15 – 12:00 noon	Year 5
1:30 – 2:15pm	Year 3
2:15 – 3:00pm	Year 2

Thursday 2nd March:

1:30 – 2:20pm	Year 1
2:30 – 3:15pm	EYFS (pupils should be collected from The Little Bookshop on this day unless they are attending a club in which case they will be walked back to school)

When your child visits the bookshop, they can bring their World Book Token, which they will have received by then, to spend and/or some money. We would be grateful for any help you can give in walking the children there and back. Do let your child's class teacher know if you are available.

Chantal has an excellent selection of books in her shop and she has also set up for us a webpage where you are able to pre-order books written by some of the authors the children will meet during the week. She has offered a 10% discount which expires at 4pm on Thursday 23rd February (to allow enough time for her to place orders and ensure the books are in store for authors to sign). The code which is now live is HTSWBD2023

To make use of this offer, go to <https://www.thelittlebookshop.info/pages/holy-trinity-wbd-2023>

To order books written by Chris White, a leaflet has been attached containing all the relevant details. Simply scan the QR code and a purchase can be made.

We will end the week with a dress-up day when children will be invited to come to school as a book character.

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

Dog Safety:

On Thursday we welcomed Graham Widdett, a dog behaviourist, into school to talk to the children how to be safe around dogs. A guide aimed at children is attached to this week's newsletter and he will be dropping leaflets for distribution next week. To find out more about what he does, go to: [Home / Wiggle Waggle / Dog Behaviorist](#)

Open House Event:

Next week you are invited to drop into your child's classroom at pick-up time to see their books. KS2 classrooms will be open on Tuesday and KS1 & EYFS on Wednesday. We do hope you take this opportunity to stay behind for a moment to or two with your child to see their work and to speak informally with staff.

Children's Mental Health Week:

Children's Mental Health Week runs from 6th – 12th February with 'Let's Connect' being this year's theme. We will be organising activities in school but for you to find out more about it yourself, go to: [Children's Mental Health Week \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](#)

If you have concerns about your child's mental health you may find Cathy Creswell's books useful, especially 'Helping Your Child with Fears and Worries 2nd Edition: A self-help guide for parents'.

Tuesday 7th February is also **Internet Safety Day**. The link for resources around this topic is: [Home - Safer Internet Day](#)

Finally, I received a good news story from Mrs Vilares this week. Recently, after realising her first aid skills needed refreshing when she encountered an elderly man lying on a pavement in Maidenhead, she organised a first aid training course at Pinder Hall which a number of mums from Swan Class took part in. It would appear that there is a demand amongst our parent community for first aid training so we hope to be able to offer something similar to others in the near future.

This week Cygnet Class benefitted in a visit from Mrs Merlo and Mrs Ambler, both nurses, who came in to talk to the children about their jobs. The class had a wonderful time labelling parts of the body and learning about how to look after themselves. Thank you Mrs Merlo and Mrs Ambler for delivering such an interesting session.

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.

7 th February	Netball Match against Braywick (home) selected children informed by letter
9 th February	Year 4 Primary Dance Festival at Braywick Leisure Centre
9 th February	Football Match against Cookham Rise (away) selected children informed by letter
9 th February	Netball Match against Courthouse (away) selected children informed by letter
7 th February	KS2 Open House Event to view books and classrooms
8 th February	EYFS & KS1 Open House Event to view books and classrooms
13 th February	Half term
20 th February	Start of term
24 th February	PTA school disco (details to follow)
27 th February	Start of Book Week
1 st March	PTA Zoom meeting (details to follow)
3 rd March	Book Week Dress-Up Day
7 th March	Parent Consultations
9 th March	Parent Consultations
17 th March	Red Nose Day (details to be confirmed)
27 th March	PTA Quiz Night (details to follow)
30 th March	Easter Service tbc



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