



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

I do hope that your child has come home today full of stories of how we celebrated ahead of the Coronation of King Charles III tomorrow. Everyone looked spectacular dressed in red, white and blue and the crowns made and worn by the children were a magnificent addition to our very own Coronation Pageant earlier. We enjoyed a picnic altogether and to mark this momentous event in our country's history, supported by our PTA, we planted a beautiful Japanese Weeping Cherry tree on the field. Our newly marked orienteering course was christened when the children followed a trail around the school site answering questions about the Coronation on the way and we ended the day swearing allegiance to the King using the words we will all hear in the ceremony tomorrow. Perhaps you caught our rousing rendition of 'God Save the King' as you waited to pick up your child at the gate on a day which we hope will be remembered for some time to come. Pictures marking the event will be posted on Google Classroom over the next few days.

Supporting Jasmine, 'The Warrior Princess':

Thank you so much for supporting Monty, Ben and Drake in their mission to raise money for their friend Jasmine who I wrote about in last week's newsletter. Their Cake and Badge Sale this afternoon was an enormous success thanks to your kind donations. As soon as I am clear on how much we have raised for Jasmine, I will make sure that you are informed.

To find out more about Jasmine plight and why the boys took this initiative, go to: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/jasmine-the-warrior-princess>

Pennies for Change, Ethiopia:

Yesterday, I was delighted to receive an email from Partners for Change ambassador, Sarah Parfitt. She messaged me to share the wonderful news that through our Pennies for Change Lent campaign we have raised £552.72 to fund a breakfast club for the children of Basso School in Ethiopia. You may have read in a previous newsletter of the generous donation given by the Shanly Foundation who were inspired by the efforts of our children. Together with their £500 we will be sending a cheque for £1052.52 to Partners for Change, Ethiopia. Thank you for your support in helping us to achieve this.

Fitness Mile:

I do hope that you saw my post last week on the newsletter about the change to our Daily Mile which we are now calling the Fitness Mile. We hope to see you and some of the children using the track after school in the coming weeks.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

For details of what activities are happening, before, during and after school this term please refer to last week's newsletter.

Key Stage 2 SATs:

The statutory Standard Attainment Tests which all children in Year 6 have to take during the summer term, begin next week. They run to a strict timetable with all exams taking place in the morning as follows:

Tuesday 9 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • paper 1 (questions) • paper 2 (spelling)
Wednesday 10 May	English: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reading paper
Thursday 11 May	Mathematics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • paper 1 (arithmetic) • paper 2 (reasoning)
Friday 12 May	Mathematics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • paper 3 (reasoning)

On the morning of each exam, your child is invited to come to school from 8am to enjoy a healthy breakfast of fruit, yoghurt and pastries in the Yr. 6 classroom. Breakfast will be served at 8am so they should arrive between 8am and 8:10am before making their way to Year 6 through the hall entrance. The cost for breakfast each morning is £3; please send your child in with cash if they wish to attend.

Each day, once the tests are done, the papers will be collected up and sent away for marking. We expect to receive the results early July at which point we will share your child's results with you. Please refer to the letters emailed out to you earlier in the week.

PTA News:

If 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/1FAIpQLSfliKp7r3vtwcVlkcyCU9obt57SJysrC6DAnOgQOgdMOgupA/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. Unfortunately, they haven't arrived in time for today's celebration but they should be with us very soon.

Have a wonderful time celebrating the Coronation this 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.

8 th May	Bank Holiday to mark The King's Coronation – school closed
9 th May	Year 4 Boys' and Girls' home football matches vs Oldfield (selected children to be informed)
9 th May – 12 th May	KS2 SATs
17 th May	Year 3 Tri-Golf Festival, Courthouse Junior School 10am – 12 noon (selected children informed by letter)
18 th 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 th May	Holy Trinity Musical Evening at school
Week of 22 nd May	Scholastic Book Fair will be in school and open to customers at 3:15pm
29 th May – 2 nd June	Half Term
5 th June	Start of Term 6
5 th June – 23 rd June	Window for Y4 Multiplication Check
8 th 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 th June	PTA Race Night
10 th June	Royal Windsor Flower Show – Year 2 participation
12 th June – 16 th June	Arts & Culture Week
12 th June – 16 th June	Window for Y1 Phonics Screening
22 nd June	PTA Meeting – all welcome
26 th June – 30 th June	Devon Trip – Year 6
26 th June – 30 th June	Transition Week: Rec – Y5 (tbc)
26 th June – 6 th July	Sport Fortnight
27 th June	Junior Music Festival at The Hexagon, Reading (Year 3)
1 st July	HT Fest
7 th July	Sports Day
11 th July	Spanish Assembly (time tbc)
17 th July	Y6 Leavers' service (tbc)
17 th July	Last day of Summer Term
18 th July	First Day of summer holiday



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