



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

Drawing on our Vision and News from Around the School:

You may be aware that this week has been Children's Mental Health Week. Children's Mental Health Week is a mental health awareness week that empowers, equips and gives a voice to all children and young people in the UK. It was launched in 2015 and each year, hundreds of schools, children, parents and carers take part. Now in its 10th year, the theme this time round has been '**My Voice Matters**'.

Throughout the week, in class and in assemblies, we have tackled some of the issues around this important topic in the hope that the children feel empowered to work together to create a positive change for their mental health and wellbeing. It has been a really successful week. To see some of the resources available go to: [Children's Mental Health Week \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](http://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)

Towards the beginning of the week it was also Internet Safety Day. Our computing curriculum covers a number of topics related to this which we visit throughout the year but on Tuesday everyone focused on this year's theme: '**Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online**'. For more details and for top tips specifically for young people and parents, go to: [Safer Internet Day 2024 - UK Safer Internet Centre](http://saferinternet.org.uk)

Yesterday, Year 4 had a fabulous day out at Braywick Leisure Complex. They were part of the Ascot and Maidenhead School Sport Partnership's Primary Dance Festival 2024 which this year had the theme, '**A Splash of Colour**'. This is an annual event which brings together schools from across the borough to perform in a two day celebration of dance. It was lovely to see so many of you there. I was incredibly proud of our children who certainly wowed the audience with their intricate and cleverly choreographed routine. Three children from Holy Trinity, Jessie Brooker, Isabella Silver and Lizzie Wells performed on both days as part of an elite dance group which they had auditioned for earlier in the year. We are proud of them too.

Also yesterday, Year 6 embarked on a day learning virtually about the Arctic, with other schools from across the country. They had an interesting time meeting people and learning about a very different part of the world.

Following the completion of Round 1 a couple of weeks ago, today Year 5 enjoyed round 2 of the Learning to Work 'Junior Ascot Bake Off Competition'. We are getting ever closer to deciding which group of children will be representing our school at the event in March.

We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to come into school this week for our Open House event. It is always lovely to see how keen the children are to show you their classroom and the work they have completed in their books. Thank you for taking the time to drop in.

Fundraising for Georgia:

We are thrilled to announce that together with leadership from Izzy, Alice and Dotty we have raised £370 for former Holy Trinity pupil, Georgia Carmichael. It is great to see so many wearing her wrist bands especially knowing that the money we have collected by selling them means Georgia is well on her way to purchasing the power-assisted custom-made wheel chair she needs. Thank you for the warm welcome many of you gave Georgia when, unexpectedly, she turned up at our bake sale last week. She loved meeting the children and looking around her old school and is sure to come back at some point in the future.

Sporting Events:

On Tuesday our netball team was in action in an away game against Holyport which they won 7-2 meaning their three year winning streak continues! Then on Wednesday afternoon twenty children from across Year 5 and Year 6 took part in a Cookham and District Cross-Country Championship at the Alfred Major Recreation Ground. Six of our squad did so well that they have been selected for the National Primary Schools Cross-Country Championships next month in Loughborough. What an achievement!

Year 6 Residential Trip to Devon:

If you have a child in Year 6, this week your child has brought home a letter outlining a payment plan. You have also been given a kit list of things to start putting together for your child ahead of our departure in June. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Streames-Smith in the office.

Book Week – Monday 4th to Friday 8th March:

If you missed recent information about Book Week, it runs from 4th to the 8th March coinciding with World Book Day on 7th March. To supplement the events we have already planned, if you would like to be involved in celebrating books and the power of reading by coming in to talk to the children about something related to this topic we would love to hear from you. In the past, parents who work as journalists, or in publishing have spoken. Others who are involved in the theatre have come in and some have simply given up their time to read from their favourite children's book. Our aim is to give the pupils a range of experiences to ensure the week is memorable. Do get in touch.

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Libraries are hosting a 'World Book Day Costume Swap' event for children in the Borough at Cookham, Dedworth, Maidenhead and Windsor Library. The premise of the event is to encourage people to bring in and donate their children's old fancy dress costumes, and in return take another costume that has been donated away with them for free. This should reduce the amount of costumes going to landfill and allow children to dress up for World Book Day, without the financial burden of buying new costumes during the current cost of living crisis. You have been sent a leaflet today outlining where and when.

Finally, the latest edition of the Maidenhead's Big Read (MBR) newsletter is now available. To see what is going on during the MBR Festival, go to: [Maidenhead's Big Read Newsletter \(mailchi.mp\)](mailto:maidenhead@bigread.org)

'Diamonds are Forever' – PTA School Ball – Saturday 24th February:

With only two weeks to go until the PTA ball, the staff are getting ready to party with those of you who have already booked. If you are yet to do so, tickets cost £65 per head for a 3 course meal and entertainment. Tables can still be booked by going to:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdyTS1buw8xPWEzvR8JRF--NUvI4oOrLyORe72PEho-BeWvqg/viewform?fbclid=IwAR2KF31Nq-8lx25Qt7B1bN1U1qFbS2uGfrqXW2CbatS8POxN6HyKV5nWTnI>

Please see previous newsletter for how you can get involved in helping the team prepare for the big night.

Bags2Schools Event in Support of Partners for Change, Ethiopia:

Is it time to declutter your wardrobe? Do you need to clear space ahead of warmer weather arriving? Are you ready for some textile recycling? If so, you could help with our latest fundraising campaign for Partners for Change, Ethiopia. After half term we will be holding a Bags2School event. On Tuesday 5th March, you are invited to drop bags containing clothing at Mrs. Ransome's house next to school. They will be collected at 9:15am and converted into cash which will then be donated to the charity. Please see the flyer sent out today as an attachment for more details. Thank you.

Attendance:

As we approach the end of another term, in case you missed the information in last week's newsletter, I want to remind you that attendance at school is compulsory unless a child is poorly. Requests for holidays, even if it's just one day, should not be made; I am not permitted to grant them. Absence because a holiday has been taken goes down on a child's record as an unauthorised absence. These unauthorised absences are scrutinised by the school's Education Welfare Officer who meets with me on a regular basis and who requests meetings with parents when attendance becomes a concern.

As I'm sure you can appreciate, 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. You may be interested to read findings from some DfE research, published in 2022, which highlights the link between absence and attainment at KS2 and KS4.

[The link between absence and attainment at KS2 and KS4, Academic year 2018/19 – Explore education statistics – GOV.UK \(explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/explore-education-statistics)

The NHS website below, which shows common illness in children, offers advice on what to do if they show symptoms and what action to take when your child is poorly.

[Should my child go to school/nursery today? :: Frimley HealthierTogether \(frimley-healthiertogether.nhs.uk\)](https://www.frimley-healthier.together.nhs.uk/)

Over the last couple of weeks, several families have requested term time absence specifically for holidays which makes it very difficult for us to provide the best possible learning outcomes for your child. Please can I ask you to do all you can to avoid taking your child out of school for reasons other than illness. Thank you

Wrap Around Child Care Provision:

The borough is keen to gather your views on Wrap Around Child Care Provision and have asked all schools to share this message with their parent community in the hope that you will complete their survey:

Survey Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDRRYDdLJpqY1ZtU-Ea-it96eXRgH44TWfGiFxQ2SLDuc9gA/viewform?usp=sf_link

What is the Wraparound Childcare Programme?

Wraparound care is before and after school childcare for primary school aged children. The Wraparound Childcare Programme aims to increase the availability of wraparound childcare places, so that all families can access childcare between 8am-6pm and therefore allow parents to continue, or enter employment.

To find more information, please refer to our [Frequently Asked Question Sheet](#).

Achieving for Children acts as the children's services for Richmond, Kingston and Windsor and Maidenhead, and will be supporting officers to deliver the programme. We will use the results of this survey to prioritise certain locations, services and aspects of wraparound childcare in your area.

This survey should take 5-8 minutes to complete. **Please complete this form by end of day Friday 9th February 2024,**

Privacy notice -

Achieving for Children commits to protecting and respecting your privacy. Find information about how we store and handle information here: <https://www.achievingforchildren.org.uk/pages/privacy-and-data-protection/privacy-notices-list/privacy-notice-consultations-surveys>

Extra-Curricular activities running next term and details of providers. Please see providers for further information:

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
Spanish Club	Year 5 & 6	Monday before school at 8:20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 or francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Maths Club	KS1	Monday before school at 8:20am	Invited pupils only	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 taking part may come to school in their school PE kit to avoid the need to change
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
Art Club	Years 3 & 4	Monday, finish time 5pm	Contact Mrs Hyslop directly nickyw1@hotmail.co.uk or 07764884747	Collect from the front entrance of school
Junior Choir	Years 3 & 4	Tuesday before school, start time: 8am	All welcome, simply come along larainebrownbda@gmail.com	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 or francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Little Samurai	EYFS, Y1 & Y2	Tuesday, finish time: 4:15pm	Book directly: 07828 534817 or www.SamuraiKickboxing.com See: info@SamuraiKickboxing.com	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Football	Year 4, 5 & 6 girls' football	Tuesday, finish time 4:20pm	All girls in Year 4, 5 & 6 welcome Please note, this club begins on 20th February Please see letter circulated during the week for details	Collect from the back gate
Art Club	Year 5 & 6	Tuesday, finish time 5pm	Contact Mrs Hyslop directly nickyw1@hotmail.co.uk or 07764884747	Collect from the front entrance of school
Rock Steady	EYFS – Y6	Wednesday morning	Book directly: 0330 113 0330 see: 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 or francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive through the back door of the hall
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 or francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Collect from the front entrance of school
Yoga & Mindfulness	All	Wednesday, finish time 4:30pm	Book directly by contacting Sallie Windsor: 07846 992824 or 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, simply come along larainebrownbda@gmail.com	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Ukulele Club	Years 5 & 6	Thursday lunchtime	Mrs Lucas will be running the club for those invited	Look out for more details of an Easter Ukulele experience soon to be advertised
Young Samurai	Years 3 - 6	Thursday after school, finish time: 4:15pm	Book directly: 07828 534817 or www.SamuraiKickboxing.com See: 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 or francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive through the back door of the hall
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	Book directly: lornarennie@berkshiremaestros.org.uk	Times of lessons determined by Maestros

Educational Support and Oral Health Workshop - Sessions for Parents and Children:

The gems team will be running an online session on Thursday 29th February, 10am to 11am, for parents to: Learn more about Educational support whether formal or informal (educational setting/tutoring) with an opportunity for question at the end. The session will be run by Kate Fuller, Qualified teacher, School leader and autism advocate, Current manager of the Tuition Service for Bracknell Forest Council. The session is available for families who reside in, or have a registered GP, in East Berkshire with a child who is Autistic/ADHD (suspected/pathway/diagnosed)

To book your space contact the GEMS Team on www.gems4health.com with the following details;

- Your Full Name:
- Your email address:
- Your Phone number:
- Child's pathway:
- Local authority:
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See the flyer sent out today for further details.

The GEMS Team would also like to invite children from the ages of 5 to 10 years for a fun and interactive session to help support good oral health. Again, this is for children who live in, or have a GP in, East Berkshire and are likely to have, are waiting for an assessment, or have been diagnosed with Autism and/or ADHD. Booking can be made by going to the GEMS website.

- Date : Wednesday 6th March 2024
- Time: 4 to 5pm
- Location : Phoenix Infant Academy, Slough

Membership of National Schools Equestrian Association:

I am delighted to inform you that in the last week we have joined the National Schools Equestrian Association. The NSEA, established in 1991, is the recognised body for equestrianism in schools throughout the UK, providing inter-school competitions for team and individual riders. Mrs. Mesterhazy has kindly agreed to be our school's Team Manager. More details will be circuited in due course. Meanwhile, to find out more, go to: [NSEA - Industry experts & providers of inter-school equestrian competitions](#)

School Website:

As you might have seen in last week's newsletter, our website is in the process of being updated. Please bear with us while we complete the process.

Finally, have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 19th February at 8:45am for the start of Term 4.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

9 th February	Term ends for half term break (normal finish time: 3:15pm)
12 th – 16 th February	Half Term break
19 th February	Term starts
24 th February	PTA Ball at Odney
4 th – 8 th March	Book week
5 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations (no after school clubs running other than WrapAround4U)
5 th March	Bags2Schools event in support of PfC
7 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations (no after school clubs running other than WrapAround4U)
8 th March	Book Week Dress Up Day
15 th March	Comic Relief event (details tbc)
20 th March	PTA Meeting (details tbc)
23 rd March	Inter PTA Netball Tournament (details tbc)
27 th March	Rock Steady Concert – 9:30am
28 th March	Easter Service at Holy Trinity Church (tbc)
28 th March	End of Term – Easter break begins (normal finish time: 3:15pm)
29 th March - 12 th April	Easter Holiday
15 th April	Start of Summer Term
13 th – 16 th May	KS2 SATs
24 th May	Term ends for half term break (normal finish time: 3:15pm)
27 th – 31 st May	Half Term break
3 rd June	Term starts
3 rd June – 14 th June	Window for completion of Year 4 Multiplication Check
7 th June	PTA Disco (details tbc)
10 th – 14 th June	Arts and Culture Week
10 th – 14 th June	Window for completion of Year 1 Phonics Screening
22 nd – 23 rd June	The Big Cookham Wildlife Weekend
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
9 th July	Spanish Assembly – 9:30am
19 th July	End of Term – Summer Holiday begins (normal finish time: 3:15pm)