



KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

After another positive week, I am delighted with how the children, especially those new to the school, have continued to embrace unfamiliar classroom routines. With lots already going on, the summer holidays seem somewhat of a distant memory!

On Thursday Yr.3 started their swimming lessons at the Magnet Leisure Centre. All enthusiastically engaged in the tuition and were commended on their politeness and excellent behaviour by the bus driver who ferried them there and back. Year 5 and 6 started lessons in learning how to play the steel pans with the team from CultureMix, the rest of the school worked with other music specialists, Key Stage Two have resumed French and German lessons and we welcomed several P.E. coaches in to guide the children in a whole array of skills related to football and rugby.

Many clubs have started this week including a new addition to the schedule, 'Rock Steady'. With the aim of forming a rock bands, children worked in groups and were introduced to several instruments. With the first session going down a storm, I am looking forward to seeing how they progress over the coming months!

In Collective Worship this week, our focus was kindness as we explored how we can actively spread God's message of love by making everyone feel welcome and part of the team.

Some of our Year 6 pupils were busy tackling 11+ preparation and transfer tests. With all in place to ensure the experience was as stress-free as possible, no one seemed overly anxious or daunted by the task. If your child took the tests, their results will be with you in October.

I was delighted that so many of you were able to come along to our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings this week. I do hope you enjoyed the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and learn about timetable changes and curriculum areas we will be covering as well as get to grips with higher expectations now your child is a little older. If you were unable to come along, do refer to the school website where class newsletters containing much of the information which was discussed will be posted.

Following my plea last week for you to avoid driving along School Lane where possible and act considerately towards our neighbours, I wonder if I could also remind you not to drive into the school car park. One way traffic into the car park as staff arrive and leave makes it much safer for children as they cross the narrow entrance. Thank you.

Finally, with lots scheduled for the coming weeks, please ensure completed consent forms with payment for events are handed to the office by specified dates. Forms to be looking out for at the moment include those related to Flu immunization (Rec-Yr.4), Data Collection (All), Henley Festival visit (Yr.5 & 6), Silk Mill trip (Yr.3), 'Hobbit' travelling theatre performance (All), Harvest Festival (All) and PTA disco tickets.

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MONTHLY CALENDAR DATES

21st Sept – All – 10.30am School Harvest Festival service at Holy Trinity Church – Gifts of tins and dried food welcome

22nd Sep – All - PTA Children's School Disco

25th-28th Sep – Year 6 – Bikeability Course

27th Sep – PTA AGM at 8pm

29th Sep – Yrs. 1-6 M & M Theatre Production of 'The Hobbit'

1st Oct – Holy Trinity Church Sunday Service – (children to wear school uniform if coming along)



Cygnets Class – Savannah Youthed-Matsuaire – for settling in so well into Cygnets Class and listening to instructions from staff

Swan Class – Molly Keegan – for great writing and a positive attitude to all learning

Kingfisher Class – Bea Wylie – for being a wonderful worker in the new role of Red Fence Tidier

Gosling Class – Aria Harris – for keeping such an excellent reading diary

Teal Class – Jadie Muckle – for settling in so positively and naturally to a new term, school and class

Cormorant Class – Alice Schumacher – for getting to grips with new routines quickly, working hard and making early progress

Moorhen Class – Hashim 'Strong Man' Nazir – for coming back to school with a positive attitude ready to meet the challenges of being in Year 6