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## KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

In news this week, on Thursday the children had a fascinating talk from Wild Cookham's Mike Copland. As part of the RSPB's 'Big Garden Birdwatch' happening this weekend, the pupils were given an insight into what local birds to look out for in their gardens. If your child would like to take part in the event please copy and paste the below link into your browser to register and download a pack.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch>

Thursday was also a busy day for the netball team who were up against Cookham Dean School in an away match. The opposition fought hard but was no match for our squad who came away with a win of 7-0. Congratulations go to Max Newman for earning the 'man of the match' title and well done to the rest of the team for showing great skill and sportsmanship throughout the game.

The girls' Tag Rugby Team got off to a brilliant start in the opening round of the 6 Nations Tag Rugby Championship at Beechwood School, winning all six of the matches they played on Friday. The formidable Gibson twins played terrifically along with Leah Youthed and the pace of Natasha Harris and Sadie Huddleston also caused the opposition nothing but problems throughout the tournament. It was also great to see some less experienced players this time in the squad enjoying their rugby, one of whom was Mya Oldham who displayed some fantastic moves. Well done girls, you should be proud of yourselves!

In our final assembly of the week we welcomed Pete Jones and Sarah Parfitt from 'Partners for Change, Ethiopia' to join us. They spoke to the children about developments in Gende Testfa and in particular how the children in the school there have benefitted from our past fund raising efforts. There is no doubt that things have moved on tremendously with villagers now trained and equipped to support themselves through various projects. My thanks go to the team of Ambassadors who have worked tirelessly to make this happen.

Several reports of head lice have been passed on in the last few days. It is imperative that you check your child's hair and treat appropriately to prevent any further spread. Please continue to be vigilant.

Finally with Maths Week on the horizon and Book Week soon to follow, if you have an expertise in these fields or have a contact that does, Mr. Gosling and I would be grateful to hear from you. Our aim is to engage the children in a range of activities which really motivate and inspire them.

Anna Smith

## MONTHLY CALENDAR DATES

2nd Feb - Yr.3 Class Assembly

2nd Feb – Claire's Court Orchestral Day (selected pupils participating)

2nd Feb – Six Nations Tag Rugby Tournament (selected pupils)

5th Feb - Maths Week

12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Feb – Half Term

23<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Yr.4 Class Assembly

26<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Book Week



**Swan Class** – Lily Gethin - for consistently doing her best and for showing great improvement in the presentation of her work

**Kingfisher Class** – Matthew Lindley – for working extremely hard in writing and thus making great progress

**Gosling Class** – Zachary Evans – for working incredibly hard on his handwriting and presentation in order to gain his pen license

**Teal Class** – Joe Parrott - for excellent use of a range of punctuation in his writing

**Cormorant Class** – Alex Macleod – for completing extra work at home to support his learning in class

**Moorhen Class** – Josh Parrott – for outstanding progress in maths