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KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

In news this week Yr.6 pupils took part in a week long Bikeability course led by 'Cycle Experience'. The course is designed to teach children how to look after their bicycles as well as how to stay safe whilst out and about. Everyone successfully passed and enjoyed the opportunity to test out new skills on the roads around Cookham. Equipped with extra knowledge and confidence, the children now have a much better awareness of road safety. The instructors, Andrew, Pam and Michelle, who were full of praise for our children, did a wonderful job steering them throughout the week and ensuring that the time was valuably spent.

On Wednesday evening the PTA met for their AGM. The time was productively spent discussing future fundraising events both for parents and children. My thanks go to the committee who have worked tirelessly this year raising money for the school and in particular Claire Wright who has done a superb job as Chair Person. As she steps down, I am delighted to welcome Kristina Smith to the role along with those members of the committee who have agreed to continue in their current positions. The team will shortly be publishing their newsletter outlining what was raised this year and informing you of plans for the future.

On Thursday, the netball team had their first match of the season at Holyport School. Bearing in mind the squad has only been training for a couple of weeks, throughout the game they supported each other brilliantly refusing to give up and making the opposition work hard. Unfortunately they were unable to secure a win but all are keen to resume training next week.

Well done to the Yr.5/6 football team who had a wonderful afternoon on Thursday playing their first away games of the season against Cookham Dean and Cookham Rise. The first match against Cookham Dean was an incredibly tight game with some terrific skills on display from our boys. Man of the Match was Dominic Monger who showed great perseverance and grit. Unfortunately the final score was 1-0 to the opposition but this did not deter them and with two amazing goals from Dominic Monger and Oliver Leaf, they won their second game against Cookham Rise 2-0! Congratulations to Ollie Leaf, man of the match in the second game and all the boys for their determination and sportsmanship.

On Friday we welcomed M & M Travelling Theatre Company into school for their production of 'The Hobbit'. A great time was had by all as we were led through magical lands by mystical characters. Do ask your child about it.

Thank you so much for your generosity in providing and purchasing cakes in our cake sale after school on Friday. I am delighted to report that £182.41 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Junior and Senior Choir meet for the first time next week. This year rehearsals for those children in Yr. 3 & 4 will be held on a Tuesday morning with Yr. 5 & 6 meeting on Thursday morning. The children should arrive at school for 8am entering through the hall.

Finally I do hope to see as many of the children as possible on Sunday when we will be joining the congregation of Holy Trinity Church for their celebration of harvest. We will meet in school at 10:30am before walking to church for an 11am start.

Anna Smith

MONTHLY CALENDAR DATES

- 1st Oct – Holy Trinity Church Sunday Service – (children to wear school uniforms and meet at school at 10:30am)
- 5th Oct – Netball Match against Courthouse
- 6th Oct – Yr.5 / 6 – Henley Literary Festival
- 9th Oct – Meeting for Parents of Yr. 6 children going to Devon – Venue - Lowbrook 6.30pm
- 11th Oct – Flu immunisation
- 12th Oct – Phonics Workshop – 3.30pm – details to follow
- 13th Oct – Yr.6 – Class Assembly



- Cygnets Class** – Drake Powell – for trying so hard to learn his sounds during Phonics
- Swan Class** – James Nye – for always making a great effort with everything he tackles
- Kingfisher Class** – William Wilson-O'Byrne – for including others in play
- Gosling Class** – Jack Mustard – for incredible effort and improvement in his handwriting
- Teal Class** – Frankie Hackett – for being an excellent role model by persevering and challenging herself
- Cormorant Class** – Jack Osborne – for showing a more independent approach to learning
- Moorhen Class** – Alfie Downey – for having an outstanding attitude to learning and always trying his best