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KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Partners for Change, Progress Report:

Last Friday we welcomed Rose, and one of her colleagues from the charity Partners for Change, to assembly. Rose came in to give us an update on how the money we raised for the charity last year has been helping the children of Chole School, Ethiopia. We were delighted to learn that, through our fund raising, ninety children are now attending breakfast club each morning which is terrific news. This week I have been able to share some photos of the children who are benefitting from this initiative which Rose has since sent through. Do take a look in the Collective Worship section of Google Classroom.

Howzat!:

On Tuesday, Year 3 enjoyed a morning at Pinkneys Green Cricket Club working with a number of cricket coaches and two other schools. They took part in a carousel of activities during which several discovered that they have a hidden talent for the sport. We hope that this might spark an interest in some to engage in cricket, perhaps away from school, which is always the purpose of these events; if we can introduce the children to activities they've not tried before and help them discover a skill in something, we have done our job well!

We would like to thank those of you who took time out of your day to ferry the children there and back and hope that any inconvenience was outweighed by the delight the children had in taking part. We really are grateful for your support. With a number of rehearsals coming up for the Junior Music Festival which fall in the middle of the day, we are currently looking into the cost of hiring a coach to avoid the need to ask you for transport. We will keep you informed of any decision we make.

It's a Win for The Girls:

On Tuesday afternoon we welcomed the girls' football team from Holyport Primary to Holy Trinity for a match against our squad which was made up of girls from across Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. If you stayed and saw the game, you'll have seen how terrifically they played. Nye did a spectacular job in goal and the team worked hard to keep the ball in our half. We ended the game with a 3-0 win after a goal scored by Dublin and two scored by Lola. What a result!

The Boys' Turn:

After the girls success on Wednesday, the boys were keen to face Holyport in their away game yesterday. They played exceptionally well and worked hard against two strong teams. They won one and lost one. Well done to both teams!

Trinity Times:

I hope you spotted the story of our Year 6 intrepid explorers conquering the River Thames in the Maidenhead Advertiser last week which they spoke about in assembly yesterday. If you didn't, you can still read all about it in the latest edition of Trinity Times. Our reporters will be selling the paper all next week so do get your copy. This time, having raised £51.81 for the Book Trust last month, all proceeds from sales will go to the World Wildlife Fund, WWF. Do help them to raise lots.

Fire Safety:

After an excellent session led by local fire safety officers recently, the team returned to Year 5 this week to carry out an evaluation to determine how much they had retained. During the session they reinforced some of the key messages. They left incredibly impressed by the children who had remembered lots.

The School is Alive with the Sound of Music:

After auditions last week, yesterday Mrs. Brown was busy again auditioning children keen to perform at our Music Concert on 22nd May. Having now heard everyone who wanted to be considered, we have the difficult task of selecting who has been successful this year. The list will be shared in due course.

Art Attack:

Following the success of Mrs. Hyslop's after school art club and the fabulous work the children are doing, we have been able to celebrate two new 'artists of the month'. Alex Peet's 'fruit bowl' and Anna Brunsdon's pencil sketch of a trainer have been framed and are on display in our foyer. Do take a look.

If you follow us on social media, you will have seen that a number of classes have been getting creative in lessons. Kingfishers have been bringing the outside in using texture to reflect contrasts in nature, Goslings have been designing shields and Moorhens have used charcoal in a chiaroscuro style to produce illuminated Mayan letters, all with positive results.

No Nut/No Sesame:

Thanks to the vigilance of Miss Bowater this week who spotted a Nutella bar in a child's packed lunch box, we were able to avert an incident and effectively safeguard our more vulnerable pupils. We have a number of children in our school who have severe allergies and for whom coming into contact with nuts or sesame seeds can be life threatening. Please help us to protect these children by remembering we are a **no nut, no sesame** school; on no account can food containing even traces of these items be sent in. Thank you

Open House:

After our recent parents' evening, we are inviting you to see your child's books in one of two Open House events next week. These will be immediately after school on Tuesday, for Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6), and on Wednesday, for EYFS and KS1 (Reception – Year 2). We hope you are able to find time with your child(ren) to walk through their books hearing from them what they have been learning about. This is also your opportunity to have those face-to-face conversations with teaching staff which some of you may welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

If you are wishing to buy brand new school uniform, we have a selection of jumpers, blazers, skirts and cardigans in the office which we are trying to clear in order to create space. They will be on sale at knock down prices next week so look out for bargains outside Year 3 and Year 4 during our Open House event.

Cookham Festival News:

As I mentioned last week, we are delighted to be on the bill at this year's Cookham Festival. Our choirs head off next Friday for a morning of rehearsals before their performance of 'Wind in the Willow' later in the day. With events kicking off this weekend, we hope you find something to enjoy. 'Rogue Opera' who visited school last year during our Arts and Culture Week are performing on Friday 10th May and Toscana Strings, who came more recently to entertain everyone with their version of 'Wind in the Willows' during Book Week, will be back on 11th May with another story set to music, this time 'Monkey Puzzle'. On Sunday 19th May several children at our school will be performing at the Oveys Farm Family Concert and former pupil Sean Pow will be on stage at Formosa Fest the day before. There are also a number of events around the Cookham Dig, some of which your child may be interested in, notably: [History Is Fun: A Games Workshop for all budding historians & archaeologists at Cookham Dean Village Hall event tickets from TicketSource](#)

Tickets for all events can be booked by going to: [Cookham Festival event tickets from TicketSource](#).

The Big Cookham Wildlife Weekend – message from Brian Clews of Wild Cookham:

Well, we are getting nearer the Big Wildlife Weekend of June 22nd/23rd, and so far it has been more like winter than spring! But we are confident the number of creatures that can be found in your garden will be at its peak by our big date.

Hopefully you will have received your packet of seed for your wildflower patch via the school and if you haven't created your mini-meadow yet, there is still time to do so. The packets contain the Adrian Doble seed mix comprising several hundred individual seeds of about 20 different types, so plenty of variety for pollinating insects.

For the weekend itself we are creating ideas of how to take part, including a detailed search under leaves, bricks, and shrubs for spiders and insects, monitoring flowering plants for bees, wasps and hoverflies, a bit of pond-dipping with net and tray for aquatic mini-beasts, and a list of all the birds one sees. We also advocate tapping low branches etc over a tray to see what other amazing bugs and creatures tumble out to be identified. And at night, placing a white sheet over a clothes horse and shining a bright light onto it after dark and wait to see how many types of moth alight upon it.

We are also doing a talk on The Big Weekend as part of the Cookham Festival programme at 12noon Sunday 5th May, so do go to the booking site to get your tickets. <https://www.cookhamfestival.co.uk/event-calendar> where you can also sign up for our four Nature Walks in the Odney Estate on the Tuesdays and Thursdays. We will have more packets of seed there (also available at Daisies Café) and our pond creation booklets (which are also available at The Little Bookshop).

Parking Update:

I trust you saw my email earlier in the week about parking. Since then, I have spoken to Councillor Mark Howard about what we can all do to increase the safety of pedestrians and avoid antagonising our neighbours. One of the things that would really help in any decision-making process would be to learn how many of you use a vehicle to bring your child(ren) to school and from which direction you come. To help to gather that information, next week we will be sending out a short survey for you to complete, the results of which we will pass on so that a measured and effective plan can be made. Alongside this, please continue to send in any thoughts you have, all of which will be shared.

It has also been suggested that photographs of vehicles showing number plates clearly which are parked illegally or inconsiderately should be collated. If you can keep sending these in via email marked 'parking offence', I can ensure they are passed on to the relevant body.

I hope that the extra parking you were signposted to in my email helps at drop-off and pick-up :

- The National Trust car park on the moor operates free parking for 30 minutes.
- The car park next to the garage on Sutton Road has a number of spaces which can be used for up to 3 hours.
- The car park for the Kings Arms can be used, however, please vacate the car park quickly once you have collected your child to allow space for their customers.

Using the school car park is not permitted at drop-off or pick-up as this creates additional problems, notably increasing the danger to pedestrians as they make their way to and from the back gate as staff are already pulling in/out. However, if it helps, from 5pm if you are picking your child(ren) from wrap around care, you are very welcome to use it. We just ask that you avoid blocking in staff and remain mindful that vehicles may be leaving. The entrance is narrow with restricted visibility.

Have a lovely weekend and we'll see you after the bank holiday, on Tuesday.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

Please note, new dates added to the calendar this week have been highlighted in blue to help you see any changes.

7 th May	KS2 Open House
8 th May	EYFS & KS1 Open House
9 th May	Year 5 Touch Rugby Festival, Desborough College, 12:30-2:30pm (selected children informed by letter)
9 th May	Year 4 Boys and Girls Football matches vs Oldfield (home) - selected children informed by letter
10 th May	Cookham Festival: Joint Concert with Cookham Schools
13 th May	EYFS Health Screening
13 th – 16 th May	KS2 SATs
16 th May	Y4 Busy Buttons Trip
20 th May	National Walk to School Week
20 th May	Year 4 Tri-Golf Festival, Winter Hill Golf Club, 10am-12:30pm (selected children informed by letter)
21 st May	Year 3 at Junior Music Festival Rehearsal (tbc)
21 st May	Year 5/6 Quadkids Festival (Outdoor Athletics), Newlands Girls School, 3:45-5:45pm (selected children informed by letter).
21 st May – 24 th May	Book Fair in school
22 nd May	Musical Evening at school 6:30pm
23 rd May	Year 3 at Junior Music Festival Rehearsal (tbc)
24 th May	Non-Uniform Day (in exchange, please donate an item to our PTA ahead of our HT Fest – more details to follow) 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
5 th June	Year 4 Trip to the West End (details yet to be confirmed in letter)
7 th June	PTA Disco (details tbc)
8 th June	Royal Windsor Flower Show
10 th – 14 th June	Arts and Culture Week
11 th June	Year 3 at Junior Music Festival Rehearsal (tbc)
13 th June	Year 3 at Junior Music Festival Rehearsal (tbc)
14 th June	Arts and Culture Week performance pm (tbc)
10 th – 14 th June	Window for completion of Year 1 Phonics Screening
19 th June	Year 6 Arthur Burgin Science Exhibition (tbc)
21 st June	PTA Quiz Night tbc
22 nd – 23 rd June	The Big Cookham Wildlife Weekend
24 th – 28 th June	Y6 Residential Trip
26 th June	Junior Music Festival Year 3
24 th – 4 th July	Sports Weeks
5 th July	Sports Day
6 th July	HT Fest
9 th July	Spanish Assembly – 9:30am
10 th July	Rock Steady Concert 9:30am
19 th July	Leavers Service (tbc)
19 th July	End of Term – Summer Holiday begins (normal finish time: 3:15pm)