



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

If you came along to last Friday's PTA Oktoberfest Quiz, thank you for your support and I hope you enjoyed the night as much as we on the staff team did. Enormous thanks go to Alex Bedwell for doing a fine job as quiz master, to Kate Winrow-Davies for driving the event and to all those who helped Kate behind the scenes preparing for it. As ever, it was a fun evening raising funds for the school which will directly impact your child.

The next PTA event is the AGM on 6th November. Do come along to hear what is planned for the coming year and enjoy wine and cheese with the team.

School Photographs:

On Monday the photographer was in school taking individual photos plus photographs of siblings together. Thank you for sending your child in looking exceptionally smart for the event. Yesterday your child was given a flyer outlining how you can see the photos that were taken and then go about ordering them. Do check in book bags for these.

Collective Worship this Week:

On Tuesday we were thrilled to welcome the Open the Book team to school. Our six visitors delivered an assembly in which the Creation Story was told. The children, who responded incredibly positively to this new way of coming together to worship, all had parts to play. We look forward to their next visit on 26th November.

Yesterday we celebrated all that is good about this time of year in our festival of harvest led by Father Stephen. The children participated in the service by reading the lesson, leading prayers and singing a range of harvest songs. The choirs, led by Mrs. Brown, also performed. Thank you for sending in so many food items which we have now passed to FoodShare Maidenhead. You were incredibly generous.

Curriculum and Phonics Workshop:

We do hope that those of you with children in Reception Class found the workshop which Mrs Nicol and Mrs Weller delivered on Wednesday useful in helping you understand the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum and our approach to teaching Phonics. The suggestions as to how you can support your child in their learning was particularly relevant as was your feedback on the online resources available through the Bug Club website which all EYFS and Year 1 children can access with the login you have been given. The resources are varied and excellent so do take a look. The slides and resources about how you can help your child with early reading has been posted on the Cygnet Google Classroom in the Classwork section under 'Curriculum Presentations' for you to refer to at points during the year.

Netball Match:

The netball squad were disappointed at the beginning of the week to learn that the school we were scheduled to play a match against on Tuesday, were unable to come. Nevertheless, they have continued their early morning training regime with Mr Lucas and are eager to get back on court for their next match later in the month. We hope the weather won't let us down. Do keep looking out for letters from Mr. Whittle about all our sporting events in which all relevant details are shared.

Football Match:

Yesterday our A and B football teams played their first match of the season against Oldfield. The boys fought hard against a tough opposition and they were not too disappointed with the final results: A team drew 1-1, B team lost 2-1.

Running Club:

Our cross-country club organised by Mr. Reynolds got off the ground on Tuesday. The children worked hard during the session and picked up some top tips from their coach. The club will resume in a couple of weeks.

Maths Club:

We are incredibly grateful to Mrs Neal and her team who come in every Friday to run a maths club, this term to Year 2 & 3, before school. From next week (18th October) maths club for those currently attending will finish and instead Mrs Neal will be targeting children in Year 5 and 6. In her sessions they will be working towards completing the Primary Maths Challenge, a nationwide maths challenge taken up by lots of schools which they will attempt during our Maths and Coding Week. This year we are celebrating 25 years of the Primary Maths Challenge so we're keen to be part of it! To find to more go to: [Primary Maths Challenge - Primary Mathematics Challenge](#)

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Please note that because of Parents' Evening, there will be no after school activities happening next week on Tuesday and Thursday other than Wrap Around Care. Unless they are booked in with Wrap Around, all children should be collected promptly at 3:15pm on those two days.

Parents' Evening:

The invitation to book a slot for Parents' Evening next week was sent out yesterday. We are looking forward to speaking to you about the progress your child is making and share strategies on how you can support their learning at home. On Monday, we will be sending out Support Plans for those children on our Special Educational Needs register so that those of you in receipt of them can discuss them with your child's class teacher. They will be sent via email. **Please note that, as it says above, there will be no after school clubs operating on Tuesday and Thursday of next week other than Wrap Around.**

Open House – 22nd & 23rd October:

In a couple of weeks' time you are invited to come into school to see your child's books, have a look around their classroom and meet staff in person. The sessions will start immediately after school so do add the date to your diary.

National Testing Programme:

Ahead of Parents' Evening, you may wish to take a look at letter sent to you today as an attachment outlining this year's national testing programme. It explains what happens at key points in a child's primary education notably at the end of EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6. Staff will be happy to answer any questions you may have about this when you meet with them next week.

Lost Property:

I trust you saw my email earlier in the week asking that you take a moment to check that all items of clothing and other equipment that your child brings into school is clearly named. Our Eco-Councillors have been assigned the task of returning named items to their owners as well as hanging any unnamed items on the wooden posts outside the Year 2 classroom. Unnamed items of clothing will be discarded at the end of the week so if you are missing something please help yourself to any of these items before Friday comes around. Thank you.

Our Eco-Councillors have been busy this week learning about World Space Week with their class mates. We have taken time to learn about key figures including Katherine Johnson and Neil Armstrong. Do ask your child what they've found out.

Science and Technology Week:

We are excited about launching our Science and Technology Week on Monday and enormously grateful to those of you who have offered to come in and talk to the children. We have lots of fascinating workshops booked which we hope the children enjoy. We will continue to post news of what is happening on our closed social media site X. If you wish to have access, please email the school with your details so we can accept you as a follower.

Book Week:

Next week the travelling Book Fair will also arrive in school. It will be set up in the library and you are welcome to come along after school with your child and make a purchase. It will be open on Wednesday and Friday. **Please note, however, because the Book Fair can't provide us with a card machine this time we are only able to accept cash.** We do hope you will visit as every purchase you make provides us with tokens which we can then use to buy books for our school.

Sporting Success

Last week I wrote about the success Mr. Reynolds has achieved in his cross-country running career. This week I have another good news story, this time about a pupil who used to attend Holy Trinity school.

Last weekend former pupil and Miss George's son, Leo Harris, competed in the National Age Group Finals and British Tumbling Championships (for gymnasts aged 17-21) where he finished 10th. He was then called on Sunday, after a late withdrawal, to compete in the British Championship in the Senior Men's category. Up against strong opposition, Leo gained his highest ever score which means he is now ranked 9th in Great Britain. We are thrilled for him and proud of his achievement!

Sunday Services at Holy Trinity School:

As you may have seen in last week's newsletter, for the next six months while the renovation work is being carried out in the church, the congregation will meet for their 11am Sunday service in our school hall starting this Sunday (13th October). We are delighted to be able to support Father Stephen and the local community during this time and hope that you may be able to join them for some of the services here. If you are able, do come along on Sunday; I hope to see you.

Job Vacancy – Lunchtime Supervisor and School Business Manager:

We continue to looking for someone who might be interested to join our team of lunchtime supervisors on a daily or part-time basis and for a school business manager to work full time in the office. If you, or anyone you know, are interested, the details for both roles can be found on our website along with an application form: [Vacancies | Holy Trinity C. of E. Primary School \(holytrinitysch.co.uk\)](http://www.holytrinitysch.co.uk/vacancies)
Do spread the word!

Have a lovely weekend when I hope the sun will shine for you.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

Please continue to refer to this section in our newsletter throughout the year as new dates are added in order to keep on top of what is coming up in school. We will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible. Anything new will be highlighted in blue.

14 th – 18 th October	Science & Technology Week
14 th October	Y5 Girls Football Festival at Braywick (selected children informed by letter)
15 th & 17 th October	Virtual Parent Consultations (information to follow)
15 th – 22 nd October	Travelling Book Fair in school
17 th October	A and B team football matches v Holyport (away) Selected children informed by letter
22 nd October	KS2 (Year 3-6) Open House Session to view classrooms 3:15pm -4pm
23 rd October	EYFS & KS1 Open House Session to view classrooms 3:15pm -4pm
23 rd October	Year 3 Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum
23 rd October	A team netball match v Cookham Dean (home) Selected children informed by letter
19 th October	PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale
28th Oct – 1st November	HALF TERM
6 th November	PTA Annual General Meeting
8 th November	Year 1 Trip to Windsor Castle
11 th – 15 th November	Maths & Computing Week
11 th November	Remembrance Service at Cookham War Memorial
15 th November	Children in Need
22 nd November	PTA Pyjama and Popcorn Party
1 st December	Cookham Christmas Street Fayre
2 nd December	NCMP Year 6 screening
3 rd December	Year 5 Trip to the Harry Potter Studios
4 th December	Year 6 Trip to Bletchley Park
10 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 2pm
11 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 6pm
12 th December	PTA Carols in the Courtyard
18 th December	EYFS & KS1 Trip to the Braywick Pantomime
19 th December	Christmas Lunch
20th December – 6th Jan	Christmas Holiday
3 rd – 7 th March	Book week
4 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations
6 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations
1 st May	Year 4 Trip to Starlight Express, Wembley Park Theatre
12 th – 15 th May	KS2 SATs
9 th – 13 th June	Arts and Culture Week
23 rd – 27 th June	Y6 Residential Trip
23 rd – 3 rd July	Sports Fortnight
4 th July	Sports Day