



KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

HT Fest:

If you were able to come along to Saturday's HT Fest, I hope you enjoyed the event. It was lovely to see so many of you here despite a rather soggy start and the England win was a spectacular way to end the day. My thanks go to all of you who helped in one way or another. Whether it was setting up or packing down, running a stall or providing entertainment, keeping everyone fed or watered, thank you; what a terrific team effort. It was also wonderful to see so many children take to the stage. Providing a platform for them to perform in front of such a large audience brings so many benefits. My thanks, in particular, go to Sam and Kate along with the PTA Committee who worked tirelessly planning the festival and ensuring all went to plan on the day. It was a great success; **we raised in total £2850.16** all of which will support the work we do in ensuring the very best learning experience for your children. Thank you everyone!

Spanish, Rock Steady and Steel Pan Performances:

If you were able to come along to any of the extra activities we have organised this week, the Spanish assembly, the Rock Steady concert and the steel pan lesson, I hope you enjoyed being in school. All three events celebrated just how much progress the children have made in specific areas of the curriculum. I was enormously impressed.

Berkshire School Games:

On Tuesday a number of children from Year 3 and Year 6 went along to the Berkshire School Games at Braywick Leisure Centre. This small scale Olympic style event gave hundreds of children across the county a chance to meet and compete against each other in a number of sporting activities. Year 3 took part in a cricket competition and Year 6 in a touch rugby event. Both involved completing skill based activities before a series of competitive games.

In the afternoon the children took part in 'Active 60' where they tried out different sports including fencing, cycling, break dancing and wrestling. The teams were awarded medals related to sports values. Our children came away with medals for team work and determination; we were proud of them all.

Building Bird Boxes with Bisham Nest Box Group:

Having successfully raised £98 at HT Fest selling popcorn and cakes and encouraging others to take part in games they had invented, the Eco-Council worked with Brenden from Bisham Nest Box Group on Wednesday afternoon to construct bird boxes from the kits they had bought with the money. These are going to be put up around the school in the hope that birds come to roost.

Year 2 Trip to Tumblestone Hollow:

Yesterday, Year 2 had a fabulous time at Tumblestone Hollow, an adventure play area just outside Henley Upon Thames. The design of the park is based around a book written by author Amy Sparkes called 'The Legend of Tumblestone Hollow'. Throughout the day the children encountered characters and explored the magic as they played, learnt and enjoyed the outdoors in a visually inspiring environment. We do hope your child came home telling you all about the adventures they had.

Summer Reading Challenge:

On Wednesday we were thrilled to welcome Maddie from Maidenhead Library who came in to talk to the children about this year's Summer Reading Challenge. It's easy to sign up and by doing so, the children will have access to all sorts of treats as they read over the summer. Many expressed an interest in taking part so we encourage you, if you can, to take your child to Cookham Library to sign them up. Certificates will be presented to those children who do complete the challenge at the start of the Autumn Term. For details go to: [Summer Reading Challenge](#)

Sports Day:

We are really hoping that the weather doesn't prevent us from inviting you in to see the children compete in track events on Monday afternoon. As the email on Friday last week explained, we will begin at 1:30pm to give us enough time to run through each of the races before normal finish time at 3:15pm. Apologies in advance if we have to cut the toddlers', mums' and dad's

aces; we hope this won't be too much of a disappointment. We still propose scoring each race which will help us decide a winning House so that the triumphant House Captains can deliver their speeches as they receive the trophy.

If you are available to come, please arrive at 1:15pm and make your way through the main entrance to the field. At the end of the event, the children will go first back up to school before you leave to go and collect them in the normal way and take them home. After school clubs will run as usual.

We are incredibly grateful to Mrs Ransome for coordinating the setting up of gazebos again on Monday morning. Thank you if you are coming along to help. All we now need to do is pray for good weather. If it does rain, the event will be cancelled; we have no alternatives date to move it to.

Swan Upping Trip:

On Tuesday, Year 5 will be making their way to the slipway at The Ferry from where they will watch the Royal Swan Uppers collect data. We are thrilled to be part of this very special annual event.

Leavers' Assembly:

With only a week of primary school to go before they head off to pastures new, we are preparing to say goodbye to our Year 6 Leavers. Parents of Year 6 children are invited to attend a special assembly on the last day of term when we will celebrate all they have achieved. We will start at 10am so do arrive at the front entrance just beforehand to reserve yourself a seat.

Traffic Concerns:

I am grateful to those of you who have really supported us and the local community in trying to tackle parking issues which has resulted in no recent complaints. That was until the beginning of the week when I received two email outlining concerns. Both relate to the danger of vehicles reversing onto Sutton Road from Black Butt Cottages. A complaint has also since been received about parents parking directly across pavements. I hope this serves as a gentle reminder so we can return to a situation where the children's safety is, for everyone, a priority.

Parents & Carers Cyber Choices Webinars:

This week we have received an email from the royal borough asking us to circulate a message from Thames Valley Police about webinars for parents and carers on cyber choices, focusing specifically on educating young people about computer misuse offences and safeguarding them from committing them. These sessions last around an hour and are totally FREE to attend. They are aimed at parents/carers of a wide range of children/young people, from KS2 pupils (7-8 year olds) right up to college/university students (18+) Each webinar covers the same material, so if you are interested you only need sign up for one of them. They can be booked now via this link: [Cyber Choices by Police - South East Cyber | Eventbrite](#)

In addition the team in Cyber Protect are running separate webinars also for parents and carers with a focus on protecting children from online threats. These sessions – also FREE - can be booked here: [Online Safety for Parents by Police - South East Cyber | Eventbrite](#)

End of Term Arrangements:

Finally, now the end of term is approaching, your child will come home with their annual report on Wednesday. Results for those children who have been part of this year's national testing programme (Y1 – Phonics Screening, Y4 – Multiplication Check, Y6 – KS2 SATs) will be inside envelopes with their report.

On Wednesday please send your child to school with a plastic bag in which to put, along with their report, completed exercise books. These will be sent home with the children for them to keep. Unfinished exercise books will remain in school for them to use in September.

Please can we also request that you settle any outstanding debt on Scopay before next Friday. This might include payment for Early Bird Club and school dinners. Although it might seem a long time away, we would be most grateful if you could also ensure that you have ordered school meals for your child for when they return in September. Food orders will be placed during the school holiday so our catering team need this information as soon as possible. Thank you

Have a lovely weekend and we'll see you on Monday for the final week of this academic year with the children wearing smart PE kit and with water bottles in the hope that the afternoon events go ahead.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

15 th July	Sports Afternoon from 1:15pm (1:30pm start) Usual finish time at 3:15pm with clubs running as normal
16 th July	Swan Uppings – Year 5 out
17 th July	Reports and used exercise books to come home (please send in a large plastic bag)
19 th July	Leavers Service 10am
19 th July	End of Term – Summer Holiday begins (normal finish time: 3:15pm)