



KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Maths and Computing Week:

As we come to the end of our second themed week of the academic year, I hope your child has come home speaking positively about the learning which has taken place. A visit from Brickies earlier in the week was a huge hit as was the day we had yesterday with Frank from the Bubbly Maths Company. The children have also enjoyed workshops led by a number of parents who, by focusing on elements of maths and computing, have also opened the children's eyes to a range of career opportunities. Our thanks go to Mr Cuin-Wood, Mrs Sewell, Mrs Neal and Mrs Bedwell all of whom have done a wonderful job engaging the pupils. Aside from this, we have explored the lives of significant mathematicians and famous computer scientists and used very practical ways to introduce the children to a range of topics, some of which have taken the learning outside. The weather has been on our side which has helped to make the week exciting and memorable.

Today it was wonderful to see how the children and staff have embraced our fund raising challenge by coming dressed only in colours on a Rubik's Cube. Together we have raised £343.65 which will be sent off to Children in Need next week. Thank you so much for your support and generosity.

Remembrance Day:

If you were able to attend our Remembrance Service at the War Memorial, perhaps you were as moved as I was by the way our Year 6 children led the school in reflection. I was proud of everyone who took part on such a special and poignant occasion.

Last Sunday Holy Trinity Church held their service of remembrance which began at the War Memorial and ended in our school hall. 175 people attended including our Junior and Senior Choir who sang at the end of the service. With help from Mrs Laraine Brown, they did a superb job and received lots of praise from the congregation. I was proud of them too.

The choir have a number of 'gigs' coming up soon, all of which have been listed in the calendar. Look out for emails from Mrs Brown containing details.

Sports News:

Yesterday our football squad was out in action against Courthouse in away games. Both our A team and B team played in matches that were hotly contested. Sadly the A team lost 3-0 but the B team held out for a 0-0 draw. Regardless, all the boys showed great sportsmanship and, while disappointed not to secure any wins, they didn't let it show.

Open Evening:

On Wednesday of next week we will be holding our annual Open Evening. This is a very important date in our school calendar so everyone has been busy preparing for it. We are enormously grateful to the children in Year 5 and Year 6 who have volunteered to stay back, show parents round and answer questions. If your child is attending, please refer to the letter (sent again as an attachment) for details on where and when to drop your child off if they are coming for the later session and what you should send them to school with if they are staying for both. Please note, **drop off and collection is from the back door of the hall only**; the front entrance is for our visitors to use. Do spread the word.

On Wednesday please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform and looking smart with polished shoes!

Swimming for Year 3:

If you have a child in Year 3, I hope you saw my email on Tuesday. As a reminder, for the lifesaving/water safety session on Tuesday, your child should bring long trousers and a long sleeved top in their swimming bag along with the usual items. Please refer to the email for details.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

For details of extra-curricular activities on offer this term and information on who to contact if you would like to secure a place for your child, see last week's newsletter where all clubs are listed. Please note, a boys' lunchtime football club is starting next week. This is for boys in Year 3 to Year 6 and will happen on a Monday. Please see the flyer sent out today. There are still places available at the girls' lunchtime football club which runs on a Wednesday. The children taking part have been instructed to bring in only tracksuit bottoms and a hoodie to put on over a shirt for these sessions as changing time is tight. Contact iPro for details.

Year 6 Trip to Bletchley Park:

If you haven't already seen it, please look out for the letter about Year 6's trip to Bletchley Park on 4th December which was emailed to you this week. To secure a place for your child on the trip, please respond by 28th November. Thank you.

PTA News:

A week today the PTA will be holding a Popcorn and Pyjama Party. Tickets need to be pre-booked so to do so go to:
<https://forms.gle/DCAQGwDSWjsZ9bPB9>

Our thanks go to the PTA who are coordinating with us all a number of Christmas events sure to excite the children. We remain enormously grateful for the support you give our school through the PTA; without you the committee are restricted in what they can do. The money you raise makes an enormous difference in allowing us to complete projects which other wise would have to be prioritised and therefore take longer to accomplish. All directly benefit the children in enhancing the environment and their learning experience. Thank you.

Lions Club of Maidenhead School Talent Show:

If you saw my newsletter last week you will know that tomorrow three of our children, Daisy Dawkes, Jude Jones and Joel Statham, will be performing in a talent show organised by the Lions Club of Maidenhead School at Furze Platt Senior School. All funds raised will go to the Alexandra Devine Children's Hospice Service so if you are free, do come along to support our talented trio. It promises to be a good show! A flyer has been sent out again if you are interested.

EYFS & KS1 Nativity:

Now the children are busy learning words and practising songs, we are getting increasingly excited about inviting you to our Nativity. Information about how to book tickets will be circulated in the newsletter in the next couple of weeks so do look out for details to avoid disappointment.

The PTA have very kindly offered to coordinate a costume exchange for us with details of how this is going to work soon to be posted on their Facebook page. Our Eco-Council are particularly grateful to them!

Finally, this week we have welcomed a new member of staff to Holy Trinity. Ms Nicky Wong has joined our team of lunchtime supervisors and is already making a positive contribution. We are delighted to have her.

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.

16 th November	Lions Club of Maidenhead School Talent Show (see flyer for details of how to get tickets)
19 th November	A team netball match v St Edmund Champion (home) Selected children informed by letter
21 st November	B team football match v St Edmund Champion (home) Selected children informed by letter
22 nd November	PTA Pyjama and Popcorn Party
30 th November	Cherry Pickers Seniors' Christmas party at Cookham Dean village hall - 3.50pm SENIOR choir performing
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
5 th December	A team football match v Braywick Court (home) Selected children informed by letter
10 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 2pm
11 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 6pm
12 th December	PTA Carols in the Courtyard
17 th December	Carols by Candlelight with the Junior and Senior Choir - 6.30pm in school
18 th December	EYFS & KS1 Trip to the Braywick Pantomime
19 th December	Christmas Lunch
20 th December – 6 th 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