



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

Following last week's hectic but hugely successful Arts and Culture Week, we've all been grateful for a slightly less busy few days. That said, a number of events have happened which the children certainly seem to have enjoyed.

Mighty Mathematicians Take on Rival Schools:

On Tuesday a team of three Year 2 children, Olivia, Jayan and Teddy, travelled to White Waltham where they took part in the annual Mighty Maths Competition run by the Rotary Club and attended by the Mayor of Maidenhead. Although they didn't come away with a prize, they did have fun and represented our school brilliantly.

Young Scientists Shine in this year's Arthur Burgin Science Exhibition:

On Wednesday afternoon Year 6 enjoyed setting out the experiments in the hall which they have been working on independently and at home for the past fortnight. It was fabulous to see such an array of projects and lovely that so many of you took the time to visit their exhibition and ask questions. The winner of the Arthur Burgin prize has now been decided and the shield will be presented at the end of term.

Arthur Burgin, since deceased, was Chair of Governors at Holy Trinity School some time ago. He had a great interest in science and when he left, the project was born. Soon to head off to secondary school where the demands on working independently are far greater, it gives our Year 6 leavers an opportunity to do something entirely on their own away from the classroom. It is a test of their skill, their motivation and their desire to achieve. We are proud of all those who exhibited and spoke so passionately about the work they had undertaken and the journey it had taken them on.

Collective Worship With Father Steve:

We were delighted to welcome Steve to school on Tuesday when he spoke about the importance of being oneself. We took time to celebrate everyone's talents and uniqueness in an assembly which interested and excited us all.

Our Journey Towards Achieving a Silver Attachment Aware School's Award:

Last year we were successful in achieving a bronze Attachment Aware School's Award, an accreditation which aims to ensure that everyone within an educational environment has a good knowledge of the needs of children and young people who have experienced adversity and of the strategies and resources that are available to meet such needs. Achieving the award recognises the commitment schools have in developing a culture of compassion and nurture, which plays a pivotal role in getting children and young people into a state of 'learning readiness'. The award is issued only to those educational establishments that can demonstrate that they have met its rigorous quality standards and can maintain them over time, so we were delighted to be awarded bronze last year.

Proud of such recognition and achievement, this year we decided to go for silver. On Tuesday we received a visit from Joanna Western, Attachment and Trauma Informed Practice Lead. She spent time speaking to a number of children some of whom showed her around school. She asked about projects we have been working on and she was particularly interested to hear how we promote pupil voice. We now wait to see if we have been successful in achieving the silver award.

Year 6 Residential Trip:

On Monday we head off to CRS Adventures in Devon with the Year 6 children. If you have a child going on the week's residential we shall see you at school on Monday just before 7:30am. In packing this weekend, please refer to the packing list you have recently been sent, along with the document outlining contact details and arrangements for the journey there and back.

Transition:

Please refer to last week's newsletter about our transition programme this year.

Class photos – Monday 17th June:

On Monday the photographer was in school taking class photos and individual photographs of Year 6. As soon as proofs are with us, we will send out details of how you can go about ordering images.

Summer Camp at HT School:

If you missed the news last week, this summer 'Skools Out' holiday club comes to Cookham. It will be run by Mrs. Hyslop, Ms. George, Mrs. Maxwell and Mrs. Hatch at Holy Trinity School from 19th to 30th August. The team will offer a range of kids' activities including sport, arts & craft and games. Further details will follow in due course but to register interest at this stage, please email htskoolsout@gmail.com

Summer Art Club:

In addition to the summer camp at the end of the holiday, Mrs Hyslop will be running an 'Inspire Art Club' at the beginning. It will take place on Friday 26th July for Years 3-6. If you are interested in securing a place for you child, please email nickyw1@hotmail.co.uk or text 07764884747 for more info.

PTA Quiz:

It was with great disappointment that this evening's PTA quiz was cancelled because of lack of numbers. The good news is that another date will be set, probably in October. My thanks go to the team who organised the event and who are willing to hold on to those questions ready for next time.

Have a wonderful weekend and I shall look forward to seeing those of you with children in Year 6 bright and early on Monday morning ready to head off to Devon.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

Please note, any new dates added to the calendar will be highlighted in blue to help you see any changes.

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
27 th June	Year 5 participating at the Borlase Hockey Festival at Marlow Hockey Club 9-11:30am (tbc)
28 th June	Year 5 participating in the Brownlee Triathlon at Bracknell Leisure Centre 11-1:00pm (tbc)
24 th – 4 th July	Sports Weeks
2 nd & 3 rd July	Transition Days
5 th July	Sports Day
6 th July	HT Fest
9 th July	Spanish Assembly – 9:30am
9 th July	Berkshire Games – all day event at Braywick (selected team of Y3 and Y6 attending - letters sent to specific pupils)
10 th July	Rock Steady Concert 9:30am
10 th July	Steel Pan Concert for parents of Year 5 and Year 6 – 2:30pm
19 th July	Leavers Service (tbc)
19 th July	End of Term – Summer Holiday begins (normal finish time: 3:15pm)