



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

PTA Popcorn & PJ Party:

If you have booked a place for your child at the PTA Popcorn & PJ Party this evening, we are looking forward to seeing them. Reception and Key Stage 1 children should arrive at the front entrance at 4:45pm ready to be let in. However, please note, collection at 6pm is from the back of the hall. If your child is attending an after school activity club, you should collect them as usual from the club, take them home to change and then bring them back to school at the relevant time with only the items needed for the party. I appreciate there is only a small window between some clubs finishing and the EYFS/KS1 party starting but you coming to pick them up between events means that their school items (book bags, coats, packed lunch boxes) aren't left on site. We also don't have staff available to change the children or supervise them before the party starts. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Children in KS2 should arrive at the front entrance at 6:15pm. There may be a slight delay before they are admitted to give us chance to hand over our youngest children safely from the back of the hall. Thank you for your patience. Collection of KS2 children is at 8pm, also from the back of the hall.

All are invited to bring a blanket and pillow; we simply ask that you ensure your child has everything they brought with them before they leave. Thank you.

Open Evening:

It has been a busy week for everyone in school because of our Open Evening on Wednesday. It was, however, a huge success. Lots of parents came and they spoke positively about everything they saw. The Year 5 and 6 children who stayed, fifty-four in total, did a superb job showcasing lessons and acting as tour guides. They received many compliments from our visitors and made us all proud.

Sports News:

It was a disappointment that the netball match planned for Tuesday had to be cancelled. However, yesterday our football squad were able to play their home game against St Edmund Campion School. Despite no win, the boys worked well as a team and represented our school with great sportsmanship.

Year 3 Swimming:

If you have a child in Year 3, thank you for sending them in this week with additional kit for their water safety lesson. They learnt a number of skills all designed to prepare them should anything untoward ever happen around water. Next week, we are back to the usual kit: costume, hat, goggles and towel.

Primary Maths Challenge:

After the success of the maths club Mrs Neal and her team have run before school for selected children in Year 5 and 6, this week they attempted the 'Primary Maths Challenge'. Results have been submitted so we wait to see if we have been successful in moving into the next round. We will keep you posted.

Christmas Unwrapped with Wayne Dixon:

On Wednesday a frequent visitor to Holy Trinity, Wayne Dixon from 'Christian Connections in School' came to deliver a workshop to Year 6. In 'unwrapping Christmas', he dispelled myths and really got the children thinking about this special time of year. We enjoyed working with him on this latest project.

Christmas Lunch:

If you are yet to order a Christmas lunch via Scopay for your child, the deadline to do so is today. Please ensure an order is placed by midnight tonight; we are unable to cater for any orders beyond this time because of the deadline we have been given to place food orders. For further information, please refer to the email that was sent out by Mrs Lewington on 12th November. If orders have not been placed in time, you will be required to send your child in with a packed lunch on 19th December as there are no other food options available. Thank you.

PTA Christmas Cards:

The Christmas cards which the children designed as part of the latest PTA project are now available. To see how they look in print please visit www.mychildsart.co.uk/order. There are a number of products available for purchase not just Christmas cards but also mugs, tea towels, wrapping paper, and more! To view your child's design, please refer to the leaflet your child brought home today. The key information you need requires the Username: **HolyTrinity3** and Access Code: **qaqxs5ds**. Hurry...if you order by **11:59pm on 3rd December** you will receive 10% off by entering the code **HolyTrinity3X24** at checkout. A percentage of all sales will be donated back to the PTA so we are enormously grateful to Mrs Taylor, mother of Aida in Reception, for coordinating this project for us. Thank you

Smartphone-Free Childhood:

Finally, you may be aware that there is a national movement to protect children from some of the dangers of being online by restricting the age at which smartphones are given. Please see a joint letter from me, Mrs Daniels (Head Teacher of Cookham Rise School) and Mrs Reekie (Head Teacher of Cookham Dean School) about this. It has been sent to you today as an attachment.

Have a lovely weekend and we shall look forward to seeing you later if your child is coming back to school for the Popcorn and PJ Party.

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.

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
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