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KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Supporting Partners for Change, Ethiopia:

We remain incredibly grateful for the support you have given us during our Lent Project raising money for Partners for Change, Ethiopia. This week Year 1 worked with Reception inviting everyone to their puzzle and games sale and Year 5 organised a book tombola. This was after their magnificent book domino run which they filmed for everyone else to see. The total amount we have raised is £1083.21 which, in assembly this afternoon, we calculated would feed breakfast to all sixty children in Tibase M School for three and a half weeks. To celebrate this success, your child is invited to come to school on Friday next week wearing the colours of the Ethiopian flag, green, yellow, red and blue. This is not a fund-raising event just an opportunity to come together in support of the charity, recognize the wonderful work they do and celebrate all we have done to support their latest project.

If you wish to find out more about the charity go to: [PFC Ethiopia – Partners for Change Ethiopia Website](#)

Supporting the Link Foundation:

Remaining on the subject of charity work, you will recall that at Christmas our chosen charity was The Link Foundation ([Link Foundation](#)), a local charity that supports children by giving them a safe and happy start in life. On Wednesday the founder of the charity, Una Loughrey, was in school to receive from the children a cheque for £457.98, something captured by the Maidenhead Advertiser. Do look out for the article in the paper and thank you for your support in allowing us to raise such a fantastic amount.

An Arctic Adventure for Year 6:

On Tuesday and again today, in a virtual workshop, Year 6 joined schools from across the country on an Arctic Adventure with Wicked Weather Watch and Create2Inspire. During the sessions they learnt about the Arctic, the tundra biome, the people that live there, the impacts of climate change upon this fragile region and its inhabitants, and how we can reduce our own carbon footprint here in the UK to ensure the sustainability of our planet. It was a fully interactive activity which the children really seemed to enjoy.

Year 3's Trip to Henley's River and rowing Museum:

Yesterday Year 3 had a wonderful time at the Henley Rover and Rowing Museum. The trip was designed to enhance their work on 'Wind in the Willows' which they've been studying this term, and it certainly did that. They had a day of exploring themes in the book, spotting wildlife along the river bank and dressing up. It was a fabulous day out.

Netball and Football News:

On Wednesday our netball team were triumphant in a home game against Courthouse Junior School. The match ended 13-2 with some excellent play all round.

Yesterday the football team was in action when they invited Lowbrook to a home game after school. They were as successful as the netballers achieving a win of 5-2. We were all thrilled with the result.

There are a couple more netball and football matches to end the term next week so do check the calendar below and look about for letters containing further details.

Inter PTA Netball Tournament – Braywick Tomorrow (Saturday 29th March) 2pm:

Following their tremendous success last year in winning the competition and earning £500 for our PTA, the PTA netball team are in action again in the annual Inter-PTA Tournament. They will be on court from 2pm up against fourteen other teams so do pop along to cheer them on if you can!

Open the Book:

Yesterday Father Stephen was back with his Open the Book team, this time to share the story of the creation. There was lots of audience participation and since his visit we've been singing the song he taught us, 'My Lighthouse'. Do ask your child about it.

Visit from Little Muddy Boots:

Also in yesterday were Little Muddy Boots, an organisation passionate about outdoor play and keen to promote the wonders of the outside world. They worked with Reception Class ahead of the children taking part in the 'Peter Seabrook Great Potato Challenge' and the wheelbarrow competition at this year's Royal Windsor Flower Show on 7th June. This year the theme is 'Patterns and Connections in Nature' so time to get creative. This links with the activity Year 4 participated in last week when they went to the Busy Buttons workshop. They created an art installation which will also be on view at the flower show. Do get your tickets and go along: it's a wonderful day out!

Year 5 Geography Field Trip:

Depending on the weather, next week Year 5 will be going on a walk around the village as part of a geography field trip. If you have a child in Year 5, please refer to the email from Mrs. Bailie sent out today.

BP STEM Competition:

Year 5 have been busy this week getting their entries ready to send to BP for a competition which focused on food and feeding our future. They were tasked with creating a ground-breaking, planet-friendly food of the future and their ideas were fabulous. Our thanks go to Mrs Sheena Brown who drew our attention to this competition. We now wait to see how successful we've been.

VE Day Celebrations:

I hope you saw the flyer last week explaining how the village is going to be celebrating 80 years since VE Day. We have begun preparing for the event with children making bunting in school. On Thursday 8th May we will be welcoming a workshop provider in to deliver sessions to every class explaining the significance of the date and bringing it to life. This has kindly been funded by the PTA. Your child is invited to come to school on 8th dressed in clothes from the era. Details will follow but I mention it now to give you plenty of time to prepare.

PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale & PTA Meeting – Wednesday 2nd April:

To find out more about our plans for VE Day and other events coming up, you are all invited to the virtual PTA meeting on Wednesday at 8pm. Details will be circulated by the team in the usual way. I do hope to see you.

After school on the same day they will be holding a pre-loved uniform sale on the playground. Do come along, support the team, grab a bargain and help save our planet!

News about the 'Attachment Aware Schools' Award': How do we support children to meet their potential at Holy Trinity?

All of the staff at our school have been trained to understand how early childhood experiences shape the view children have of themselves, and those around them. As part of this training, staff have been learning the theory behind how building relationships with pupils is crucial to ensuring that they can reach their potential whilst being happy and ready to learn. Children are taught that all emotions are valid, and important, and that naming and sharing these emotions is both healthy and helpful.

Over the last two years, Holy Trinity has been awarded both a bronze and silver Attachment Aware Schools Award from the Virtual School. This year, we are working hard to achieve a gold award. This award recognises our school's commitment to the steps we have taken to further develop a culture of compassion and nurture, which plays a pivotal role in getting our young people into a state of 'learning readiness'.

Each week, we will share with you some of the theory behind this approach, news of what we are doing and suggestions for how you can help your child. It's impactful if we go on the journey together.

Rock Steady Concert – Wednesday 2nd April:

If your child has Rock Steady lessons, you are invited to a concert in the school hall on Wednesday starting at 9:30am. The bands are keen to play for you so do come along.

Clubs:

Please look out for flyers advertising clubs running next term. All the details you need to sign your child up are contained within the leaflets. Please book directly with the club provider. Thank you

Norden Farm Workshop:

You may recall reading about our recent workshop with Norden Farm, 'Drenched in Colour' which children in Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 enjoyed. I write now to inform you that their work will be on display in Norden Farm from 8th to 19th April. The exhibition is free so do go along if you get chance.

School Meals:

Please refer to an email which was sent out today about a slight increase to the price of school meals as from next term. The email contains all the relevant details.

Josh Mustard:

This week I was delighted to hear that former Holy Trinity pupil, Joshua Mustard, who is now in the sixth form at Sir William Borlase Grammar School, has become School Captain. This is a tremendous accolade and we wish him well as he makes the role his own.

Gas Works:

Please note the information shared on last week's newsletter about the work Cadent are due to begin replacing gas pipes along Sutton Road. The work will begin around 31st March and take approximately 34 weeks. As a result, there will be manually controlled temporary traffic lights in the village. The advice is that we all plan extra time for our journeys as they are anticipating traffic hold-ups. To find out more, refer to the letter sent as an attachment or go to: cadentgas.com/cookham

Enjoy the weekend, have a wonderful Mothering Sunday and I hope to see some of you at Braywick tomorrow cheering on our PTA netball team tomorrow!

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

<p>29th March 31st March 2nd April 2nd April 2nd April 2nd April 3rd April 4th April 4th April</p>	<p>Inter- PTA Netball Tournament – Braywick 2pm – 5pm Girls A team football match v All Saints Junior (home), selected children informed by letter A team netball match vs Furze Platt Junior (away), selected children informed by letter PTA Meeting Rock Steady Concert am PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale after school Boys and Girls team football match v Furze Platt (home), selected children informed by letter Come to school dressed in colours of the Ethiopian flag (green, yellow, red & blue) in support of Partners for Change PTA Easter Event (details tbc)</p>
7th April – 21st April Easter Holiday	
<p>21st April 22nd April 24th April 1st May 6th May 7th May 8th May 12th – 15th May 17th May 22nd May</p>	<p>Year 6 Devon Trip – Final Instalment due (please refer to letter sent 30.1.25) First day of term B team boys and A team girls football matches vs Waltham St Lawrence (home), selected children informed by letter. Year 4 Trip to Starlight Express, Wembley Park Theatre KS2 Open House EYFS & KS1 Open House VE Day 80th Anniversary (details of how we will mark this occasion will follow) KS2 SATs PTA Eurovision Song Party Y3 Junior Music Festival Rehearsal - Courthouse School am (details to be sent out in a letter)</p>
26th May – 30th May Half Term Break	
<p>9th – 13th June 7th June 8th June 12th June 13th June 17th June 18th June 23rd – 27th June 23rd – 3rd July 4th July 5th July 9th July 11th July 17th July</p>	<p>Arts and Culture Week Royal Windsor Flower Show Special Eucharist to Celebrate the Opening of Holy Trinity Church, Cookham 11am Y3 Junior Music Festival Rehearsal - Courthouse School am (details to be sent out in a letter) Arts and Culture Week Performance pm EYFS Trip to Braywick Nature Centre Arthur Burgin Science Exhibition – Year 6 Y6 Residential Trip Sports Fortnight Sports Day HT Fest Rock Steady Concert am Spanish Assembly 9:30am Last day of term & Leavers' Service</p>