



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:

This time last week we were busy getting ready for the PTA Popcorn and PJ party. It was a great success. My thanks go to all those who organised the event and came along to help. The children really seemed to embrace the cinema experience but were perhaps even more excited about coming to school in the dark! The event raised close to £650 which will be spent on resources which will directly support your child in their learning. Thank you

Year 3 Swimming:

The children in Year 3 enjoyed their lesson at Braywick again this week where the instructors began the process of assessing the pupils to determine the progress they have made. Certificates will be awarded at the end of the course which finishes in a couple of weeks. Next Tuesday they should come to school with the usual kit, costume, hat, goggles and towel.

Christmas Lunch:

Orders for Christmas lunch have now closed. If you haven't ordered, please send your child to school on Thursday 19th December with a packed lunch as there are no other hot food options available.

On the 19th December, which is the penultimate day of term, we are having a Christmas jumper day to raise money for Save the Children UK. This is an event which we hold every year and which we are proud to support. On the day, there will be buckets at the gate for children to drop donations into. To find out more about the work the charity do, go to: [Christmas Jumper Day 2024 | Save the Children UK](#)

PTA Christmas Cards:

As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, the Christmas cards 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: **qagsx5ds**. 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.

Cherry Pickers Seniors' Christmas party - Cookham Dean village hall, Saturday 30th November:

Tomorrow a number of choir members will be entertaining senior citizens at Cookham Dean village hall, having been invited by Cherry Pickers to go along. Those attending should be at the hall at 3:50pm wearing something festive! You are welcome to stay with your child, otherwise pick up is at 4:35pm. We are looking forward to the opportunity to be part of this special community event again this year.

Upcoming Trips:

A number of trips have been organised before we finish for the Christmas holiday including, next week, Year 5's trip to the Warner Brothers Studio in Watford on Tuesday and the Year 6 trip to Bletchley Park the day after. We are grateful for your quick response in granting consent for your child to go and your support in making payment. Without this, trips would have to be cancelled which we are loath to do. All these events, including themed weeks, are offered to enhance the learning experience for your child and ensure that we give them opportunities which are exciting and memorable.

Cookham Christmas Street Fayre – Sunday 1st December:

What better way to welcome in December by coming along to the Cookham Christmas Street Fayre on Sunday. A number of our pupils will be singing as part of the Cookham Kids Singing Group as will Mrs Lucas and the team, The Mister Sisters Quartet. Please refer to the flyer sent out today to see the full line up.

Christmas Tree:

Our thanks go to Hilliers in Marlow who again this year have kindly given us a Christmas tree. It is now up in our hall for the children and staff to enjoy. I was also grateful to past parent Mr Mathurin for collecting it today and helping us erect it.

National Child Measurement Programme:

On Monday the nursing team will be in to carry out the annual NCMP which those of you with children in Year 6 have already received information about. The data is used nationally to support local public health initiatives, and locally to inform the planning and delivery of services for children. Please refer to the email you have already received about this.

Nativity:

Please look out for an email from the office which will be sent next week advising you on how to book tickets for our Nativity. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Carols by Candlelight:

On the evening of Tuesday 17th December our choirs would like to invite you to their Carols by Candlelight concert. It will be in the school hall at 6:30pm. Do come along if you are able.

Christmas Post Box:

Every year our Year 6 children run a school Christmas postal service. The children are invited to post their Christmas cards to others around the school in our post box in exchange for a donation to charity. Our Year 6 post girls and boys then deliver the cards to classrooms each afternoon. The post office will open on Monday and will run until the penultimate day of term.

If your child chooses to use this service, please oversee them writing the name of the recipient clearly on the envelope with the class name/year group also marked. That way we can ensure they are delivered safely. Thank you.

Christmas Charity:

We will not be charging for tickets to come to our Christmas events, instead we hope to use the opportunity to support the local charity, Link Foundation. This Christmas, after our Nativity performances and Carols by Candlelight Concert, donation buckets will be out. Money raised from our Christmas postal service will also go to the charity, details of which can be found at: [Link Foundation](#)

Sickness and Diarrhoea:

Please note we have a number of cases of sickness and diarrhoea across the school.

Finally, I write with news than Mrs Streames-Smith who has been our school business manager for the last five years has made the decision to scale back and devote her time to things beyond Holy Trinity. She has done a terrific job steering us financially and overseeing a number of projects during her time here. I am sure you will join me in wishing her every happiness as she nears retirement and starts to adopts a slightly slower pace of life.

I am delighted to also announce that we have been successful in recruiting a new Business Manager to take over. Mrs Hatch, who you will know as one of our highly skilled teaching assistants will be filling the role. Before coming to Holy Trinity, Mrs Hatch worked extensively in the business world so she brings with her a wealth of knowledge and expertise as well as the advantage of knowing the workings of our school inside out. She is very excited to take on this senior leadership role and ready to embrace the new challenges which await. Mrs Streames-Smith remains with us during a handover period so you will continue to see her up until Christmas after which Mrs Hatch will take over completely. We are delighted with this appointment and know that you too will support Mrs Hatch in her new job.

This does mean that we are looking to recruit a teaching assistant, details of which can be found on our website. Do help us by sharing this information widely. Thank you

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

30 th November	Cherry Pickers Seniors' Christmas party at Cookham Dean village hall - 3.50pm SENIOR choir performing
1 st December	Holy Trinity Church Christingle Service - 11am in school Cookham Christmas Street Fayre
2 nd December	NCMP Year 6 screening B team football match v Cookham Rise (home), selected children informed by letter
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 A team netball match v St Edmund Campion (home), selected children informed by letter.
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 & Christmas Jumper Day
20th December – 6th Jan	Christmas Holiday
16th January	A and B team netball matches v Courthouse Junior (away).
29th January	B team netball match v Courthouse Junior (home).
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

(Dates added since last Friday's newsletter are highlighted in blue)