

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

Success at the Inter PTA Netball Tournament:

I am delighted to start this week's newsletter with a message of congratulations to the team of mums who played superbly at last Saturday's Inter-PTA Netball Tournament at Braywick. They were victorious in all 5 of their matches which put them straight through to the final. They were up against a joint team of players from Cookham Rise and Cookham Dean schools so a lot was at stake. It was a nail-biting watch, but I am thrilled to announce that they won with a final score of 13-10. For the second year in a row they have brought home a trophy and £500 for our PTA to spend on school projects which will directly support the children in their learning. What a result!

PTA News:

Our thanks go this week to the PTA, especially Mrs Awoyemi and her team, who organised a pre-loved uniform sale for us on Wednesday and to you if you were able to attend the meeting afterwards. I'm sure you must have found it interesting hearing the views of the pupils which were shared after Kate and Gemma met with them during the day and I hope you are excited about some of the spends that were agreed. Earlier this morning, the children worked together in teams across classes, an older child with a younger one, following an Easter trail, searching for clues and solving puzzles in an event also organised by the PTA. It was fabulous and for their teamwork all were rewarded with a prize handed out as they left. Our thanks go to Kate for setting this up for us and to you; it's your fundraising which makes events like this possible.

Supporting Partners for Change, Ethiopia:

I am delighted to inform you that after our fundraising extravaganza over the last two weeks the total amount we have raised has risen from £1083.21 to £1282.42 which means we have now been able to provide the sixty children who need our help most with breakfast for 4 weeks. The children, who looked fabulous dressed in the colours of the Ethiopian flag, were thrilled with the news when it was announced in assembly earlier. Thank you again for all your support in making this happen.

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

AkzoNobel Workshop:

On Monday we welcomed a team from AkzoNobel in to work with Year 6 on their design technology project. They learnt about the company and the career opportunities it provides before diving into the products it produces. This gave them plenty of inspiration for the construction of miniature playgrounds which are now complete. Our thanks go to AkzoNobel and Learning to Work, the company who have brought us 'Heathrow Explorers' and the Ascot Bake-Off competition, without whom this wouldn't have been possible.

Visit from the Fire Service:

Yesterday, to support their work learning about the Great Fire of London, Year 1 received a visit from the Royal Berkshire Fire Service. Having built the most magnificent houses depicting Pudding Lane during the seventeenth century, the crew set them alight before the children passed buckets along a line in the hope of helping the fire fighters put it out. It wasn't long before modern day hoses were unravelled which took no time at all to extinguish the flames. It was a great spectacle all round.

Netball and Football News:

The girls' football team were in action on Monday in a game against All Saints. The teams were very evenly matched which made for a tense watch but both sides played with skill and determination refusing to allow the opposition to score. The game ended in a nil-nil draw after some spectacular saves from our goalie!

The boys' team took to the pitch yesterday playing a strong team from Furze Platt Junior in a home game. They were a little disheartened by the 6-0 final score but still proud to stand up in assembly today to be congratulated on their sportsmanship.

Our netball team also got a game in on Wednesday. This time they travelled away to Furze Platt for their final match of the season. As we have come to expect this year, they played superbly securing a phenomenal 21-2 win which means they end the season top of the league. Many congratulations to everyone in the team and a special thank you to Mr Lucas who works so hard as coach ensuring the squad's success.

Year 3 and 5 Geography Field Trip:

Taking full advantage of the lovely weather we've been experiencing, on Tuesday Year 3 and Year 5 were out and about in Cookham on field trips. Year 5, armed with iPads took photographs of scenes around Cookham ready to compare them with pictures taken in the past back in the classroom and Year 3 completed a traffic survey before visiting the church to see the exact spot where Stanley Spencer painted his famous picture. Both trips supported elements of our history, geography and art curriculum.

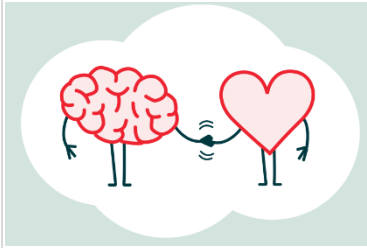
Rock Steady Concert:

On Wednesday our rock bands, in a concert to parents, showed off all they have been learning this term. They performed with confidence and style! It was a great celebration of their success.

VE Day Celebrations:

VE Day is fast approaching and we will be celebrating with Cookham on Sunday 4th May at the village picnic. We plan to add to the entertainment by singing and dancing a number which we invite you to learn with us! Mrs Lucas has posted the details on Google Classroom so do take a look.

On the actual day, Thursday 8th May, as I explained in last week's newsletter, we will be welcoming a workshop provider in to school 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. Hopefully the Easter holiday will give you time to prepare.

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

'Every interaction is an intervention' (Karen Treisman)

This quote summarises our approach to building relationships with children, which is essential for them to be in a state of 'learning readiness'.

Every time you engage with your child, whether it's a conversation, a look, or even your body language, you're shaping their experience and learning. Every interaction, big or small, has an impact. For example, when you help them solve a problem, you're not just providing an answer, you're teaching them problem-solving skills. When you're listening to them, you're teaching them that their thoughts and feelings matter. Even when you're upset, the way you handle those emotions teaches them how to manage their own.

So, in essence, you have the power to guide their development through every moment you spend together. The key is being mindful of how you communicate and respond because these small, everyday moments can be powerful interventions in their growth.

As part of the work that our school has done towards achieving our Attachment Aware Schools Award, we have ensured all staff understand that consistency is important and we believe strongly that relationships are at the core of everything we do.

School Lunches:

Please find time over the holiday to order school lunches for your child ahead of the new term starting. This will allow our catering team to place orders during the break ensuring enough stock for when we return.

Naming School Uniform:

If you could also find time during the holiday to check that names are still visible in school uniform and on other items your child brings into school, we would be most grateful. A fair bit of lost property has accumulated which we can't return as we don't know who it belongs to. If you bought clothing at this week's PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale could you make sure that names of previous owners are replaced with your child's name as not doing this also creates an issue. Thank you ever so much.

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

Church Services over Easter:

As you will be aware, while renovation is being done on the church the congregation are meeting in our school hall every Sunday for their 11am Eucharist service. Over the holiday this continues: Sunday 6th April (5th Sunday of Lent) Parish Eucharist at 11am, Sunday 13th April (Palm Sunday) 11am Parish Eucharist, Friday 18th April (Good Friday) 2pm Good Friday Liturgy, Sunday 20th April (Easter Day) 11am Parish Eucharist followed by children's Easter Egg Hunt. Do come along if you can, it will be lovely to see you.

Wild Cookham Event – Tuesday 15th April:

A message from the team at Wild Cookham:

Come along to Holy Trinity School on the evening of April 15th to hear local expert, Les Finch, tell us all about our local 'Butterflies of the Night'! Les has been studying these fascinating creatures at his Furze Platt home for many years and has written papers for the County moth recording group for much of that time. We will learn about their fascinating lives, their incredible variety and their habitat requirements, which will help us fashion our gardens to attract the widest range of these delightful insects. We will also learn what we need to monitor these creatures for ourselves, as studying them is one of the most cost-effective past-times available. There will be sample light boxes and other resources to help get us started.

So, do come along and join us.

Wild Cookham are also planning a 'Big Cookham Wildlife Festival' next month. See the flyer sent out today for details of how to get involved.

Gas Works:

Please note the information shared recently about the work Cadent are doing to replace gas pipes along Sutton Road. The work has already begun and will take approximately 34 weeks to complete. Thank you for making extra time for your journey to and from school. To find out more go to: cadentgas.com/cookham

Carpet and Upholstery Cleaners:

Recently a local company, 'Primokleen' came in to school to clean a number of carpets as well as the work pods outside Year 3 and Year 4. They did a superb job. If you are in need of any cleaning yourself, we were thrilled with the work they carried out here. Contact Ed on 07403 135302 or go to: [Carpet Cleaning Professionals - Maidenhead & All Surrounding Areas](#)

And finally, as I wrote in my email to you earlier, our final day of the Spring Term didn't quite go as we had planned. However, everyone is safe, the day was not spoilt and the children have been magnificent. Thank you for all your support today and this term. Enjoy the Easter break and we shall look forward to seeing you all for the start of the Summer Term on Tuesday 22nd April.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

7th April – 21st April Easter Holiday

21 st April	Year 6 Devon Trip – Final Instalment due (please refer to letter sent 30.1.25)
22nd April	First day of term
24 th April	B team boys and A team girls football matches vs Waltham St Lawrence (home), selected children informed by letter.
1 st May	Year 4 Trip to Starlight Express, Wembley Park Theatre (please refer to letter)
4th May	VE Day Picnic on the Moor, 12 – late, live music 12-5pm
6 th May	KS2 Open House
7 th May	EYFS & KS1 Open House
8 th May	VE Day 80 th Anniversary – come dressed in costume from the 1940s
12 th – 15 th May	KS2 SATs
12th May	Mathematical Competition for selected Year 4 pupils (4.30pm till 6pm) at Cookham Dean CE Primary School, (team to be decided)
17 th May	PTA Eurovision Song Party
22 nd May	Y3 Junior Music Festival Rehearsal - Courthouse School am (details sent out in a letter)
22nd May	Year 5 Visit to Holy Trinity Church ahead of Heritage Day (details tbc)
23rd May	Mufti Day – in exchange for tombola items for HT Fest

26th May – 30th May Half Term Break

4th June	PTA Meeting
6th June	PTA Disco (details to follow)
7 th June	Royal Windsor Flower Show
8 th June	Special Eucharist to Celebrate the Opening of Holy Trinity Church, Cookham 11am
9 th – 13 th June	Arts and Culture Week
12 th June	Y3 Junior Music Festival Rehearsal - Courthouse School am (details sent out in a letter)
13 th June	Arts and Culture Week Performance pm
17 th June	EYFS Trip to Braywick Nature Centre
18 th June	Arthur Burgin Science Exhibition – Year 6
19th June	Mathematical Competition for selected Year 2 pupils (4.15pm till 6pm) at Waltham St Lawrence Primary School, (team to be decided)
23 rd – 27 th June	Y6 Residential Trip
23 rd – 3 rd July	Sports Fortnight
26th June	Junior Music Festival – A Night at the Movies 12noon – 8:15pm (please refer to letter)
4 th July	Sports Day (no after school clubs operating)
5 th July	HT Fest
9 th July	Rock Steady Concert am
11th July	Spanish Assembly 9:30am
17 th July	Last day of term & Leavers' Service