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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

We started this week on a high with some lovely achievements which we have celebrated in assembly. Last Saturday our choirs went along to the Cherry Pickers Seniors' Christmas party to entertain the assembled crowd. They did a wonderful job and enjoyed chatting to everyone afterwards. The following day was the Cookham Christmas Street Fayre where some of our children were again on stage. The Cookham Kids performed superbly as did Mrs Lucas! Our PTA stall was very busy with many lending a hand. Thank you to those of you who helped out or were involved in the general organisation. It was a lovely way to support local businesses and bring the community together.

Also over the weekend Mrs Hyslop received an email informing her of the success of her art club in a competition they had recently entered. Against hundreds of schools who took part, they came second in the 'War Through Children's Eyes' creative competition with a moving piece which explored a world experiencing both war and then peace. Some of you might have seen it hanging in the hall. The email read:

Congratulations on your outstanding success!

We are thrilled to announce that your school has won 2nd place in our contest. This remarkable achievement is a testament to your students' exceptional talent and dedication, and we couldn't be more delighted to celebrate their success.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated in the competition. However, today is about recognizing you and your school's outstanding contribution.

The response to this competition was overwhelming, with hundreds of entries pouring in from all corners of the UK.

This initiative, launched by the Azerbaijani community in the UK, is part of our remembrance campaign dedicated to the 30th anniversary of the Khojaly massacre of Azerbaijani civilians in 1992. Beyond this, we dedicate your students' winning entries to every child worldwide who has been a victim of war. Your work has illuminated the untold stories of millions of children who have suffered the unimaginable horrors of conflict.

Thank you for continuing to nurture your students' empathy and creativity. Together, their voices can make a meaningful difference in raising awareness for children affected by war.

Their success has been rewarded with a certificate and Amazon vouchers which Mrs Hyslop is going to use to treat those who contributed so positively. We are proud of them all.

In other news this week, Year 5 loved their trip to the Warner Bros Studio Tour, London where they were fully immersed in everything Harry Potter related and Year 6 had a fascinating tour of Bletchley Park. Our football team was in action first on Monday against Cookham Rise and then on Thursday against Braywick Court. Despite no wins, they supported one another and enjoyed the experience. It has been a busy but fun week.

Nativity:

Thank you for taking note of the information sent out via email on Monday about our Nativity next week. Tickets, which you are required to bring to the performance(s) you have booked seats at, were sent home yesterday in book bags. We will take a collection afterwards so if you would like to support the local charity, [Link Foundation](#), do come along with some change to drop into the bucket. We are really looking forward to seeing you.

Year 3 Swimming:

Year 3 have their final swimming lesson at Braywick next week. They should come to school on Tuesday with the usual kit: costume, hat, goggles and towel.

PTA Christmas Cards

The Christmas cards the children designed as part of the latest PTA project are still available. To take a look go to: www.mychildsart.co.uk/order where you will find a number of products available for purchase, mugs, tea towels, wrapping paper, and more! To order, the key information you need requires the Username: **HolyTrinity3** and Access Code: **qaqsx5ds**. A percentage of all sales will be donated back to the PTA. Thank you.

Carols by Candlelight:

Don't forget our Carols by Candlelight on the evening of Tuesday 17th December when our choirs will be on the stage performing. It will be in the school hall at 6:00pm, not 6:30pm as previously published. Do come along if you are able. Our choirs would love to see you!

Christmas Post Box:

Our Christmas post office run by Year 6 is becoming increasingly busy. All next week the children can continue to post their Christmas cards to others around the school in our post box in exchange for a donation to the Link Foundation charity.

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.

Cookham's Footprint:

Cookham's Footprint are holding their PRELOVED FREecycle tomorrow, Saturday 7th December between 10am to 12noon at the library, and this time it's HOMEWARE, BOOKS AND TOYS which will be available. Drop off is from 9.30am on the morning.

Finally, if you missed the information in last week's newsletter, we are in the process of recruiting 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

10 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 2pm Final Y3 swimming session
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 (not to be confused with the choir event on 17 th when solely the choirs will be performing – at our PTA event, which will finish in the hall, Mrs Lucas will be leading a sing along for all)
17 th December	Carols by Candlelight with the Junior and Senior Choir - 6.00pm in school (Please note a change to the previously published time)
18 th December	Rock Steady Concert 9:30am - School Hall EYFS & KS1 Trip to the Braywick Pantomime KS2 Christmas Party (details to follow)
19 th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day KS1 Christmas Party (details to follow)

20th December – 6th Jan Christmas Holiday

15 th January	3:30 – 4:30pm EYFS & Y1 Parent Workshops, 'Supporting your Child with Early Reading and Phonics' 4:15 – 5pm Y2 Parent Workshops, 'Understanding Teacher Assessment and Supporting your Child Through the Y2 Curriculum'
16 th January	A and B team netball matches v Courthouse Junior (away). 3:30 – 4:30pm Y3/4 Parent Workshops, 'Supporting your Child through the Lower KS2 Curriculum and the Y4 Multiplication Check' 4:15 – 5pm Y5/6 Parent Workshops, 'Supporting your Child Through the Upper KS2 Curriculum and KS2 SATs'
29 th January	B team netball match v Courthouse Junior (home).
31 st January	PTA Disco (details to follow)
4 th February	EYFS & KS1 Open House 3:15pm
5 th February	KS2 Open House 3:15pm
13 th February	Borough Dance Festival for Y4 – afternoon (date tbc)

17th February – 21st February Half Term Break

1 st March	PTA Annual Ball
3 rd – 7 th March	Book week
4 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations
6 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations
14 th March	Comic Relief (details to follow)
20 th March	Ascot Bake off Event for Y5 (details tbc)
20 th March	Y4 Trip to Busy Buttons (details tbc)
4 th April	PTA Easter Event (details tbc)

7th April – 21st April Easter Holiday

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)