



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October

6th: Maidenhead Boundary Walk
8th: Y3 @ The Living Rainforest
9th: iSingPOP Concerts @ 3pm & 6pm
9th: Cauliflower Christmas Deadline
10th: World Mental Health Day
15th: Harvest Festival
17th: Individual & Sibling Photos
17th: Y5 @ Maidenhead Mosque
18th: SEN Parent Support Group @ 8.45am
18th: Talent Show Competition
21st: Reception, KS1 & Y3 Drama Workshop
22nd: AGM @ 7.30pm followed by PTA Meeting
23rd: Year Ahead Meeting @ 7pm
24th: Y6 @ Science Museum
24th: Spooks & Sparkles Disco
25th: Break Up

November

2nd: Cookham Dean Village Bonfire Night
7th: Parent Bingo Night
18th: SEN Parent Support Group @ 8.45am
19th: Parents Evening
21st: Parents Evening
25th: Twelfth Night Performance
26th: Five to Thrive Parent Workshop @ 8.45am

December

2nd: Y6 NCMP
13th: Thames Hospice Reindeer Run

EVENTS NEXT WEEK SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

Monday 30th:

* Henley Literary Festival Week

Thursday 3rd:

* Census Day
* Y2 Active 60 Festival @ Altwood

SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE



A big thank you to all that came to the Cookham Dean stall at the Cookham Dean fete last weekend. We were so very lucky with the weather and it turned out to be sunny (albeit a bit chilly!). A big thank you too to the wonderful Year 6 who helped on the stall. All money raised will be used for school resources.

WEATHER

Please remember to send your child in with a coat - we will be out in wet weather unless it is torrential (like yesterday!). If your child wants to play on the field, then they must have wellington boots in school. Thank you for helping us to keep our classrooms clean!

FIVE TO THRIVE

We are very lucky to have Natalie Evans (a play therapist at RBWM) to run a Five to Thrive course for our parents on 26th November at 8.45am. If you would like to join us, please contact the office to confirm your place.

The Five to thrive model is a way of understanding how connected relationships are fundamental to human wellbeing and help us to build resilient communities. More than 90% of what we know about the brain has been discovered in the last 20 years or so – research in neuroscience is transforming how we think about wellbeing and resilience. One of the key findings is that people need people. This workshop will explore the five to thrive building blocks and describe a sequence of relational activities that build healthy brains in young children and maintain healthy brain function throughout their life.



ATTENDANCE

We take attendance at Cookham Dean Primary School very seriously and the government aim for all children is 96% attendance rate. Attendance that falls below 90% is categorised as persistent absence. Following DfE guidance, if your child arrives in school after 9.00am this is registered as an L code which is late for the session, after 9.30am if we have not heard from parents this will be unauthorised in the register. An attendance figure of 90% is the equivalent of a half day absence every week and half a day of lost learning which is never caught up. If you complete a request for absence form for a holiday, this will be unauthorised and may incur a fine of £60 per child per adult. Please help us to ensure that your child gets the education that they deserve.

SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL PRIORITIES

We are certainly settled into the academic year! If you would like to know more about the plans for this year, please do sign up in the office for the Year Ahead Meeting on Wednesday 23rd October at 7pm in the school hall. The school priorities for this year are:

- **Quality of Education - ensure the curriculum is ambitious and engaging for all learners**

Ensure attainment of HA in maths is in line with reading and writing.

All children are fluent in times tables appropriate to their year group.

Teachers are using adaptive teaching methods to ensure all learners are supported and challenged.

Teachers are using strategies to ensure deeper learning in history and geography.

- **Behaviour and Attitudes - ensure that all children respect themselves, each other and their environment**

Ensure a culture of inclusion across the whole school.

Achieve the Gold Award for Attachment Aware Schools Award.

- **Personal Development - ensure that all children are prepared for life in Modern Britain**

Develop a language and understanding of spirituality.

Ensure that all children are encouraged to be courageous advocates.

ERSA Seminar

Please find attached details about a seminar being held on 10th October for those parents who would like advice on emotionally related school avoidance. The seminar will feature presentations that include advice, guidance, possible strategies and services that can support parents, carers and young people who are experiencing ERSA. Following on from the presentations, there will be the opportunity for any questions, and open discussion.

CENSUS DAY - 3RD OCTOBER 2024



Every child in Reception and KS1 receive free school meals. In order for the school to be reimbursed for these meals, we have to report how many are being served on Census Day – next Thursday 3rd October. We kindly ask you to order your child a free school meal on this day. The meal will be fish and chips. Jacket potatoes will also be available. Thank you.

Turkey Cashback: 5% of order donated to PTA.

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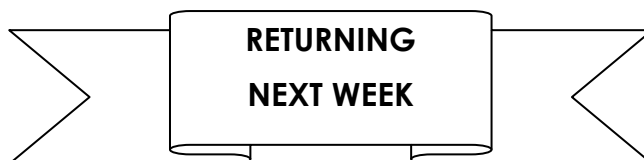
Village Fete - thank you very much to Year 1 class reps, Sophie and Sammy, for organising the PTA stall for the village fete, and to everyone who helped on the day - both on the stall and with the road closure. It's much appreciated! The stall raised nearly **£200** which is great. A large part of that was from chutney sales, so many thanks too to everyone who has made chutney!

Gravity Grand Prix - we're delighted to report that this raised just over **£2,000** for the PTA, from the cafe and the JustGiving page combined. Thank you again to everyone who supported this event.

PTA Meeting - to have your say in how this money is spent, come along to the first PTA meeting of the year, starting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22nd October at the Jolly Farmer.

Panto Tickets - these sold out really quickly! Thank you to everyone who bought tickets, and sorry to anyone who missed out. We could only get a limited number so there won't be any more available.

The 6 Rs - CHAMPION OF THE WEEK!



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For more information contact Helen Jackson,
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LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS



Wet, Wet, Wetter – our water event
7.30 pm Wednesday 16 October 2024
Cookham Dean Village Hall, SL6 9PY

Please join us to hear about three aspects of our local waterways:

Freshwater Habitats Trust - Developing the freshwater network - protecting freshwater biodiversity in the Thames catchment

South East Rivers Trust - Improving our water habitats in Cookham waterways – hear about the projects underway in Cookham's Marsh Meadow and Maidenhead Ditch

The hunt for Great Crested Newt in Cookham - come and help our grant funded project surveying ponds for the Great Crested Newt.

WildCookham@gmail.com


**October Half Term
camps**
Wed 30th Oct
Thur 31st Oct
Fri 1st Nov
All dates
9am-1pm@
Newland's sch
£35 per day
<https://readynetgo.co.uk/camp>
rngnetball@gmail.com


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7pm Saturday 12th October 2024
St Nicolas' Church, Taplow SL6 0ET
Tickets: £20 adults, £10 under 18s, Free for under 10s
Online at www.cantorumchoir.org.uk
REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1136210

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EMPOWER AND ELEVATE
OCTOBER HALF-TERM
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28.10.24 - 01.11.24
 08:00 - 17:00
 FOR CHILDREN AGED 8 TO 14.

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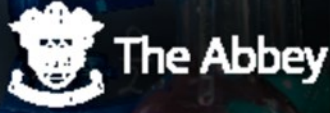
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ABBEEY FLAVOURS

Open Evening
7 October: 5pm-7.30pm

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