



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

15th: Gravity Grand Prix
19th: Cookham Dig Assembly
20th: Whole School Flu Vaccine
21st: Cookham Dean Village Fete

October

6th: Maidenhead Boundary Walk
17th: Individual & Sibling Photos
18th: Talent Show Competition
21st: Reception, KS1 & Y3 Drama Workshop
23rd: Year Ahead Meeting @ 7pm
24th: Spooks & Sparkles Disco
25th: Break Up

November

25th: Twelfth Night Performance

December

13th: Thames Hospice Reindeer Run

EVENTS NEXT WEEK SEPTEMBER

Friday 13th:

* Coffee Morning for Reception Parents @ 8.45am

SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

A huge welcome back to everyone and in particular those new children and their families who have joined Cookham Dean Primary School. I hope that you all had a good rest from ironing school uniforms, packing lunches, searching for lost ties etc etc. It is always so lovely to have that down time. But we are back in school now with renewed vigour and very much looking forward to a great year ahead.

As always, the success of your child's time at Cookham Dean is reliant on a good relationship between school and home. I have attached our home school agreement which I hope you will be able to share with your child.

As a school, we would like to feel that there are plenty of opportunities for you to get involved in whatever way you can and the teachers will talk more about this at the 'Meet the Teachers' sessions next week. If you are not able to make these meetings, you will be given a leaflet with all the information shared but if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email the office.

My door is always open for parents to discuss any issues - again just contact the office. There is also the parent forum as an opportunity to share opinions or to find out what is going on in school. Dates are on the website:

- Friday 13th December at 2.30pm
- Friday 28th March at 2.30pm
- Friday 4th July at 9am

The Year Ahead Meeting to be held on Wednesday 23rd October at 7pm is also an opportunity to find out the plans for school for this coming year and all are invited. We will endeavour to record this meeting so if you are not able to attend, you can still listen to it.



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MEET THE TEACHERS REMINDER

Year 1 – Tuesday 10th September @ 9am

Year 2 – Monday 9th September @ 9am

Year 3 – Thursday 12th September @ 9am



Year 4 – Wednesday 11th September @ 9am

Year 5 – Monday 9th September @ 2.45pm

Year 6 – Wednesday 11th September @ 2.45pm

MAIDENHEAD'S LION TALENT SHOW

Maidenhead Lion's are running a school talent show this year to raise money for Alexander Devine Hospice on Saturday 16th November (lower key stage 2 at 2pm and upper key stage 2 at 6pm) at Furze Platt Senior School Theatre. We can enter 3 acts as a school - musical, dance, comedy or magic acts. Each act must not be longer than 3 minutes. To help us decide on which 3 acts will represent Cookham Dean Primary School, we will be having our own competition on Friday October 18th in school time. If your child would like to enter then please complete the attached form and return to the school office by Friday 11th October.

The 6 Rs - CHAMPION OF THE WEEK!

RETURNING NEXT WEEK!

STREET TAG

Please see separate attachment for information about street tag - a new, fun initiative for the whole family!

RECORDER TASTER SESSION

There will be a free taster session for children in Year 2 who wish to learn the recorder at 8.35am on Wednesday 11th September. To book a place please email Catherine Downes fami-ly.downes@gmail.com

FIDGET TOYS

Lot's of children across the school have the use of fidget toys to help them focus, concentrate and stay regulated. Occupational Therapists support the use of fidget toys to aid concentration and regulation and recommend that fidget toys based on stretching and squeezing are the most effective. If you think that your child would benefit from a fidget toy to help with their attention and concentration then please speak to Miss Windle. The science behind the fidget toy:

"Movement and physical activity, including fidgeting, helps the brain to organise all of the information coming in through the different senses and so can help a child respond more appropriately to stimuli around them; it can help to wake up the lethargic and the "daydreamers", while calming down the more excitable and impulsive. Children often therefore automatically seek out this type of input (whether it is fiddling with objects, chewing their clothing, changing position or tipping their chair back) to help to regulate themselves so that they can make better sense of the world around them and respond to it. Fidgeting should therefore not be discouraged, but may need adapting if it is disruptive to others or potentially injurious to the child. Fidgeting and movement usually increase at times when a child has to focus more or is feeling overwhelmed and dysregulated e.g. in a busier environment or if they find something particularly challenging. This is simply as they are having to work harder to keep themselves calm and regulated."

COOKHAM DEAN VILLAGE FETE



The tombola stall at the village fete is in aid of CHILDLINE and the NSPCC, and we'd love any donations please. Bottles (even ketchup) soaps, candles, unwanted birthday presents (we all have them). Toys, books, games, jigsaw puzzles and last year's cuddly toy that the kids' won are perfect for the tombola. If you have anything you can spare please pop it into the Tombola box in the porch at the church - they'll be much appreciated. Last year we raised over £600 for the charities and hopefully will do the same again. Many thanks.
Sue Teasdale

METRE MARKET



On Friday 13th September we will be the chosen charity receiving proceeds from Metre Market's weekly raffle. Head to Cookham Dean Village Hall between 8.30am- 1.00pm to purchase a raffle ticket. At £5 each, you can be in with the chance of winning an incredible hamper with produce donated by their generous stallholders from local makers and creators. All proceeds of the raffle will go towards supporting our school. Visit the [Metre Market website](https://www.metremarket.co.uk/) for more details.

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PTA

We hope everyone had fantastic holidays! This is a busy half term; we have the Gravity Grand Prix, the village fete, apple chutney making, the Boundary Walk and the Spooks and Sparkles Disco all coming up.

Gravity Grand Prix - Sunday 15th September

Excitement is building for next Sunday's Gravity Grand Prix! As has now become traditional, Mrs Reekie will be bravely hurling herself down the hill at great speed, in a kart lovingly made by a group of very talented parents. Not only that, but she is offering one lucky child the chance to be Headteacher for a morning. To be in with a chance of winning this wonderful prize, all you have to do is guess what her fastest time down the hill will be. Please sponsor her [HERE](#) and include your children's names and guesses for her time in the comments on the JustGiving page. Thank you! We'd also be very grateful for more helpers in the tea room and for any donations of cake. If you can spare an hour on the day, please sign up [HERE](#). Please bring any cakes along to the village hall on the day from 10.30am onwards, or bring to pick up at school on Friday. Thank you!!

Village Fete - Saturday 21st September

Save the date! 1pm - 5pm on the village green.

Boundary Walk - Sunday 6th October

Last chance to join this fun sponsored event. Group registration closes on Monday, so please let Tessa know by Sunday evening if you'd like to take part. It's a lovely route and a great family day out; the full distance is 13.1 miles, but you can choose to walk any distance from 2.5 miles upwards - and there is also a family 4.4k option. Full details [HERE](#). For more information or to express interest please email tessaallanson@hotmail.com. We will set up a JustGiving page for sponsorship, with all money raised going to the school. Thank you!



Cookham Dean After School Clubs



- Children in years 3-6
- Wednesday 3.20-4.20pm

STARTS: 11th September
FINISHES: 27th November
11 Sessions



For more information, please contact Mitchel:
07985266203, to book your child's place please visit
<https://mwfootballcoaching.class4kids.co.uk>



Cookham & Cookham Dean Horticultural Society

FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 21st September 2024
Cookham Dean Village Hall



Over 60 classes for homegrown
fruit and veg, flower arranging,
baking, beverages, handicrafts
and children's classes too

Just 50p per entry

Childrens' Classes Free

Local Judges, Cup Presentation
and Charity Produce Auction

Entry forms and fees to be
submitted by 6pm Thursday 19th
September 2024
LATEST

For full show details and entry form go to Cookham.com, check out the Cookham Dean Village Fete Facebook page or contact helenphilip@hotmail.co.uk/07549 519246

Sponsored by Equity Networks Ltd, equitynetworks.co.uk

ENTRY FORM & SCHEDULE ATTACHED TO EMAIL

LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS



ETON ACTION FAIR ETON COLLEGE
11AM-4PM
SAT 14th SEPTEMBER

* Games and Stalls
* Performances
* Charitable Causes
* Local Artisans

ADULT £3
CHILDREN £2
All entry fees go to charity

Logos: Beat, Eton Action, Restart Africa, Rainbow Trust, Slough Refugee Support, Campaign Against Living Miserably



BERKSHIRE MUSIC TRUST
Making music for everyone

HAVE A GO!

Would YOU like to have a go on an instrument?

Come to our 'Have a Go' Event
at Newland Girls School on
Wednesday 11th September, 3:30-5pm.

There will be a live performance from the Newland Girls Big Band and a chance to come and 'Have a Go' on lots of different instruments for free!

All ages welcome, just come along and join in



Pedal To The Park

WINDSOR CYCLE HUB

For a family friendly celebration of cycling

- PrizeTreasure Hunt • Easy Cycle Routes • Try a Bike
- Bike Skills Challenges • Picnic in the park

Sunday, 15th September 2024, 11am – 3pm
The Village Green, by the Post Office, Windsor Great Park

Meet at Stag Meadow from 10.30am
Book now using this QR Code, or the Bittly link:



bit.ly/49Vskq2

For more info, visit our website or follow us:

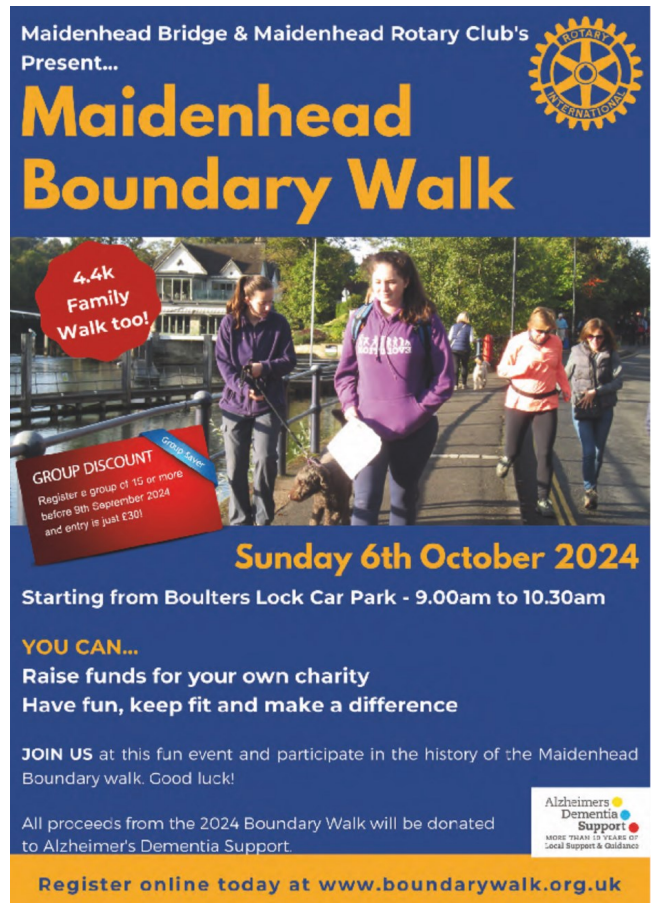


[WindsorCycleHub.org](https://www.WindsorCycleHub.org)



See us every Saturday from 11am at The Swan, Windsor SL4 5JG

Windsor Cycle Hub is a registered charity in England & Wales (1090254)



Maidenhead Bridge & Maidenhead Rotary Club's Present...

Maidenhead Boundary Walk

4.4k Family Walk too!

GROUP DISCOUNT
Register a group of 10 or more before 9th September 2024 and entry is just £30!

Sunday 6th October 2024
Starting from Boulters Lock Car Park - 9.00am to 10.30am

YOU CAN...
Raise funds for your own charity
Have fun, keep fit and make a difference

JOIN US at this fun event and participate in the history of the Maidenhead Boundary walk. Good luck!

All proceeds from the 2024 Boundary Walk will be donated to Alzheimer's Dementia Support.

Register online today at www.boundarywalk.org.uk

Logos: Rotary International, Alzheimer's Dementia Support, 100 Years of Local Support & Guidance