

Lent Rise School Newsletter

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- Easter Break** I wish you all an enjoyable and peaceful break and look forward to seeing you when school reopens on Tuesday 18th April.
- Current Building Works** I am delighted to share that the building work is now on track for the hall to be completed in time for the start of the summer term! Our Healthy School Council conducted a visit to the site with Mr Jenkins and myself a few weeks ago. In their words, they found it fascinating to learn about building insulation and to see how the builders used quirks, such as placing gloves on door hinges, to highlight any health and safety issues in particular areas.
- New Office** I am delighted with the success of the office transition and the location of our new office and I thank you for your positive feedback and patience during the building work.
- Playground Opening/Closing Times Reminders** Please note that the playground gate will be locked at 3.25 pm each afternoon, after the 3.15 pm home time collections. It will then reopen for collection from the clubs that finish at 4.15 pm and be locked again at 4.25 pm. Please can you and your children leave the playground before the gate closing times so that we can keep the school secure for those remaining on site.
- Leaving the School Grounds Outside School Hours** If you should visit after the school day has finished, you will need to leave through the main entrance, as the playground gates will be locked. We will make alternative arrangements for large events such as plays and PTA discos.
- Football** Lent Rise boys' football team played their first league match away to Butler's Court on 28th February. They dominated the first half and soon raced to a comfortable 5-0 lead. Butler's Court fought back in the second half, with the final score 8-3 to Lent Rise. A great way to start our league campaign.
Lent Rise boys' football team played Chalfont St. Peter school away on Monday 20th March. The result was 1-1, with Lent Rise scoring the opening goal in the first half. Chalfont St. Peter equalised in the second half after dominating large periods of the game. Lent Rise were able to hold on to their well-earned points thanks to the brilliant performance of our goalkeeper who made a number of high quality saves throughout the game and should be proud of the way he played.
- Updates from Parent Questionnaire Feedback: Morning Routines** Following your responses in the recent questionnaire relating to lining up in the mornings, our teachers are working on systems with the children. However, we do need your support to help with these routines too! We have received many comments from parents that teaching staff are being distracted by parents with messages first thing in the morning. Please use the office as a message system or pass your message via your child's year band teaching assistant staff, write a note in the reading diary or send an email to the school office.
- Comic Relief** This was on Friday 24th March. We raised £373 for this worthwhile charity and we all thoroughly enjoyed the day.
- March Attendance** Our overall whole school attendance figure for last month was 97%. The KS1 award went to class EW who achieved 98.5% attendance and the KS2 award to 4S, who achieved a 98.4% attendance, for the month of March.
- Film Club Award** We are incredibly proud to announce that Laura O in Class 6M has won the Review of the Week prizes this week, and has been awarded the prestigious 'Featured Review' prize for her piece on the film 'Babe'. Laura was presented with her prizes in assembly a few weeks ago and we pass on our congratulations to her.
- Flu Vaccination Update** The NHS have informed us that the flu season is now over! The final uptake for the flu vaccination at Lent Rise School is 66% for Year 1, 57% for Year 2 and 68% for Year 3.
- Road Safety** We have received several comments from local residents sharing their concerns about the safety of pupils near the busy local roads. A road safety assembly was held last week to address this topic but I also ask that you speak to your children, particularly if they walk to school unsupervised. Please also look out for the safety leaflets being sent home this week.
Here are some useful links: <http://think.direct.gov.uk/> and <http://talesoftheroad.direct.gov.uk>.
- Easy Fundraising Site** We are always on the lookout for easy ways to fundraise and although we've been registered with the Easy Fundraising website for some time, many of you may not be aware of it! It is a VERY easy way to raise funds for the school so that we can pay for things like the Science Workshops earlier this week. All you need to do is go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk and get shopping! In summary, if you link through this site when you shop, a percentage of the sale goes to a charity of your choice and that is hopefully, Lent Rise School! Happy shopping!

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PTA Reps' Meeting Feedback

At the recent PTA reps' meeting I asked for specific feedback on our Parent Packs which are currently sent out in paper form each September. The group spoke to some of you as a wider group to gain real insight into what is helpful, what could be more generally available on the website and what type of information it might be useful for parents to have access to. I am now able to begin planning ... do let your PTA reps know your ideas as we will follow this topic up next time.

The PTA reps passed on some very positive and also useful feedback about the new office. From after the Easter break, Mrs Barnard will have a 'quick drop box' positioned outside the main entrance door so you can drop off a form without having to queue. The PTA post box will be back up and running after the Easter break too.

I was asked to provide some information on clubs allocations and Mrs Barnard has highlighted this in the letter for summer term clubs.

The next PTA reps' meeting is to be held on **Friday 21st April at 9.30am**. Please do pass any feedback on parent packs to your year band rep so we can develop our exciting ideas and tailor the information to meet your needs.

Library Systems

- Once a child has moved from the book banded scheme books they are able to select books from the school library.
- Each class has a designated day and time to come to the library.
- New readers to the library will receive a book mark and, for every book that is read, they will receive a sticker and support to select appropriate reading material.
- Any child on library books is able to come any other day outside their designated day, but only during their own lunchtime.
- Our librarian, Mrs Colgate, supports this process and welcomes your comments and feedback.
- All fiction books in the library are set out under the author's surname.
- Non-fiction books are catalogued using the Dewey system.
- In the library there are different types of books available according to age, genre and an area dedicated to new readers in the library.
- We use the Junior Librarian online system to catalogue, issue and return books.
- There are eleven junior librarians from Year 6 who spend time in the library during KS2 lunch to support other children with changing their books, playing games and choosing something appropriate to read.
- The library hosts a book exchange where children can bring in books they no longer want and can exchange them for books which other children have brought in. If there is nothing that appeals to them at the time they will have their name written down by the junior librarians and they can choose again in the future.
- The outdoor library is a new and exciting space in which children can read, write or play games outside during nice weather.

	1.30 - 2.00 pm	2.00 - 2.30 pm	2.30 - 3.00 pm
Monday	6M	5J	4S
Tuesday	2E and 2H	Y1	5P
Wednesday			3J
Thursday	4R	2E and 2H	3S
Friday	1D, 1R and 1G	6S	Y2

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What have we been up to?
Year Three Update



Myths and Legends



In Literacy this term we have been looking at myths and legends. We had a go at writing our own myth in pairs. We then got the chance to act it out in front of the class. We have also looked at the legends of Robin Hood and King Arthur.



We have visited the Chiltern Open Air Museum. We undertook two history workshops, one on the Stone Age and one on the Iron Age.



**Here's what
Year 3 have
been doing
this term.**

In history we have been studying the Romans. We had a Roman Day where we learnt about Roman numerals in maths and we became the Lent Rise Legion for the afternoon. We were commanded by Legate Smith and Legate Jenkins on the playground.



In Science we have been studying rocks and soils. We have also learnt how fossils are formed.



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Term Dates

Spring Term 2017	Thursday 5 th January Tuesday 21 st February Inset Days	Friday 10 th February Friday 31 st March Wednesday 4 th January Monday 20 th February
Summer Term 2017	Tuesday 18 th April Monday 5 th June Inset Day Early May Bank Holiday	Thursday 25 th May Friday 21 st July Friday 26 th May Monday 1 st May
Autumn Term 2017	Wednesday 6 th September Monday 30 th October Inset Days	Friday 20 th October Tuesday 19 th December Monday 4 th September Tuesday 5 th September
Spring Term 2018	Thursday 4 th January Monday 19 th February Inset Day	Friday 9 th February Thursday 29 th March Wednesday 3 rd January
Summer Term 2018	Monday 16 th April Monday 4 th June Inset Days Early May Bank Holiday	Friday 25 th May Friday 20 th July Monday 23 rd July Tuesday 24 th July Monday 7 th May

Diary Dates 2017

Inset Day - (staff training day)	Friday 26 th May
Y6 SATS Week	Week commencing 8 th May
Y2 SATs Month	Month of May
Sports Week - details to follow	
Phonics Screening Week	Week commencing 12 th June
End of Year Pupil Reports Sent Home	Friday 7 th July
Business Week in School - Fairtrade theme	Week commencing 3 rd July
Business Enterprise Sales Afternoon	After school on Friday 7 th July
End of Year Celebration Assemblies for Parents	
EY -Friday 14 th July at 9.45 am	Y5 -Wednesday 19 th July at 9.20 am
Y2 - Monday 17 th July at 9.20 am	Y3 - Wednesday 19 th July at 10.00 am
Y1 - Monday 17 th July at 10.00 am	Y6 -Thursday 20 th July at 2.00 pm
Y4 - Tuesday 18 th July at 9.20 am	

2017 Residential Trip Dates

Year 5 to Shortenills	Wednesday 17 th May to Friday 19 th May
Year 6 to PGL Weymouth	Tuesday 27 th June to Friday 30 th June

Please note that all dates are subject to change.

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