

Lent Rise School Newsletter

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- Staffing News** I am delighted to announce that Mrs Chaaib's baby was born on 12th September. We wish mum and baby well!
- Scooter Rack** Thank you to all of those who raised money for the PTA last year. As well as our fabulous new screen in the hall, we now have a scooter rack! Please do bring your own padlock should you wish to leave your child's scooter at school for the day.
- Volunteers** Do you have a few hours to spare each week? Would you be interested in supporting Lent Rise pupils regularly each week? If so, we'd be interested in hearing from you. All volunteers need to have DBS clearance prior to commencement and Mrs Barnard can talk you through how to complete this.
- Before and After School on the Playground** Please can you help by supervising your children on the playground before and after school. There have been a couple of incidents reported of pre-school age younger siblings using obscene finger gestures to adults and children alike on and around the playground. If we can all work together to prevent this, before it has a knock on effect with our pupils in school, it would be much appreciated.
- Harvest Festival** In the Autumn term we hold an annual Harvest Festival week when we collect food to distribute to members of our community who would benefit and appreciate a goodie box! Last year we also donated a number of boxes of food to the local food bank who support those in need of basic food items. We plan to support them again this year and know that our pupils, as well as those receiving donations, find the experience positive. Please let us know if you are aware of any local residents who may appreciate a box and a visit, to help us make this year's Harvest celebrations as successful as last year's.
- Charity Donations** Thank you for all your generous donations on Jeans for Genes Day which totalled a magnificent £361! You also raised a staggering £475 for Macmillan on 30th September!
- Hot Meals** If your child is in EY, KS1 or is eligible for a free school meal we urge you to support us by registering for them to take up their free school meal on Thursday 6th October. The funding we receive to pay for these meals is based on the uptake on this day. If you have any queries, please speak to Mrs Barnard who will support you through the process.
- I am pleased to share that Dolce are hosting a food tasting evening on Tuesday 18th October between 5 pm and 7 pm. Please do come along and sample the food.
- Children in Need** This is a reminder that we will be holding a non-uniform day for Children in Need on Friday 18th November. The theme is once again Spots or Superheroes! We look forward to this fun fundraising day!
- Individual Photo Day** **Reminder:** A photograph company will be visiting on 6th October to take individual (and siblings within school) photographs. Proofs are sent home in your child's book bag and you can purchase various sized photographs.
- What have we been up to?** We are pleased to announce that we have a new regular section in our newsletter written by different year groups each month, sharing what they have been learning. I do hope that you enjoy reading all about life at Lent Rise!
- Easyfundraising** Please take a look at the flyer attached to find out about an easy way to support fundraising for the school.

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Mathematics Update from our Mathematics Coordinator (Miss Sayers)

As you are aware, there have been changes since September 2014 to the National Curriculum which now states in reference to maths that:

- By the end of Year 4, pupils should be able to recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12 x 12
- There will no longer be a separate calculator paper in Key Stage 2 SATs so mental calculations are gaining even greater prominence in primary schools.

These changes mean it is important for the children to learn their times tables facts and to be able to recall them quickly and accurately. To support their learning of times tables, we are pleased to inform you we will be introducing the Times Table Challenge in school for Years 1 to 6.

Every child will be assessed by their class teacher and placed on a Multiplication Marathon Challenge which is appropriate to their ability. There are two awards to achieve; the multiplication half marathon badge and the times table champion badge!

The children will take their challenge home and complete it as part of their maths home learning. To progress onto the next challenge, your child needs to complete a timed five or ten minute (depending on their stage) test, which will be given once a week during mathematics, and achieve full marks. The reason for the limited time given is to ensure children are carrying out a mental calculation rather than working it out with support. In the later marathons, the children will look at using their 'inverse' knowledge of division and further times table related facts. It is also important that children understand the relationship between multiplication and division and knowing their times table facts they can use them to help solve division sums and become a **TIMES TABLE CHAMPION!**

In the past, different year groups within our school have had different ways of running and teaching multiplication and division; however, to have a whole school challenge ensures continuity across the whole of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

We would like all children to succeed at their Multiplication Marathons! They will continue to work within school to learn their times tables but we would also like children to be encouraged to practise them at home.

Reading Update from our Literacy Coordinator (Mrs Springford)

In the summer term, Mrs Springford went to a conference all about encouraging reading for pleasure among primary school pupils and was inspired to bring in new ideas to engage Lent Rise pupils in a lifelong love of reading! She has relayed her ideas back to the rest of Lent Rise, so watch this space for new approaches to teaching reading and comprehension! One of the key speakers at the conference was Michael Morpurgo, an award-winning children's writer, who Mrs Springford was lucky enough to meet.

You may notice posters of teachers who have been 'Caught Reading' around the school. Children have been excited to see that their teachers enjoy reading in their spare time too, and hopefully will have some inspiration for new books they may want to try that their teachers have enjoyed.

We are looking forward to the grand opening of our new outdoor library which will be up and running after half term in the quiet area of the playground. Children will have the opportunity to spend some time during their lunch break borrowing books from the outdoor library and reading in a dedicated area while still getting fresh air! There will also be word games and puzzles available for pupils to try. The Junior Librarians in Year 6 will monitor its use and take responsibility for its running.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about the book exchange the Junior Librarians are running, with the help of Mrs Colgate, in the library. If you have a book you no longer read, you can bring it in to the library and exchange it for another book that someone else has brought in - a great way to discover a wider range of books!

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What have we been up to in Year 2?



This half term in Year 2 we have been reading 'How to Hide a Lion' by Helen Stephens.

We retold the story in our own words and then used spaghetti to make a lion.



My favourite part of the story is when Iris's mum finds the lion.



We have also been busy learning about hundreds, tens and units in Mathematics lessons. We have been learning some fun new games and used different resources to show the value of each digit in a 2 digit number.

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Term Dates

Autumn Term 2016	Monday 5 th September Monday 31 st October Inset Days	Friday 21 st October Tuesday 20 th December Thursday 1 st September Friday 2 nd September
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

Diary Dates 2016

PTA Annual General Meeting	Monday 3 rd October at 7 pm
Individual Photo Day	Thursday 6 th October
Parent Teacher Consultation Week	Week beginning 17 th October with Tuesday as the late night
Dolce Food Tasting	Tuesday 18 th October from 5.00 to 7.00 pm
Harvest Festival	Friday 21 st October Further details will be provided in October
Literacy Open Evening	Wednesday 16 th November from 3.30 pm to 7 pm
Children in Need	Friday 18 th November
PTA Santa's Grotto	Saturday 10 th December time to be confirmed
Early Years Christmas Play (letters regarding tickets will be circulated in November)	Tuesday 13 th December at 9.30 am Wednesday 14 th December at 2.15 pm
KS1 Christmas Play (letters regarding tickets will be circulated in November)	Monday 12 th December at 9.30 am Monday 12 th December at 2.15 pm Tuesday 13 th December at 2.15 pm Tuesday 13 th December at 7 pm (pupils to arrive at 6.30 pm)
KS2 Christmas Shows (letters regarding tickets will be circulated in November)	Years 3/4 Thursday 15 th December at 7 pm (pupils to arrive at 6.30 pm) and Monday 19 th December at 9.30 am Years 5/6 Wednesday 14 th December at 7 pm (pupils to arrive at 6.30 pm) and Monday 19 th December at 2.00 pm
PTA Early Years Christmas Party	Friday 16 th December from 2 to 3 pm
PTA Christmas Discos	Monday 19 th December - times to be confirmed by PTA

Please note that all dates are subject to change.

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