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## Welcome

Welcome to the second half of our Autumn term. This is one of the most exciting times of year when we begin to prepare for our Christmas celebrations. We hope you will enjoy practicing Christmas songs at home along with the children!

## Ofsted

Thank you to all of the parents who contributed their views to the Ofsted inspection. We will share future communications with you as soon as we are able.

## Social Media

Important Reminder: Whilst we are aware that many parents use social media including facebook and whatsapp to communicate with other parents, we do need to remind you that the appropriate ways to communicate any concerns you have to the school are through the office. by email, phone or in person. It is not appropriate to name pupils, parents or staff within any social media. We encourage you to communicate with the school directly to support any queries or questions.

## Toilets

We are delighted with our new outdoor toilet facilities. The renovations have created cleaner, safer and more pleasant toilets for the children. This would not have been achievable without the hard work of our dedicated PTA who helped to fund the project.



## English lessons

English lessons for parents are continuing after half term. Do come along and join us! Thursdays at 2pm in the community room. Bring a notebook and pen.

## Diwali PTA event

The PTA are hosting a sale of Diwali items on the playground after school on Friday 2nd November. There will be a parent running a stall selling Diwali cards, pictures, coasters and candles with donations made to PTA funds. As well as homebaked Diwali/Halloween themed cakes and biscuits with all takings made being donated.



## Second hand book sale

The second hand book sale which ran during Parent Consultation evening raised over £180 and more importantly saw lots of books finding new homes with the children.

## Rapid7 Give Back day

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October we were delighted to welcome a team of volunteers from local company Rapid7 on an annual 'Give Back' day. The team who were organised by one of our parents helped with gardening and landscaping and even managed to secure a nice bright sunny day. We extend a huge thank you to the volunteers who gave up their time to support.



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## PTA Update and new Committee members

The PTA held their AGM in October and we would like to give a huge welcome to new PTA committee members Ekta, treasurer, and Sharon, secretary who join Michelle, chair at the start of a new PTA year.

Last year saw over £8000 donated to the school including £6500 donation towards the toilets, Y6 hoodies, Coach for the Y6 residential, Early Years Teddy bears, end of year prizes, sports day rewards and much more. All this, plus the fabulous events we all enjoy, makes a considerable difference to our pupils experience at Lent Rise School. Thank you all for making this happen.

## Litter Picking

I am thoroughly enjoying regularly litter picking with pupils at lunch times. On average we collect 3 bags full of litter per week. I have been overwhelmed with the number of children volunteering to help and have needed to purchase more litter pickers! Well done and thank you to all those that volunteer.

## October's Attendance

Our overall whole school attendance figure for last month was 96%. The EY/KS1 award went to class EJ who achieved 98.1% attendance and the KS2 award to 5H and 6J, who both achieved a fantastic 98% attendance, for the month of October.

## Christmas events

Our Christmas events are changing this year. The children will be taking part in celebrations with songs, poems and readings during the school day, parents will be invited to attend but please note there will be no evening performances.

## Topic Evening

Parents are invited to visit the classroom and teachers in the hall on Wednesday 21st November from 3.30pm to see the amazing Topic work the children have been engaging in so far this term.

## Get Active Holiday Club Survey

We have launched a survey about the Get Active holiday clubs that ran during the Summer holiday. Please complete the survey to help us gather feedback and plan future provision. The survey is available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LRSgoactive>

## Music lessons

We have had lots of parents requesting information about music lessons. Buckinghamshire Music Trust currently offer classical guitar, piano and woodwind lessons at school, during the school day. Lessons are for children in Key Stage 2. If you are interested in lessons you can find out more by visiting the Buckinghamshire Music Trust website: <http://www.bucksmusic.org/>

## Staff News

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Howells, class teacher of 2H, is expecting her first child in March! We will share class teacher information in the Spring term.

Mrs Rever has now started her maternity leave and we wish her all the best for when her baby arrives.

Miss Gray, class teacher of 1G, will be leaving Lent Rise School at the end of the Autumn term as she is embarking on a magnificent adventure travelling the world. We wish her all the best and look forward to seeing her when she returns. We are currently recruiting to fill this role and will share class teacher information and arrange class handovers in the second half of the Autumn term.

## Read Write Inc workshops

We are excited to announce that we are hosting 'Read Write Inc' workshops for Early Years parents on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November. This will support you to help your child at home and also learn about the Read Write Inc scheme we use at Lent Rise to teach phonics and early writing. The sessions will run for approximately 45 minutes and will be repeated at different times as shown below; you can choose any session you attend. The times are as follows: 9.30am, 2.15pm or 3.30pm.

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## E- Safety Update

### Cyber-resilience week 5th-9th November

The internet is an amazing resource which enables children and young people to connect, communicate and be creative in a number of different ways, on a range of devices. However, the internet is always changing, and being able to keep up to date with your children's use of technology can be a challenge. You may sometimes feel that your child has better technical skills than you do, however children and young people still need advice and protection when it comes to managing their lives online. Issues that your child may encounter on the internet will vary depending on their age and online activities.

This [flyer](#) from [Childnet](#) contains further information and advice including the SMART rules for primary aged children. If you would like more information/tips on young people's safety online please visit [Childnet](#) or log in to ask the Bucks Community Safety professionals panel questions from the comfort of your own home on Thursday 8th November between 7-

9pm. <http://tvpchilternsouthbucks.coverpage.coveritlive.com>

Find out more in this [flyer](#).

If you have concerns around a child's welfare there are also a number of organisations that can help: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/need-help>.

## Anti-Bullying Week 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> November



The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2018 is: 'Choose Respect'.

We will be holding Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November, when children and staff will be asked to wear odd socks to help raise awareness of anti-bullying and celebrating difference.

The aims of the week, run by the Anti bullying alliance, is to support schools and other settings to help children and young people, school staff, parents and other professionals who work with children to understand:

- The definition of respect
- That bullying is a behaviour choice
- That we can respectfully disagree with each other i.e. we don't have to be best friends or always agree with each other but we do have to respect each other
- That we all need to choose to respect each other both face to face and online

During week children will take part in special assemblies and look at the idea of respect in class. There will also be surveys for pupil's to complete and lots of information for pupils and parents about tackling bullying. For more information visit: <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2018-choose-respect>

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## Term Dates 2018-19

<b>Autumn Term 2018</b>	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> September Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October Inset Day	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Spring Term 2019</b>	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February Inset Day	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January
<b>Summer Term 2019</b>	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June Inset Day  May Bank Holiday	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May

## Diary Dates

<b>Weds 7<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Early Years Phonics sessions
<b>Mon 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Anti-bullying week
<b>Weds 14<sup>th</sup> &amp; 15<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Year 1 trip to Burnham Library
<b>Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Wear odd socks day
<b>Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Children in Need Dress-up - spots
<b>Weds 21<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	Topic Open Evening
<b>Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Afterschool clubs finish
<b>Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Nov*</b>	*Early Years Celebration morning *please note change of date
<b>Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Flu Immunisations - EYs- year 5

### Christmas Celebration events schedule:

<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Key stage 1 ( Y1 and Y2) 9.30am Early Years Nativity 2.30am
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Early Years Nativity 9.30am Key stage 1 (Y1 and Y2) 2.30pm
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Lower Key Stage 2 (Y3 and Y4) 9.30 and 2.30pm
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Upper Key Stage 2 (Y5 and Y6) 9.30 and 2.30pm

### 2019 Residential Trip Dates

<b>Year 5 to Shortenills</b>	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
<b>Year 6 to PGL Weymouth</b>	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>

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