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Happy New Year to one and all!

A huge thank you to the army of PTA volunteers and all those that supported our amazing Christmas Bazaar! It was a fabulous day and an amazing £2550 was raised. All your support is greatly appreciated!

## Staff News

Mr Bridle is leaving us later this month to further a career outside of education; we wish him every success and happiness and well as lots of thanks for his support over the years.

I am delighted to share some exciting baby news with you; Mrs Ide is expecting her second baby in February and Miss Burniki is expected her second baby in May. Class and role cover information will be circulated in due course.

## SAT's Results

We are delighted with the pupils' SATs results across the school for 2017. The percentage of our pupils meeting the phonics threshold rose ten per cent to 87% which is well above the national average of 81%. The implementation of Read Write Inc phonics has supported this improvement.

Our KS1 pupils performed well, outperforming national comparisons in writing and maths. In particular there was a significant improvement in Writing. This increased so that 75% achieved age related expectation, an increase of 20%, with also a further 20% of pupils that achieved above age-related expectation. Enhancing the teaching of writing at KS1, with a strong focus on big writes and handwriting, as well as incorporating Read Write Inc has supported improvements.

Our KS2 results increased across the board with the percentage of pupils achieving age related expectation in reading, writing and maths rising to 73%; significantly higher than national 61%. As well as the percentage of pupils achieving age related being higher than national in all subjects, our pupils performance is significantly above national groups at greater depth in maths and reading. Pupil progress measures for the KS2 groups also increased across all subjects.

The Department for Education has a site comparing schools which can be accessed as follows

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk>

## Parent Consultation Week

Our second parent consultation week of the school year is during February 2018. There will be online booking as per the Autumn consultation week and letters outlining this will be circulated nearer the time.

## Mrs Watson's weekly catch up

Starting in January I will be holding a weekly catch up session with the children. I will be inviting 2 children from each Early Years and Key Stage 1 class to come and spend some time with me sharing what they enjoy about school life and what we could do to make it even better.

## Extra-Curricular Clubs

Extra-Curricular clubs start during the week of 15<sup>th</sup> January and run until 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Please note that NO extracurricular clubs will run during parent consultation week (26<sup>th</sup> February-2<sup>nd</sup> March)

## Parent Questionnaires

Our annual parent questionnaires will be circulated via email over the next few weeks. The responses from last year's survey were used to support developments across the school so please do take the time to respond as your views are important to us.

## December's Attendance

Our overall whole school attendance figure for last month was 91.1%. The KS1 award went to class 2H who achieved 94.9% attendance and the KS2 award to 5H, who achieved 97.1% attendance, for the month of December.

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## Grovefield House Visit

On the last week of term, children in the choir and who take piano lessons at school went to Grovefield House Hotel to perform to the people from the Bluebird Care Home. We had a very enjoyable day and the residents of the home really loved our performance. We look forward to taking part again next year.

## School Values

Our school value for this half term is Responsibility.

## Nurse Drop in Session for Parents

The next school nursing team drop in session is on the 10<sup>th</sup> January at 9.15am. This session is focused on sleep. The nursing team will welcome parents straight from the playground, after drop off through the old front door, at the top of the slope, on the playground.

## Severe Weather

Please take note of the following, **should** there be a school closure due to severe weather conditions:

- We notify Bucks County Council who announce any school closures on their website, [www.buckscouncil.gov.uk](http://www.buckscouncil.gov.uk).
- We notify the parent body by text as soon as practicably possible.
- Bucks County Council inform Radio Berkshire and Time FM who then broadcast any school closures.
- We also ensure that a notice appears on our main website, [www.lentriseshool.co.uk](http://www.lentriseshool.co.uk).

Work for pupils is put into their own year band section on the log in area of the website.

## School Library

We are changing how things run a little in our library. Mrs Truphet alongside class teaching assistants and our Junior Librarians will support the pupils when changing their library books. To support the process to be more fluid, enabling pupils to change books as a when required; KS1 pupils will be able to change their library books during sessions in the mornings and KS2 pupils will be able to change their library books each break and lunchtime.

We hope that these changes provide a more regular and less rigid system. It may take a little time to get used to the new system and feedback on this is welcomed.

## Junior Librarians

### How does the library benefit pupils?

Our library is a wonderful place where children can relax, work and play at break-times. This improves their social skills, English skills and positivity. We create a light and happy atmosphere which benefits everyone at Lent Rise.

### Our Aim Here At the Library

At the library we try to create fun for all of the pupils that spend time in this wonderful place; to ensure growth, education and laughter.

### The Book Exchange

We have a book exchange which is available to all years. Children can bring in an old book from home and exchange it for one that someone else has brought in. If there's nothing suitable, your name will be written down so that you can have another look when more books have been brought in. Further information is displayed on the librarians' noticeboard.

### Librarians' Notices

Read the Librarians' noticeboard to find out what's new in the library and read our recommended reads! We also update the 'Author of the Month' display for more inspiration of what to read.

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## Childcare Questionnaire Feedback

The Governors are grateful to you for taking the time to complete this childcare questionnaire and have confirmed that the feedback will be used to form a review later this term.

### Which class is/are your child/children in?

Answer Choices	Responses	
EJ	9.90%	10
EW	4.95%	5
1GA	13.86%	14
1GY	7.92%	8
2B	12.87%	13
2E	11.88%	12
2H	7.92%	8
3E	6.93%	7
3S	13.86%	14
4R	9.90%	10
4RA	6.93%	7
5H	7.92%	8
5P	6.93%	7
6J	2.97%	3
6S	4.95%	5
<b>Answered</b>		<b>101</b>

### Does your child attend one or more sessions per week at Rise and Shine Breakfast Club?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	36.63%	37
No	63.37%	64
<b>Answered</b>		<b>101</b>

### My child enjoys attending Rise and Shine club

Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly agree	42.42%	14
Agree	48.48%	16
Disagree	3.03%	1
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
I don't know	6.06%	2
Comment		7
<b>Answered</b>		<b>33</b>

### My child enjoys the breakfast provided at Rise and Shine club

Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	33.33%	11
Agree	36.36%	12
Disagree	0.00%	0
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
I don't know	9.09%	3
My child has breakfast before coming to club	21.21%	7
Comment		6
<b>Answered</b>		<b>33</b>

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## Childcare Questionnaire Feedback

### My child feels safe at Rise and Shine Club

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	66.67% 22
Agree	27.27% 9
Disagree	0.00% 0
Strongly disagree	0.00% 0
Don't know	6.06% 2
Comment	2
<b>Answered</b>	<b>33</b>

### I am happy with the overall provision of Rise and Shine Club

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	60.61% 20
Agree	33.33% 11
Disagree	6.06% 2
Strongly disagree	0.00% 0
Ideas for improvement:	7
<b>Answered</b>	<b>33</b>

### My child enjoys the activities at Rise and Shine

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	33.33% 11
Agree	51.52% 17
Disagree	0.00% 0
Strongly disagree	0.00% 0
I don't know	6.06% 2
Comments	9.09% 3
<b>Answered</b>	<b>33</b>

### Are you happy with the hours for Rise and Shine Club?

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	78.58% 33
No - I'd like an option to drop off at a later time for a reduced fee - please suggest time	21.42% 9

### Are you happy with the fee structure for Rise and Shine Club?

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	84.85% 28
No (please specify)	15.15% 5
<b>Answered</b>	<b>33</b>

### Have you booked using the new school gateway system?

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	54.26% 51
No	45.74% 43
<b>Answered</b>	<b>94</b>

### Please tell us why you do not use the Rise and Shine Club

Answer Choices	Responses
I do not need childcare before school	43.75% 28
I do use Rise and Shine Club but only now and then	4.69% 3
I already have other childcare in place	12.50% 8
I cannot afford the fees	1.56% 1
The provision cannot cater for my timing needs	15.63% 10
The dates I want are already booked up	9.38% 6
Other (please specify)	12.50% 8
<b>Answered</b>	<b>64</b>

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### Booking through School Gateway is an improvement on the paper system

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	43.14% 22
Agree	41.18% 21
Disagree	0.00% 0
Strongly disagree	0.00% 0
Please suggest any improvements that we could make to the system:	15.69% 8
<b>Answered 51</b>	

### Does your child attend one or more sessions per week at Orchard Afterschool Club?

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	42.27% 41
No	57.73% 56
<b>Answered 97</b>	

### My child enjoys attending Orchard club

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	35.00% 14
Agree	57.50% 23
Disagree	7.50% 3
Strongly disagree	0.00% 0
I don't know	0.00% 0
Comment	6
<b>Answered 40</b>	

### My child enjoys the snack / tea provided at Orchard club

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	35.00% 14
Agree	50.00% 20
Disagree	7.50% 3
Strongly disagree	0.00% 0
I don't know	5.00% 2
My child does not have a snack/tea at club	2.50% 1
Comment	8
<b>Answered 40</b>	

### My child feels safe at Orchard Club

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	57.50% 23
Agree	40.00% 16
Disagree	0.00% 0
Strongly disagree	0.00% 0
Don't know	2.50% 1
Comment	0
<b>Answered 40</b>	

### My child is able to complete their homework

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	55.00% 22
No	45.00% 18
Comment	24
<b>Answered 40</b>	

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**I would like more emphasis on completing homework at club than on play activities**

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	25.00% 10
Agree	35.00% 14
Disagree	37.50% 15
Strongly disagree	2.50% 1
Comment	13
<b>Answered 40</b>	

**I am happy with the overall provision of Orchard Club**

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	46.15% 18
Agree	51.28% 20
Disagree	2.56% 1
Strongly disagree	0.00% 0
Please suggest any improvements that could be made:	7
<b>Answered 39</b>	

**Please tell us why you do not use the Orchard Club**

Answer Choices	Responses
I do not need childcare afterschool	41.82% 23
I do use the Orchard Club but only now and then	7.27% 4
I already have other childcare in place	12.73% 7
I cannot afford the fees	1.82% 1
The provision cannot cater for my timing needs	18.18% 10
The dates I want are already booked up	3.64% 2
Other (please specify)	14.55% 8
<b>Answered 55</b>	

**I would be interested in holiday childcare being provided at Lent Rise School in the future**

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	87.23% 82
No	12.77% 12
Comment	26
<b>Answered 94</b>	

**Are you happy with the hours for Orchard Club?**

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	75% 39
No I would like an option to collect at a later time (if it were possible, this option may increase fees for all Orchard sessions due to the need to provide additional staff and site security).	
Please suggest a time:	25% 13

**Are you happy with the fee structure for Orchard Club?**

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	92.31% 36
No (please specify)	7.69% 3
<b>Answered 39</b>	

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### I would be interested if holiday childcare at Lent Rise was:

Answer Choices	Responses
Run by the school	74.67% 56
Run by an external provider	64.00% 48
Run by an external sports club	58.67% 44
Comment	22.67% 17
<b>Answered 75</b>	

### I would be interested in my child attending holiday provision during the summer holiday for:

Answer Choices	Responses
1 week	9.33% 7
2 weeks	28.00% 21
3 weeks	13.33% 10
4 weeks +	17.33% 13
Once a week	2.67% 2
Twice a week	16.00% 12
Occasionally	5.33% 4
Other (please specify)	8.00% 6
<b>Answered 75</b>	

### I would be interested in my child attending holiday childcare provision:

Answer Choices	Responses
Mornings only	2.67% 2
Afternoon only	1.33% 1
Full days 8am-5pm	65.33% 49
10am-3pm	13.33% 10
Other (please specify)	17.33% 13
<b>Answered 75</b>	

### Please tell us why you are not interested in holiday childcare at Lent Rise School

Answer Choices	Responses
I do not need holiday childcare	83.33% 10
It would be too expensive	0.00% 0
I already have holiday childcare in place	16.67% 2
I would prefer holiday childcare takes place outside of school	0.00% 0
Other (please specify)	0.00% 0
<b>Answered 12</b>	

There were many useful comments made throughout the survey which will be looked at individually and considered. Any changes or new provisions will be communicated later in the Spring Term.

Thank you once again for supporting this request for feedback.

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## What have we been up to?

### Year 6



In Y6 we did many fun activities based on many different subjects. We did lots of lessons to do with the Victorians in both History and English, including reading a Victorian based book and going into more detail about how Victorians lived and worked.

One of our main topics in Science was evolution and Charles Darwin. We wrote biographies about Darwin and learnt about the process of evolution. We combined Art and R.E and learnt about each religion. We got to paint lotus flowers to symbolise our understanding of Buddhism and why the flower was so significant. In P.E we were taught the different skills you need to play different sports, which was very fun.



There was also a Maths competition that Lent Rise competed in, and four Y6s entered. They got through two rounds of tough questions against seven other local schools. Unfortunately they did not win but they enjoyed the experience thoroughly.

Overall, the first term of Y6 was an amazing one and everyone is looking forward to the next one!



By Zoe and Baley 6J



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## Term Dates

<b>Spring Term 2018</b>	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February Inset Day	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January
<b>Summer Term 2018</b>	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June Inset Days  Early May Bank Holiday	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May

## Future Term Date 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 Tuesday 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>Nurse Drop in session for Parents</b>	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 9.15am - Sleep
<b>HENRY - Healthy Start training</b>	Starts Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Stationery Shop for KS2 pupils</b>	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Science Week</b>	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January - Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February
<b>Year 4 Highclere House Trip</b>	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January & Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January
<b>E-Safety Week</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>PTA fundraising non uniform day</b>	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Spring Parent Consultation Week</b>	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
<b>Book Fair in school hall</b>	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 2 <sup>th</sup> March

## 2018 Residential Trip Dates

Year 5 to Shortenills	16 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
Year 6 to PGL Weymouth	26 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2018

*Please note that all dates are subject to change.*

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