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## **New Office**

Thank you for your patience whilst the building works has been taking place at the front of the site. The end is now in sight; "Yippee!" I hear you cry.

We hope to be able to move into our fabulous new Reception office and admin space over the half term break and to be fully functioning from the new entrance office when the children return to school on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, after the half term break and our staff inset on the Monday.

The well located new ground floor office will be your main point of access and the new pedestrian gate (which will be fitted over the half term break) to the playground will be open from 8.45 am to 9.10 am every morning and 3.05 pm to 3.25 pm every afternoon. There will be no visitor access across the playground outside of these times. When entering the new main office, please buzz for access and Mrs Barnard or a member of the office team will greet you.

## **Hall Extension Area Works**

The hall extension area works are progressing well and should be fully completed in time for the Summer Term.

## **Sports Week**

This year our Sports Week will be held during the week of 19<sup>th</sup> June. Further details will follow in due course.

## **End of Year Celebration Assemblies for Parents**

Last year we swapped our end of year Key Stage 2 prize giving assemblies for year band assemblies which included prize presentations. We received positive feedback from pupils and parents on this format and will do this again this year with the following dates:

EY -Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 9.45 am

Y4 -Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 9.20 am

Y2 - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 9.20 am

Y5 - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 9.20 am

Y1 - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00 am

Y6 -Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00 pm

Y3 - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00 am

## **Spring Term Reports and Parent Consultation Weeks**

Your child will bring home their Spring Term update report just after the half term break giving you time to read it before Parent Consultation Week which commences on 6<sup>th</sup> March. We do hope that by listening to you and adjusting the timing of this consultation week, we are able to work more effectively together to support your child's learning.

## **Admissions Consultation**

A letter has been sent out with the outcome of the governing body's recent admissions consultation. Please contact the school office or visit our website if you have not received a copy.

## **January's Attendance**

Our overall whole school attendance figure for last month was 95.5%. The KS1 award went to class 1G who achieved 97% attendance and the KS2 award to 5J and 4S who both achieved 98% attendance for the month of January.

## **E-safety guidance**

There is updated safety guidance on our school's website within the e-safety section - please read on for further details.

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## What have we been up to? Year 5 Update

Year 5 have had an exciting start to the year! Here is what we have been up to...



### Science

We have begun our new science topic, Space, including an investigation into shadows and planning and teaching our own lessons based on different space topics!



*What questions do you have on space?*

### History



We began the year with our Ancient Greek day where we tasted Greek food, listened to traditional Greek music whilst dressed in Greek clothing! We had so much fun! We also created our own drama performances based on Greek myths. We were set a challenge to construct Ancient Greek temples and had to bargain for materials from our teacher.



*Would you have liked to have been an Ancient Greek?*



### Design and Technology

In DT we are making bread! We have designed our own bread product, including the packaging. We also tasted a wide variety of breads from around the world.



*How many breads have you tasted?*

We are really looking forward to the weeks ahead and hope you are too! Bye for now! From Year 5. ☺

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## Results of ICT Questionnaire

How does your child access the internet at home?	
Answer Options	Response Count
Through a family laptop or desktop computer	65
Through the child's own laptop or desktop computer	13
Through a family tablet, games console, smart TV or similar device	44
Through the child's own tablet, games console, smart TV or similar device	31
Through a parents' smartphone	21
Through the child's own smartphone	4
My child does not have access to the internet at home	0
Other (please specify)	2
<i>answered question</i>	
<b>89</b>	

Does your child complete their online homework?	
Answer Options	Response Count
Yes	79
No	10
<i>answered question</i>	
<b>89</b>	

Would your child find an afterschool online homework club useful?	
Answer Options	Response Count
Yes	56
No	33
<i>answered question</i>	
<b>89</b>	

How easy is it to access your child's online homework?					
Answer Options	Very easy	Easy	Not very easy	Extremely difficult	Response Count
	22	47	7	1	77
Please add any comments:					20
<i>answered question</i>					<b>77</b>
<i>skipped question</i>					<b>14</b>

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What prevents your child from completing their online homework?

Answer Options	Response Count
We don't know how to access the Learning World	2
We have technical difficulties with the site?	6
We cannot find the homework	2
We do not know our username or password	0
Other (please specify)	5
<i>answered question</i>	
<b>10</b>	

How would you rate each of the following elements of Lent Rise Learning Zone (VLE)?

Answer Options	Excellent	Good	Average	Not very good	I don't know	Response Count
Design	8	49	16	3	9	85
Ease of use	11	43	18	5	9	86
Navigation	7	39	24	7	9	85
Ease of access	7	45	24	1	9	86
Up-to-date	7	32	27	9	12	86
Overall	9	43	24	3	9	86
<i>answered question</i>						<b>86</b>

How confident are you as a parent when it comes to keeping your child safe online?

Answer Options	Very confident	Confident	Not very confident	Not at all confident	Response Count
	21	50	14	0	85
<i>answered question</i>					<b>85</b>

Do you use any of the following to keep your child safe online?

Answer Options	Response Count
Parental controls	55
Safe search software	25
Restricting online access	50
Having your computer in open family space	65
Discussing online safety with your child	47
Limiting time spent online	63
Other (please specify)	8
<i>answered question</i>	
<b>84</b>	
<i>skipped question</i>	
<b>7</b>	

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Have you ever attended one of the Lent Rise e-safety evenings?		Response Count
Answer Options		
Yes		18
No		68
<i>answered question</i>		<b>86</b>

Would you like more information from the school on e-safety?		Response Count
Answer Options		
Yes		62
No		24
<i>answered question</i>		<b>86</b>

What type of e-safety advice would you find most useful?		Response Count
Answer Options		
Further e-safety sessions in partnership with Thames Valley Police		13
A leaflet or booklet		23
Links to organisations who provide more information		3
More information at School for my child on how to stay safe		22
Other (please specify)		9
<i>answered question</i>		<b>61</b>

How useful did you find the evening?					
Answer Options	Very useful	Useful	Not that useful	Not at all useful	Response Count
	7	10	2	0	18
What could we do to improve these evenings?					3
<i>answered question</i>					<b>19</b>

Mr Waldeck and Miss Johns have updated the e-safety materials and resources on the school website in response to the feedback. I strongly encourage you to take a look as there are guidance leaflets on how to support under-fives safely online covering Instragram, YouTube, Whatsapp, Omegle, ooVoo and Kik Messenger.

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## Term Dates

<b>Spring Term 2017</b>	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February Inset Days	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Summer Term 2017</b>	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June Inset Day Early May Bank Holiday	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May
<b>Autumn Term 2017</b>	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October Inset Days	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
<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

## Diary Dates 2017

<b>Inset Days - (staff training days)</b>	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February, Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Phonics Workshops for Y1 and Y2 Parents</b>	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 5 pm
<b>PTA Pupil Film nights</b>	Years 4, 5 and 6: Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February Years 1, 2 and 3: Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
<b>PTA fundraising non uniform day</b>	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Spring Parent Consultation Week</b>	Week commencing 6 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>World Book Day (see next item date below)</b>	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
<b>Book Character Dress up Day (non uniform)</b>	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
<b>Class and Group Photographs</b>	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Red Nose Day - Non uniform day</b>	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Y6 SATS Week</b>	Week commencing 8 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Y2 SATs Month</b>	Month of May
<b>Phonics Screening Week</b>	Week commencing 12 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>End of Year Pupil Reports Sent Home</b>	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Business Week in School - Fairtrade theme</b>	Week commencing 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
<b>Business Enterprise Sales Afternoon</b>	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July

*Please note that all dates are subject to change*

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