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Harvest deliveries

Our Harvest festival was lovely this year, with so many donations. We were able to support some delighted local residents and help support the work of the Slough Food Bank.



'Thank you to all the staff and pupils of Lent Rise School. What a lovely surprise to receive such a lovely harvest gift. I could not believe it was for me!' Dulcie Collins

'It makes me so very happy you think of elderly people at this time' David and Esther Rice

October's Attendance

Our overall whole school attendance figure for last month was 97%. The EY/KS1 award went to class EJ who achieved 97.8% attendance and the KS2 award to 4R, who achieved a fantastic 98.5% attendance, for the month of October.

Nut Allergies

Having a nut allergy can be a life threatening condition.

I would ask that parents exercise care and consideration towards the pupils, staff and visitors in the school with a nut allergy when planning the contents of lunch boxes, snacks and birthday treats.

Nurse Drop in Sessions for parents

The school nursing team are keen to support our Community Room initiative and will be holding monthly drop-in sessions for parents, on the **first Wednesday of every month**. The next session will be held on **6th December at 9.15am on the subject of healthy eating**. The team will be able to offer invaluable advice to parents on nutrition, portion sizes, fussy eaters and helping children make positive food choices. 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.

St John Ambulance Training

There are still places available on both 'Essential First Aid for Parents' and 'Baby First Aid' - at school on Friday 3rd November. Just recently one of our staff members was able to use the first aid she had learned through school when her toddler began to choke at home. In many ways this could be the most important training parents ever attend.

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Gardening Volunteers

We are looking for a green fingered volunteer to work with children once a week during lunchtime to complete a lunchtime gardening club. If you are interested, please email Mrs Barnard.

Dads into school

We are keen to encourage reading in boys by getting more dads involved in volunteering at school. It is so important for children to see adults enjoying books so we would be delighted to welcome more dads to be positive role models. If you have an hour or two a week that you could spare to read with children at school please get in touch with Mrs Barnard.

Maths Week

The children really enjoyed taking part in Maths week (see page three for photographs of just some of the exciting things that took place). They are now looking forward to sharing their hard work with parents at our Maths Open Evening on Wednesday 15th November. The session will run from afterschool until 7pm. Please do take the opportunity to see Maths in action throughout the school.

EYFS celebration

Miss Johns and Mr Waldeck are hosting a celebration morning. If you have not received information, please contact Mrs Barnard for more details.

Flu immunisations

The school nursing team joined us before half term to provide flu immunisations to children in Early Years, Years 1,2,3 and 4. There was an excellent take-up and the school nursing team commented on how well behaved and sensible the children were. I am delighted that the children were such good ambassadors for the school. If your child missed their flu immunisation please contact your GP.

Childcare survey

We will be sending out a survey this term reviewing the childcare provision we currently offer and gauging interest around providing holiday childcare. Please do look out for the survey as your views will help us when we review provision in the Spring term.

Community room

We are planning to have a new 'community day' once a week where we are able to welcome voluntary groups or organisations working with the local community on different initiatives to use our new community room.

Our first initiatives are already taking place with the school nurse drop-in sessions and St John Ambulance first aid courses.

If you have an idea for a course or activity that could be run or if you know of a local groups who could benefit from using the space to support a local community based initiatives please contact Mrs Barnard.

Staff News

We are delighted to be welcoming back Mrs Hudson after her maternity leave. Mrs Hudson will be joining the school office team as Mrs Watson's PA.

School Photos

The last day to bring back photo order forms is Wednesday 8th November.

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Women in History Day - Can you guess who we are?



Maths Week



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E- Safety Update:

The internet is an incredibly useful tool. Children can play, learn, create and connect - opening up a whole world of exciting possibilities. But with the digital world changing all the time, how can you as a parent make sure your child is staying safe?

With this in mind, it is important that parents have access to reliable resources to support children and help encourage conversations at home about how they can stay safe online.

NSPCC

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

The NSPCC has teamed up with O2 to help you keep children safe when they're using the internet, social networks, apps, games and more. They provide help on how to set up parental controls, how to help support your child in staying safe when accessing online gaming platforms and using social media. Their tools and advice will help you keep your child safe.



<http://parentinfo.org/>

Parent Info is collaboration between CEOP and Parent Zone has a track record of providing information, support and advice to parents. In recent years, Parent Zone's work has focused on the impact of digital technologies on families. They provide information, resources and training for parents and those who work with them.

Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and takes place this year from 13th-17th November. Anti-Bullying Week shines a spotlight on bullying and encourages all children, teachers and parents to take action against bullying throughout the year. The theme this year is 'All Different, All Equal'. During this Anti-Bullying Week we want to:

- empower children and young people to celebrate what makes them, and others, unique
- help children and young people understand how important it is that every child feels valued and included in school, able to be themselves, without fear of bullying
- encourage parents and carers to work with their school and talk to their children about bullying, difference and equality
- enable teachers and other children's workforce professionals to celebrate what makes us 'all different, all equal' and celebrate difference and equality. Encouraging them to take individual and collective action to prevent bullying, creating safe environments where children can be themselves

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Term Dates 2017-18

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

PTA meeting	Wednesday 1 st November at 7.30pm
First aid for Parents	Friday 3 rd November
Maths Open Afternoon / Evening	Wednesday 15 th November
Children in Need	Friday 17 th November Non uniform day- <i>spotacular</i> theme!
Phonics Workshop	Wednesday 22 nd November
Nurse Drop In Session for parents	Wednesday 6 th December 9.15am- Healthy eating
Early Years Christmas Play (letters regarding tickets will be circulated in November)	Friday 15 th December at 9.45am Monday 18 th December at 2pm
KS1 Christmas Play (tickets will be circulated in November)	Tuesday 12 th December at 2pm and 6pm
KS2 Christmas Shows (letters regarding tickets will be circulated in November)	Years 3 &4 - Wednesday 13 th December at 2pm and 6pm Years 5&6 - Thursday 14 th December at 2pm and 6pm
Christmas Discos	Monday 18 th December

2018 Residential Trip Dates

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

Please note that all dates are subject to change.

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Lent Rise School PTA Newsletter

What are we fundraising for?

Each year the PTA ask me for a wish list; something pupils would benefit from but the budget just can't fully stretch to. Our passionate PTA are supporting my current wish list to fundraise towards upgrading our original 1970s outdoor toilets which are in dire need of some TLC!. The aim is for refurbishment to be completing in 2018.

Here are some recent examples of things our PTA have provided:

- £5000 towards the Outdoor Gym; the school secured £5000 funding from elsewhere
- Replacing the old, tired PE wall bars in the school hall with fantastic new bars
- Providing an amazing projector and screen and sound system in the school hall
- Reading books for the outdoor library
- Purchasing full sized music keyboards
- Providing digital cameras for classes
- 30 iPads for the pupils to use in the curriculum

All this on top of the items that they support with every year:

- Teddy Bears and water bottles for the Reception year on entry to school
- Hoodies or other leavers gift for those leaving year 6.
- Contribution towards the year 6 residential coach to help reduce cost to parents

How can I help?

We aim to increase the communication links with a PTA page in the newsletter each month as well as increased levels of text reminders. Do speak to your PTA rep or email the office with any other thoughts and ideas you may have to make this PTA year the most successful yet!

You can help in many ways including:

- Letting the PTA know of any companies that may donate good or services for raffles
- Volunteering your time before, during or after events
- Attending PTA meetings
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How can I contact the PTS?

- Through the PTA drop box outside the school office
- Through PTA@lentrise.bucks.sch.uk
- Through your PTA rep:
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Early Years	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Salvina Caltagirone	Lindsay Wright	Margaret Blisset	Sharon Mann
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
Rachel James	Nikki Erskine	Melanie Sawyer	

Events

- Santa's Grotto
- Early Years Disco Party - Mr Waldeck is putting on a Christmas Party Disco at 2pm-3pm
- Year 1 and Year 2 Discos 4.15-5.15
- Year 3 and Year 4 Disco 5.30-6.30
- Year 5 and Year 6 Disco 7.00-8.00
- PTA Meetings: All welcome
- PTA reps meeting:
- Non uniform day: Friday 9th February 2017
- Dates to be confirmed: Easter Treasure Hunt and Quiz Night for Parents

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