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Welcome back! I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer holiday and are all looking forward to the start of the new school year. I also welcome all of the new members of the Lent Rise community; pupils, parents and staff alike and I hope that we can all work together to take our school from strength to strength.

**School Value** The school value for this term is Respect, this was chosen by pupils and staff as a key theme for our school year.

**Parent Transition Meetings** The school will be holding transition meetings for each year group for teachers and coordinators to update you on curriculum, assessment information, visits and other relevant information for your child's new year band. The dates are as follows:  
Year One: 11<sup>th</sup> September at 4 pm      Year Two : 11<sup>th</sup> September at 5 pm  
Year Three: 12<sup>th</sup> September at 4 pm      Year Four: 12<sup>th</sup> September at 5 pm  
Year Five: 13<sup>th</sup> September at 4 pm      Year Six: 13<sup>th</sup> September at 5 pm

**EAL Supporting your Children at Home** The school will be supporting running a parent course, for parents who have English as an additional language; the course will enable you to support your child's learning in school from home. This course will run for 6 weeks on Thursdays from 2pm. Come and meet the tutor on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 2.15pm in the Community Room or afterschool on the playground.

**Parent Learning Courses** 'Volunteering in schools' and 'Supporting your child's learning for Early Years' Parents' courses will be held in the school community room on Wednesdays and from Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September running for 6 weeks. The 'Volunteering in Schools' course will be running from 9.30am-11.30am and the 'Supporting your child's learning for Early Years Parents' will be running in the afternoon 1pm-3pm. If you are interested in attending either of these courses or would like any further information please contact the school office.

**PTA AGM meeting** This year the PTA AGM is on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm. This is where committee members are voted in as well as hearing about past successes and plans for this year. We thank our PTA and parents for raising over £8000 last year to support the school.

**Outside Toilets** We are absolutely delighted that our PTA have contributed £6500 towards the refurbishment of the outside toilets. The introduction of a safe, clean space for the children to use will make playtimes and lunchtimes more enjoyable for all! Plans for the refurbishment are currently being finalised so watch this space for an update soon.

**Year Review of Attendance** Our whole school attendance figure for last year was 95.1%. The July KS1 award went to 2H at 97.5% and KS2 award to 4K with 98%. I am sure we can do even better this year.  
**Dolce Lunch Orders** Please remember to order your child's lunch at [www.livekitchen.com](http://www.livekitchen.com) by 8.30am each day. Please note the change in cut-off time for pre-orders.

**Parent Packs** I hope you received your new revised Parent Pack today and that you find the updated information useful.

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## Home School Agreements

Your child will come home with two copies of our home school agreements tomorrow. One copy is to be kept at home and the other, once signed, returned to school.

## Open Door Policy

I would like to remind all parents that their first means of communication is through the school office or the class teacher. Please do ask your child's class teacher if you have any queries to support your child at school. We are always pleased to answer your queries big or small so please do send Mrs Barnard an email at [office@lentrise.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@lentrise.bucks.sch.uk) or call the office on 01628 662913 and she will answer your query. I would like to ask that if you do not here back please do remind us!

## Day-to-day Office hours and contact information

The school office is open from 8.30 am to 4.30 pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30 am to 4 pm on Fridays. Please do contact Mrs Barnard or Miss Roberts with any queries or to assist in arranging any appointments with your child's class teacher.

## Clubs

Clubs will be starting on the week beginning 17th September. A letter about club options will go out on Friday 7th September. We are delighted that Get Active who ran the successful summer activities at the school will also be running some afterschool clubs and details about these will be shared with the parent body soon.

## Harvest Week

We are moving Harvest Week to slightly earlier and less busy time in the term this year. The week will begin on Monday 1st October and we will be collecting donations and asking for parent volunteers to help deliver them. More information will be sent out nearer the time

## Summer Building Work

We are delighted to have completed a significant project to enhance the fire safety of the school, which has kept us busy over the summer. The project has involved replacing older style fire doors and loft hatches and installing a ramp and access gate.

## Swimming

This term class 5P will be swimming - a letter will be sent out with the details shortly

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## Teaching Staff - this reminder may be helpful!

Early Years	Class Name	Class Teacher	Early Years Co-ordinator Miss Johns
	EJ	Miss Johns	
	EW	Mrs Wilkinson	

Key Stage One	Class Name	Class Teacher	Key Stage One Co-ordinator Miss Boxall
	1G	Miss Gray	
	1R	Mrs Reeves	
	2G	Miss Grella	
	2H	Mrs Howells	

Key Stage Two	Class Name	Class Teacher	Key Stage Two Co-ordinators Mrs Springford and Mrs Joyce
	3E	Miss Ellis	
	3S	Mr Smith	
	3H	Miss Hitchman	
	4S	Mrs Springford	
	4W	Mr Waldeck	
	5H	Mr Harman	
	5P	Miss Porter	
	6P	Mrs Paveley	
6J	Mrs Joyce		

**Our First Day!** Early Years have been having lots of fun getting to know each other.



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## Attendance

### Attendance and Punctuality

As parents you have a legal responsibility to make sure that your child attends school every day. If your child is going to be absent from school please contact the school office on the **first day** of their absence. This is important, as we will be contacting parents if a child is not at school and no reason has been given. Regular attendance and punctuality is fundamental to enabling your child to achieve the highest levels of attainment. We ensure **all** children are aware of the importance of attendance and punctuality.

The attendance target for this school year **is 97%**. We expect **ALL** children to achieve this. This area is a key priority for us to ensure each child receives a full education.

We will work with other agencies to support families to achieve this.

### If your child is unwell

If your child is **too** unwell to come to school, or has a medical appointment, please contact the school office and soon as possible. To help you, the NHS has compiled a list of guidelines about how long children should be kept off school when they have a common illness.

### Lateness

Learning begins promptly at the beginning of the day with instructions and explanations and it is vital that your child does not miss this part of the day. We monitor lateness and send letters to parents whose children regularly arrive to school late.

### Authorised absence

Family holidays **should always** be taken **during the school holidays**, and we will only authorise absence in **very special circumstances**. On these occasions permission **must** be sought in advance from the Headteacher. Absence request forms are available from the school office or a letter should be written to the Headteacher.

### Awards

We give out class of the week awards for attendance and termly awards for one class in each Key Stage. This year the class that has the highest attendance by July will receive a special prize from Mrs Watson.

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## Safeguarding and E-Safety

### Managing screen time

Technology can be the cause of much stress at home, but it can be the source of wonder and delight too. So, how do we avoid the battles and enjoy the very best of what tech can offer?

### Talk and listen

Like anything, too much technology can be unhealthy for young people. If they're using it too much, it could mean they're not giving themselves enough time during the day to do other things like play, study, talk or even sleep.

### Get the right balance

Try to agree limits together, just as you would for the amount of time they might like to spend on other activities. Getting a balance of physical activity, interaction with others, as well as time to eat and sleep can help you come to a mutually agreeable approach to the use of technology.

### Explore together

For younger children, it's important to explore media together, whether that's watching Peppa Pig or playing on the CBeebies App, sharing will give you the opportunity to talk about what they have seen and explore how that might apply to the world around them.

### Good example

Try to set a good example. If you decide that meal times should be tech-free, make sure that you stick to the agreement too.

### Enjoy

Tech can help unite you with your children, so whether you enjoy a movie together on a Saturday night, or you get competitive with games, tech can provide you with a valuable platform to connect with your child.

### Value and learn

Remember that not all screen time is equal. Spending hours flicking through Instagram does not have the same value as watching YouTube to help you learn a new skill. Try to understand what your child is doing with tech and the value that it can bring. Encourage your children to share what they are doing online and try to learn alongside them

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## Term Dates

<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 2018

<b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Parent Transition Meetings (see page 1 for times)
<b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Y6 Secondary Transfer preparation test
<b>Thur 13<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Y6 Secondary Transfer Test day
<b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Sept</b>	Jeans for Genes
<b>Thur 27<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Individual and school sibling photographs
<b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Harvest Week
<b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Year 3 trip to Living Rainforest
<b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	PTA AGM 7pm
<b>Tues 16<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Parent Consultations, please note new timings : Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> 8.20am-9am, 3.30pm - 5pm, Wednesday 4pm-7pm
<b>Fri 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Children in Need dress-up day
<b>Weds 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Topic Open Evening
<b>Fri 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	EY-Year 5 Flu immunizations

## 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>

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

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