



## Mrs Watson's Welcome

I do hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer and are feeling rested and revitalised for the year. On behalf of all of the staff at Lent Rise School I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of the families joining our school community today and an equally warm welcome back to those returning after the summer break. Our mission is to help children to Learn, Reach and Shine, ensuring that they flourish in all aspects of their lives, now and in the future. With this in mind we will be looking at new ways to nurture, enthuse and excite our children by exploring ways to enhance our curriculum, extend sports provision and create a more sustainable school.

I hope you are as excited as I am by the journey we will all take together this year.

### Parent Transition Meetings

We 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:

Tue 10th Yr 1 3.30pm, Yr 2 4.00pm  
Wed 11th Yr 3 3.30pm, Yr 4 4.00pm  
Thur 12th Yr 5 3.30pm, Yr 6 4.00pm

### Parent Packs

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

### We are going paperless!

We will no longer be sending paper letters, forms and newsletters so please ensure that you have registered with Parent Mail. Any forms you need to complete will be available through ParentMail. Please speak to Miss Slade or Mrs Barnard for more information on ParentMail or if you are unable to access ParentMail. Teachers2parents will no longer be in use.

### SIMS Parent App

We will also shortly be launching a new app that enables parents to directly update contact details and view their child's attendance in real time. I know this will be particularly reassuring to parents of those children who walk to school unaccompanied. We will be trialling the app with Year 6 children first and will be sending more information home soon.

### PTA AGM meeting

Our dedicated PTA team play a huge role in supporting the school both with vital fundraising and also by providing enjoyable social activities for the children such as the discos and film night. The PTA can only do this with the support of volunteers so please do consider joining and offering even a small amount of time to help with the many tasks that go into making these events a success. This year the PTA AGM is on 14<sup>th</sup> October. This is where committee members are voted in as well as hearing about past successes and plans for this year. Please do come along to find out more.

### Year Review of Attendance

Our whole school attendance figure for last year was 96.3%. The July KS1 award went to 2G with 97.4% and KS2 award to 3H with 96.9%. I am sure we can do even better this year.

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## School Grid Lunch Orders

Please remember to order your child's lunch at <https://www.live-kitchen.co.uk/> by 8.30am each day. If you need a reminder on how to do this please pop into the school office.

## Home School Agreements

You will receive your child's Home School Agreement tomorrow via ParentMail, please sign online.

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

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 Miss Slade in the office on 01628 662913. 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.

## Clubs

Clubs will be starting on the week beginning 16th September. A ParentMail about club options will go out on Friday 6th September. We are delighted that Get Active and Rugby Tots will be continuing to offer clubs and details about these will be included in the club letter.

## Summer Building Work

Local residents may have noticed some scaffolding around the school during the Summer break. The school were fortunate to secure some funding to support repairs to some areas of the roof and replacement of some of the skylights to make them more environmentally friendly.

## Swimming

This term class 5H will be swimming - a ParentMail form will be sent out with the details shortly.

## PSHE Update

The Department for Education have published guides for parents to explain how schools will be teaching relationships and health education. This is a really useful guide and provides lots of information for parents which can be useful if children have questions following what they have learned in school. The guide can be accessed at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-sex-and-health-education-guides-for-schools>.

## Autism Toolbox

The NHS estimates that there are more than 700,000 people with autism in the UK and there are a growing number of resources and sources of information for parents of autistic children. Buckinghamshire Family Information Service have produced an autism toolbox which provides a wealth of information for parents on supporting autistic children and helping them to flourish. More information can be found at: [www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/autismtoolbox](http://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/autismtoolbox)

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## Teaching Staff - this reminder may be helpful!

Early Years	<b>Class Name</b>	<b>Class Teacher</b>	Early Years Co-ordinator Miss Johns	
	EG	Miss Gray		
	EJ	Miss Johns		
Key Stage One	<b>Class Name</b>	<b>Class Teacher</b>	Key Stage One Co-ordinator Miss Boxall	
	1B	Miss Boxall		
	1R	Mrs Reeves		
	2G	Miss Grella		
	2BE	Miss Burniki, Miss Enright		
Key Stage Two	<b>Class Name</b>	<b>Class Teacher</b>	Year 3-4 Phase Leader Mr Harman	
	3E	Miss Ellis		
	3S	Mrs Siddiqi		
		4H	Miss Hitchman	Year 5-6 Phase Leader Mrs Joyce
		4C	Mrs Carter	
		4W	Mr Waldeck	
		5H	Miss Harper	
		5J	Mrs Joyce	
		6H	Mr Harman	
	6S	Mr Smith		

**Our First Day at School - Early Years had lots of fun playing and making friends.**



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## Some Top Tips to get the Year off to a Great Start!

Starting or even starting back at school can be a little tricky for some children (and parents) but there are some simple ways that you can support your child and the staff to ensure a smooth transition:

- Be enthusiastic about school - no matter how hard it is on those cold, soggy mornings, being positive about school and learning will help your child behave the same way
- Communicate with school - please let us know about any questions, queries or issues; you can contact the school office to speak your child's teacher
- Be on time - missing the beginning of the day, even by a few minutes, means your child starts their day rushed and on a back-footing, it also means they may miss vital information about the lesson
- Name absolutely everything!
- Join our PTA - this is a great way to make friends with other parents whilst supporting the school

## Help with uniform and other school sundries

If you are on a low income or in receipt of certain benefits you may be able to access support with some of the extra costs that come with school life such as uniform or breakfast and afterschool club. The first step is to see if your child is eligible for free school meals - even if they are in Early Years, Year 1 or 2. Please contact Mrs Barnard for more information, your application will be dealt with confidentially and you do not need to provide any proof of your entitlement - just your national insurance number. There are also a number of charities that you can contact directly for support:

- A charity called Family Links may be able to help to pay for uniform [www.linkfoundation.co.uk](http://www.linkfoundation.co.uk), 01628 400600.
- The Dorcas project may be able to help families with clothing: <http://www.dorcas-project.org/>
- Burnham Health Promotion Trust may be able to will help with costs of breakfast clubs <https://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/kb5/buckinghamshire/fsd/service.page?id=WD2ViszAPqQ>

## Safeguarding and E-Safety

For those parents new to the school we include a section with news and tips on safeguarding and e-safety in each edition of our newsletter. This is because safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do at Lent Rise School. Mrs Watson is our Designated Safeguarding Lead and Mrs Small acts as her deputy. All of our staff and volunteers receive regular safeguarding training to ensure safe practice and ensure that the welfare of the children is our highest priority. If you have any safeguarding concerns regarding a child at Lent Rise please speak to Mrs Watson or Mrs Small.

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## Term Dates 2019-2020

### Autumn Term 2019

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September  
HT- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
Inset days 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

### Spring Term 2020

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January  
HT- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February  
Inset day 6<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

### Summer Term 2020

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April  
HT- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
Inset day 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

## Diary Dates

Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Secondary Transfer Test for Year 6
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Teacher led clubs begin
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Jeans for Genes
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu immunisations (all year groups)
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA AGM, 7pm
16 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent consultation sessions
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Harvest Week

## 2020 Residential Trip Dates

Year 5 trip to Shortenills 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> June 2020  
Year 6 trip to Weymouth tbc

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