



Making Lent Rise Red Greener

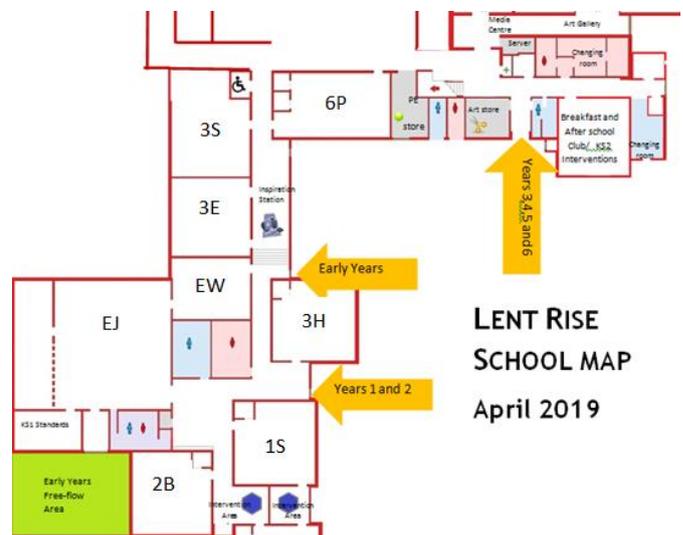
As a school we are proud of the steps we currently take to address environmental issues. This term we have been focussing on reducing waste, particularly plastics. Our recycling monitors do a brilliant job of collecting up used paper, our PTA collect unwanted clothes through the 'Bags to School' scheme and we recycle plastics, lightbulbs, toner cartridges, batteries, computer hardware and even wood. But like many of us there is always more that can be done and next term we are taking part in an innovative project to turn non-recyclable plastics into an outdoor learning space. Read on to find out more.

New playground drop-off arrangements

After feedback from our school community we are changing the way that parents drop children at school in the morning.

From 24th April the school gates will open at 8.55am. Children can then be dropped by parents to the three doors shown here where children can enter school and put their things away before heading straight to their classrooms.

The school start time remains unchanged and the registers will be taken at 9.05am for KS2 and 9.10am for Early Years and KS1. Late children will still need to be signed in to the school office.



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We hope these changes will support working parents and help ensure a smooth start to the day. A letter with more detailed information will be going home today.

Quick drop box

Parents are reminded of the white quick drop box outside the school office. Please do use this to drop any slips, forms or letters for school - this box is checked daily and saves parents from having to queue in the school office.

Quiz Team

Our inspiring quiz team ventured to Merchant Taylors School in Rickmansworth



for the semi-finals of the National Quiz competition. Although the team did not make it through they performed admirably in the face of some exceptionally hard questions and were one of only two state schools competing. Well done to Jamie, Matty, Stan and Martin - we are very proud of your accomplishment!

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Ecobricks

Ecobricks is an exciting project that aims to re-use non-recyclable plastics to create an environmentally friendly building material. The bricks are made from 2lt drinks bottles which are tightly filled with waste plastic and then built into structures using a special cement. We will be asking children to collect and fill a bottle which will then be used during the Summer holidays to construct an amphitheatre. You can find out more about the project by viewing a short film made by one of our parents, Mrs Dunne on the Lent Rise School website <https://www.lentrischool.co.uk/website/ecobricks/401758>. This explains the project and what the children need to do beautifully. As part of the project we will also be looking for donations of sand and straw so if you are a parent with contacts that may be able to supply these, please do get in touch with the school office.

Team Green

One student from each class has been asked to join the new Eco-Committee to support the Ecobricks project and also look at ways that the school can become more environmentally friendly.

Great Big School Clean

This month Lent Rise has been taking part in the Great Big School Clean. Groups of children have helped to pick up litter from around the school which is then sorted to be recycled or used in the Ecobricks project. Just one collection picked up three bags of rubbish that spoiled our school site and could have posed a threat to wildlife.

Early Years Play area

Our Early Years team had a great response to their plea for items for the play area and were able to create a role play construction area. The children have had a fantastic time measuring, building and learning through play. The team are still on the hunt for items they can reuse such as large planters or containers, gravel or stones and plants to make the area even better.



Pants Please!

No we are not being rude - but we are asking for donations of boys' underwear for ages 4 to 9 to have on standby in case children have a toileting accident at school (we still have lots of girls' underwear from last time we asked parents). The underwear does not need to be new but we do ask that items are clean and in reasonable condition.

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March's Attendance

Our overall whole school attendance figure for last month was 96.5%. The KS1 award went to class 1S and the KS2 award to 3E, with both classes achieving over 98% attendance, for the month of March.

SchoolGrid

Dolce have announced that Live Kitchen will be rebranded as SchoolGrid' on 22nd May 2019. Parents do not have to take any action and the website address will not change. If you would like information on how order hot meals for your child, please contact the school office.

Parent questionnaire

Thank you to all of the parents who completed the annual parent questionnaire. we will be sharing the results with parents in May.

One of the questions asked parents about moving from a monthly email to longer weekly emails, however the majority of parents said they would prefer shorter weekly emails and the longer monthly newsletter to continue. We will continue to send out emails on a Friday but these will now just contain a list of dates for the upcoming week.

Lost Scooter

If your child has a purple micro scooter can you please check to make sure it is the correct one. A child's scooter with their name on the handlebars went missing on Friday and a similar scooter has been left in the rack at school.

Lost Property

Lost property is moving to the school office. We do our best to return all named items to the correct child so please ensure that everything your child brings to school has their name on - particularly water bottles which often get mislaid.

Safeguarding and E-Safety

NSPCC Online Chat

ChildLine 1-2-1 Counsellor Chat is a space where children can chat online with a counsellor about anything. To start the chat children just need to enter the chat waiting room and a ChildLine **Counsellor will** there to start the chat as soon as possible. Sometimes chats may cut off in areas without 4G or Wi-Fi connection. Please remember children call also call Childline free on [0800 1111](tel:08001111) at any time. Talking to a ChildLine counsellors in 1-2-1 counsellor chat is confidential. You can find out more or access the chat at <https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/1-2-1-counsellor-chat/>.

The ChildLine website has a huge number of resources for children to get advice, express themselves and find out more about keeping themselves safe. There are games, an art box and mood journal where children can track their feelings over time. There are also lots of short videos on issues that affect children and young people as they are growing up such as dealing with stress and anxiety, identity, and building confidence.

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Year 3 and 4 have had a fantastic term!

Year 3

Year 3 went back in time to experience the Mesolithic and Iron Age at the Chiltern Open Air Museum in March. History was brought to life when we met a Stone Age hunter gatherer and an Iron Age farmer. We learnt how to hunt, make shelters and jewellery, but most of all how to make fire at the Stone Age camp. At the Iron Age house we made bread and pots and were shown how iron revolutionised our society and way of life.

Year 4

Year 4 are studying the Ancient Egyptians and have had lots of fun applying this learning across the curriculum.

As well as visiting Highclere Castle to learn more about Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon's discovery of Tutankhamun, we learnt how to write in hieroglyphics and about the process of mummification—we even had a go ourselves by mummifying a tomato in Science! We have also learnt more about Egypt as a country and the importance of the River Nile to the ancient Egyptian way of life.



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Term Dates

Spring Term 2019

Thursday 3rd January Friday 15th February
Monday 25th February Friday 5th April
Inset Day: Wednesday 2nd January

Summer Term 2019

Wednesday 24th April Thursday 23rd May
Monday 3rd June Tuesday 23rd July
Inset Days: Tuesday 23rd April, Friday 24th May
Monday 22nd July, Tuesday 23rd July, Wednesday 24th July
May Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May

Future Term Date 2019-20

Autumn Term 2019

Wednesday 4th September Friday 25th October
HT- Monday 28th October Friday 1st November
Monday 4th November Thursday 19th December
Inset days 2nd and 3rd September

Spring Term 2020

Tuesday 7th January Friday 14th February
HT- Monday 17th February Friday 21st February
Monday 24th February Friday 3rd April
Inset day 6th January

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April Friday 22nd May
HT- Monday 25th May Friday 29th May
Monday 1st June Friday 17th July
Inset day 20th and 21st July

Diary Dates

5th April

8th - 12th April

23rd April

Year 1 visit to Oxford Natural Year History Museum

Get Active Holiday Camp

INSET day for staff only

2019 Residential Trip Date

Year 6 to PGL Weymouth

Tuesday 25th - Friday 28th June

Please note that all dates are subject to change.

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