

Lent Rise School Newsletter

December 2018



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Mrs Watson's welcome

Welcome to our December 2018 newsletter. We are reflecting on what has been another busy and fruitful year at the school, culminating in our strong Ofsted report. We are now looking forward to an exciting 2019 with lots of plans to build on the successes of 2018, particularly around the topic work that the children have enjoyed so much. I hope you enjoy the festive season and the children come back rested and recharged for the spring term ahead. I wish you all a restful break and look forward to seeing the children again on Thursday 3rd January.

Christmas Fair, Celebration and Events

It is coming up to the very busy time of year again! There are many Christmas events during the last week of term:

Afterschool on Friday 7th December is our PTA Christmas Fayre, there will be lots of festive games and activities for children to take part in. The PTA are collecting bottles and gifts in preparation so if you have any donations or would like to volunteer your time please visit the school office.

We will be circulating tickets for the Christmas celebration events over the next few weeks. Any queries please contact Mrs Barnard on office@lentrise.bucks.sch.uk.

We all love a panto(!) and once again we are hosting a traditional panto performance for the pupils on the very last afternoon of term! The panto this year is Cinderella. School will end at the usual time of 3.15pm. Please note there is no Orchard Club on the last day of term.

Children in Need

We had a fantastic response to the Children in Need campaign this year. Our dedicated Year 6 Team Pudsey volunteers worked very hard making posters, manning the stall and welcoming our special visitor. Well done to them and to everyone who helped to raise a huge £1500 for this very worthwhile cause. This is by the far the most we have ever raised for Children in Need.



Applegarth Care Home



Children in Years 2, 3, 5 and 6 helped to decorate Applegarth Care Home as part of this year's Remembrance Day commemorations. The children created poppy artworks, which were used to decorate the residents lounge. A small group of children from our School Council then attended the care home and took part in a service of commemoration where they met residents and visitors including The Worshipful The Mayor of Slough, Councillor Paul Sohal.

Burnham Christmas Parade

On Thursday 6th December 6pm-8.30pm, a group of children from the Art Club will be taking part in Burnham's Christmas Parade. There will be a Christmas Fayre and the lights in Burnham High Street will be switched on. This is a lovely community event so please do come along to see the children.

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Communication We would like to gently remind parents that the best place to address any issue or worries about school is in the school office, not on the playground or social media. We pride ourselves on our open door policy and staff are always happy to work with parents to resolve even the smallest of difficulties.

November's Attendance Our overall whole school attendance figure for last month was 97%. The KS1 award went to class 2G who achieved 98.6% attendance and the KS2 award to 4R, who achieved an amazing 99% attendance, for the month of November.

Resilience Course Buckinghamshire Adult Learning team will be running a four week course for parents on building resilience in children and families. The course will start on Wednesday 23rd January and is an opportunity for parents to share ideas and look at ways to build strong family communication and resilient children. Parents who have taken part in the courses run so far at Lent Rise have said that they are friendly and fun so if you are interested please do get in touch with Mrs Barnard for more information.

Open the Book Open the Book are a team of local people who come into school every Thursday to act out a different story from the bible in a fun assembly. The team are looking for some budding actors to join them. It's great fun and there are no lines to learn. The team meet at 9.00am on Thursdays at Lent Rise Methodist Church to get their costumes and scripts, have coffee and rehearse. At 10am they walk over to the school for the performances and are back at church before 11.30am. The children love the stories and the Open the Book team love doing them. If you fancy having a go please phone or text Phil on 07791766985.

Staff News We are delighted to announce that Mrs Rever had welcomed her new arrival into the world. We wish the family all the best. We are very pleased that Miss White has now joined our office team as an admin apprentice and Miss Slade is now also based in the front office. Mrs Barnard is still ever present in our admin room should parents need support or have any queries. We will be contacting parents in Year 1 very shortly with news of the staffing arrangements for January.

Christmas Card Winners Congratulations to all our winners whose entries have already been transformed into Christmas cards which will be sent to local schools and individuals in the community.

			
Saachi, EW	Lorelei, 1G	Ethan, 4S	Mia, 4S

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Safeguarding and E safety

This Christmas a growing number of children will be receiving tech presents such as mobile phones, tablets, games consoles, computers and smart TVs. It is vital that parents learn about the technology their children have access to and the way children use this to create their digital selves. Childnet is a website that helps teach parents and children about Digital Wellbeing. It is full of advice and information

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/digital-wellbeing>

Teaching your child the right time for 999 could literally save your life!

It is important to also think about the positives of technology so why not take a few moments over the Christmas break to teach your child how to call for help if they, or even you, ever need it. Learning to dial 999 is a skill that can be taught to even very young children:

- Show your child where the home phone is (or where you keep your mobile) and how to use it.
- If they have a mobile teach them that they can dial 999 even when the phone is locked or they have no credit
- Speak to them about what is an emergency and when they should and shouldn't call 999
- Teach your child their address and postcode

You can remind your child these rules when you see an ambulance on the roads or on TV. Children as young as three have saved a parent's life with this very simple skill - now that's a useful present!

Walking to and from School

As the dark evenings draws in we would like to remind parents that children in upper Key Stage 2 require written parental permission to walk to and from school unaccompanied. Children should be prompted to walk straight home and should wear clothing appropriate to the weather. Nationally, the number of road traffic accidents involving children rises steeply at this time of year, as poor weather conditions and low light make children crossing roads harder to spot. Children with dark coats may wish to wear reflective vests or straps to improve their visibility to drivers. Visit

<http://www.brake.org.uk> for more information

Have your say about Burnham Childrens' Centre

Buckinghamshire County Council are looking for views on how they deliver early help services to local families. Early Help is about supporting families to be more resilient and includes the services provided by the local children centres. Please follow the link below to look at the proposals and share your views on these very valuable services. <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/care-for-children-and-families/improving-early-help-services-for-children-young-people-and-families/consultation-process/>

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Term Dates 2018-19

Autumn Term 2018	Thursday 6 th September Monday 29 th October Inset Day	Friday 19 th October Wednesday 19 th December Wednesday 5 th September
Spring Term 2019	Thursday 3 rd January Monday 25 th February Inset Day	Friday 15 th February Friday 5 th April Wednesday 2 nd January
Summer Term 2019	Wednesday 24 th April Monday 3 rd June Inset Day May Bank Holiday	Thursday 23 rd May Tuesday 23 rd July Tuesday 23 rd April Friday 24 th May Wednesday 24 th July Monday 6 th May

The term dates for 2019-2020 will be published in the January newsletter.

Diary Dates

Year 6 visit to Cippenham Baptist Church - **Tuesday 4th December**
EYs visit to Post Office - **Wednesday 5th December**
Non-uniform day - suggested donation £1 for School Fund - **Friday 7th December**
PTA Christmas Fayre - **Friday 7th December**
Dolce Christmas Lunch - **Friday 14th December**
Early Years Christmas Disco - **Tuesday 18th December**
Christmas Discos Yr1-Yr6 - **Tuesday 18th December**
Chaplains Panto visit - **Wednesday 19th December**
Get Active Holiday Club - **20th and 21st December**

Christmas Celebration events schedule:

Thursday 13th Dec	Key stage 1 (Y1 and Y2) 9.30am Early Years Nativity 2.30am
Friday 14th Dec	Early Years Nativity 9.30am Key stage 1 (Y1 and Y2) 2.30pm
Monday 17th Dec	Lower Key Stage 2 (Y3 and Y4) 9.30 and 2.30pm
Tuesday 18th Dec	Upper Key Stage 2 (Y5 and Y6) 9.30 and 2.30pm

2019 Residential Trip Dates

Year 5 to Shortenills	Wednesday 2nd - Friday 5th April 2019
Year 6 to PGL Weymouth	Tuesday 25th June - Friday 30th

Please note that all dates are subject to change.