



## Spring has Sprung (almost!)

Whilst the early spring sunshine may be gone, the returning drizzle has not dampened our spirits. The children have been enjoying the sports and activities introduced at lunchtimes to engage them with new play ideas and we are seeing the benefit in positive and more harmonious lunchtimes. I do hope that as families you are also able to enjoy the Spring outside; we are so lucky to be surrounded by so many beautiful areas; Burnham Beeches, Black Park, Cliveden and Dorney all come to life at this time of year. Please do send us any photographs of the children enjoying the Spring and we will try and pop a selection in the April newsletter.

**Consultation week** Thank you to those parents who attended consultation week. If you were unable to attend during the week please contact the school office and we will be happy to arrange an appointment for you.

**School Questionnaire** If you did not get the opportunity to complete this year's parent questionnaire at consultation evening you can use the link: [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/lrsparent19](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/lrsparent19) Please feel free to complete additional questionnaires if you have more than one child at Lent Rise.

**PTA Film Night** The rescheduled PTA film night for years 4,5 and 6 will be held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Tickets from the 1<sup>st</sup> March night which was cancelled due to snow will be reissued. We will also send a note out about buying tickets for any children who were not able to get them last time.

**February's Attendance** Our overall whole school attendance figure for last month was 96.7%. The KS1 award went to class 1R who achieved 98% attendance and the KS2 award to 3H who also achieved 98% attendance, for the month of February.

**Staff news** Today we say farewell to Mrs Howells as she embarks on her maternity leave, we wish her all the best as she waits to welcome her new arrival. We are very pleased that Miss Burniki is returning from her maternity leave and will be teaching in Year 2.

**Club vacancy** The Rise and Shine and Orchard clubs have continued to grow in popularity since their launch and most dates are now completely full. With this in mind we are looking to recruit an additional team member to support with Orchard club to enable us to offer more spaces. For more information see [www.lentriseshool.co.uk](http://www.lentriseshool.co.uk)

**Charity update** Each year as a school we support a number of national charities. So far this year our PTA ran a coffee morning to support Macmillan Cancer Care, Team Pudsey blew our fundraising target out of the water with their efforts for Children in Need and The Royal British Legion would like to thank all of the children, parents and staff who purchased a poppy, the school raised £74.35 to help the charity continue its work supporting the welfare of veterans and service men and women. This March we will be selling daffodils in aid of Marie Curie who provide end of life care and support families dealing with terminal illness and there will be a non-school uniform day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, where children will be encouraged to wear something red and donate to Comic Relief who work in the UK and Africa to support vulnerable children.

**The Great Big School Clean** The children have been enjoying joining Mrs Watson in regular litter-picks and this month we will be taking part in Keep Britain Tidy's Great Big School Clean on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Groups of children from each year will be invited to get involved throughout the day and we will be aiming to fill as many bags as possible. Last year nationally 126,000 children and young people took part in the first-ever Great Big School Clean. We will stand together with pupils and schools from across the country and declare that litter - which degrades the beauty of our environment and threatens to harm wildlife - is not acceptable.



## Safeguarding and E-safety

### FGM is Making National News

Last month saw the first successful prosecution in the UK for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). This marks a huge milestone in the UK's aim to end FGM within a generation. FGM includes any procedure that alters or injures the female genital organs for non-medical reasons. There are an estimated 137,000 women and girls in the UK who have suffered FGM. FGM has been a criminal offence in the UK since 1985. In 2003 it also became a criminal offence for someone to take their child abroad to have female genital mutilation. Anyone found guilty of the offence faces a maximum penalty of 14 years in prison.

All staff at Lent Rise School have been trained to look for signs that a girl is at risk of or has undergone FGM. We work with our colleagues in the Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Team who are supporting communities to understand the danger and irrevocable harm this outdated practice causes.

- If you're concerned that someone may be at risk, contact the NSPCC helpline on 0800 028 3550 or [fgmhelp@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:fgmhelp@nspcc.org.uk).
- If you're under pressure to have FGM performed on your daughter speak to us, ask your GP, health visitor or other healthcare professional for help, or contact the NSPCC helpline.
- If you've had FGM, you can get help from a specialist NHS gynaecologist or FGM service - ask your GP, midwife or other healthcare professional about services in your area or call 111.

### Social Media use

Recent press news about the hoax 'Momo challenge' is still a timely reminder for parents to monitor their children's social media use. Parents are advised that the most effective way to ensure that their child is safe online is to educate both themselves and their children in using the internet safely and ensure that their child knows what to do if they happen upon something upsetting.

- Ensure you know what your child can access online
- Ensure your child understands the importance of not giving personal information to anyone they do not know
- Tell your children that no-one has the right to make them do anything they do not want to do
- Use parental controls to keep children safe
- Keep up-to-date with the latest trends in children's social media use

If you have concerns or have questions contact the NSPCC helpline 0808 800 5000

Children who are worried about apps or their online life can contact Childline online at [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk) 24 hours a day or call 0800 1111

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## YEARS FIVE AND SIX

Year 5 and 6 have worked hard this term.

### Year 5

Year 5 are learning about Ancient Civilisations - identifying similarities and differences between them and modern day. They have also made their own Greek pots out of clay and painted them with Greek patterns.

To develop and secure maths learning, year 5 and 6 have been using their knowledge to teach each other different maths concepts.

### Year 6

Year 6 are studying natural disasters and the impact they can have on human and physical geography.

They have researched and learned about the types of volcanoes and how natural disasters occur. Recognising how natural disasters are measured, year 6 made seismometers to detect the magnitude of earthquakes!



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## Term Dates

### Spring Term 2019

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

### Summer Term 2019

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

## Future Term Date 2019-20

### Autumn Term 2019

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

### Spring Term 2020

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

### Summer Term 2020

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

## Diary Dates

4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> March  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March  
12<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> March  
11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> March  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Week  
Tempest class and group photographs  
Marie Curie Daffodils on sale £1 each  
World Book Dress-up day  
Book People Book Fayre  
Year 3 visit to Chiltern Open Air Museum  
Year 5 visit to Cippenham Baptist Church  
Red Nose Day 'wear something red' non-school uniform  
Great Big School Clean  
Geography Day

## 2019 Residential Trip Dates

Year 5 to Shortenills:

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Year 6 to PGL Weymouth:

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June