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## Coming Together in the Name of Art

One of the many things that I am immensely proud of about our school community is the way that we work together to achieve great things. Whether it is children taking the initiative to organise a charity project or our dedicated team of PTA volunteers raising valuable funds for the school, I am always inspired when groups come together to share their collective talents. Our teaching assistants recently came together under the supervision of our resident artist Mrs Anand to create a mural celebrating our mission to Learn Reach Shine. It was wonderful to see staff from different key stages working together, sharing their creativity and building their confidence to produce something beautiful and I'm sure the knowledge they have gained from the experience will help them support children to find their own talents and build their confidence even when out of their comfort zone. When next in school, please do visit the mural in the corridor that runs beside the hall. I hope you will see not just a delightful piece of art, but the passion and collaboration that went into making it.



## Sweet Peas

The growing theme continues this year and we hope that your child's tomato plant has made it home safely. Meanwhile we have been excited to receive some pictures of sweet peas the children have been growing at home from the seeds sent to every child earlier in the year. Please do send photographs of your own sweet peas to [office@lentrise.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@lentrise.bucks.sch.uk) and well done to Amy in Year 3, and Pratham and Magia in Year 5 for your green-fingers.



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## Sports Day

The days and times for sports days are outlined below. All children will need full PE kit for the whole week as there will be many practices and 'run-throughs' before each session. If it is sunny, please ensure that your child has a hat, extra water bottle and that sun cream is applied before school. We will notify parents on the day if a sports session has to be postponed due to poor weather. As parents, you are welcome to come along to watch the sessions. Please help us by keeping back from the barriers to allow us to monitor the events and to ensure the safety of the pupils. If parents crowd, it becomes more and more difficult to do this and it is paramount that the pupils' safety come first!

Early Years - 18<sup>th</sup> June

Year 1 and 2 - 19<sup>th</sup> June

Year 3 and 4 - 20<sup>th</sup> June

Year 5 and 6 - 21<sup>st</sup> June

Early Years and Year 1 and 2 parents are welcome to come and support their children during the afternoon session from 2pm-3pm.

Years 3 and 4, and 5 and 6 are inviting parents to join them for a picnic lunch on the school field from 12.45pm until 1.30pm and then to support their children during the rest of the afternoon in their sporting events, finishing at 2.30-3pm. We ask that parents do not bring any alcohol to the picnics. We will be keeping our fingers crossed for fine weather.

## KP snacks collection

We are always looking for new ways to recycle and are now part of KP and Terracycle's recycling programme. You can use the box inside reception to recycle clean crisp, pretzel, popcorn and snack packets (no nut packaging please). The packets are turned into granules and recycled into things like garden furniture. The scheme also helps to raise funds for the school, so get collecting!

## Year 3 Boccia

Year 3 had a great time at the Boccia match against Lent Rise House last month.

A nail-biting game was played, where each team took the lead alternatively. With a running score of 2 all, it was crucial for Lent Rise School to take the win - which we did! We won 8-6 which puts us back in the lead. A fantastic time was had by everyone and we are looking forward to the final showdown next half term to determine the true Boccia champions!



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## Attendance

Our overall whole school attendance figure for last month was 96%. The KS1 award went to class 2G who achieved 97.5% attendance and the KS2 award to 3H, with 97.9% attendance, for the month of May.

## End of Year Assemblies

A reminder that the end of year celebration assemblies will be held during the last few days of term, they will be as follows:

**Early Years** - Fri 12<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30am

**Year 1** - Mon 15<sup>th</sup> July, 9.20am

**Year 2** - Mon 15<sup>th</sup> July, 10am

**Year 3** - Tue 16<sup>th</sup> July, 9.20am

**Year 4** - Tue 16<sup>th</sup> July, 10am

**Year 5** - Wed 17<sup>th</sup> July, 9.20am

**Year 6** - Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> July, 1.30pm

We look forward to celebrating your children's achievements from this school year with you.

## Sun Care

During periods of hot weather please ensure that your children are coming to school with sun cream already applied. They may also need to wear sun hats and bring extra drinks during really hot periods.

## Air quality

Public Health England has described air pollution as the biggest environmental threat to health in the UK and says there is strong evidence that air pollution causes the development of coronary heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease, lung cancer, and exacerbates asthma. Public Health England has called for the government to implement 'No Idling Zones' around Schools to help reduce the amount of pollution that children are exposed to. Whilst the government is still discussing proposals this is something that Lent Rise would like to introduce now to support all of our children but particularly the high number of children we have at school with asthma. We are asking parents who wait outside the school to turn their engines off while they wait. This small act could have a huge impact on the wellbeing of children. We will also be writing to the Ice Cream vendor who has taken to parking outside the school to ask her to get involved.

## Measles

Buckinghamshire NHS have asked us to pass on the following message:

There is a current outbreak of measles in England. Please make sure that your child's MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccination is up to date and complete. Public health England recommends 2 doses. If you are unsure, contact your own GP or the

Buckinghamshire immunisation team for advice on 01296 567860. We have not had any recorded cases of measles at Lent Rise in the event of a case parents should make the school aware as soon as possible so that we can support any staff who are pregnant or students who may be immunosuppressed. You can find out more about the symptoms of measles at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>. The NHS also have a useful visual guide to childhood rashes <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/rashes-babies-and-children/> which Mrs Barnard spends much of her day consulting.



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## Safeguarding and E-safety

### Tools for helping Children Stay Safe Online

The National Crime Agency (NCA) has launched new resources aimed at helping 4- to 7-year-olds stay safe online. Jessie & Friends involves three animated videos, each aimed at a different age group, covering: watching videos, sharing pictures and playing games. Accompanying resources include information for parents and carers and storybooks. <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends/>

The NCA also have an excellent and easy to understand animation for children with learning difficulties called Know your Friends with Josh and Sue. There are two different versions, one for children with mild to moderate learning difficulties and one for children with moderate to severe learning difficulties. Whilst these videos have been designed with children with learning difficulties in mind they present information on the topic in a really clear way and would be useful for other children who may struggle with the complexities of staying safe online. You can access the videos at [https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/Films-to-watch-with-your-children/Josh\\_and\\_Sue\\_original/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/Films-to-watch-with-your-children/Josh_and_Sue_original/)

### Got to Catch 'em All

With the recent release of the film *Detective Pikachu* Pokémon and particularly the augmented reality game Pokémon Go are having a bit of a resurgence.

Pokémon Go enables children (and many adults) to collect Pokémon characters from their surroundings using their smartphone or tablet. There are also gyms, battles, raids and community days where 'trainers' meet to catch and battle specific or rare Pokémon. The terminology of the game can be confusing for parents not directly playing with their children and special attention needs to be paid to how children's accounts are set to ensure they stay safe whilst playing online. Children should never attend raid battles or community days without adult supervision. The NSPCC has a useful guide for parents to help understand the sometimes baffling world of Togedamaru and Jigglypuffs and you never know you may find yourself hooked in the process, or just sharing knowing glances with similar parents as your child runs through their local park shouting 'I've caught a shiny Treecko!'



<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/pokemon-go-parents-guide>

### Food Poverty

A recent finding from The Human Rights Watch report on food poverty in families with children in the UK states that The Trussell Trust foodbanks gave out 1.33 million emergency three-day supplies of food in the calendar year 2017/18 compared to slightly under 26,000 in 2008/09. These figures make alarming reading and at Lent Rise we have seen an increase in the number of families who have needed support accessing the necessities of life. No child should ever go hungry and we would encourage parents finding themselves in difficulty to come and talk to us. We can signpost to organisations working in the community and charities that can support with costs such as residential trips. A quick check will also tell us if your child is eligible for free school meals, which also means we can support with uniform costs and breakfast or afterschool club. Enquiries and applications are handled in confidence, just pop in to the school office and ask to see Mrs Barnard.

<https://www.trusselltrust.org>

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## Summer Term 2019

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
Friday 19<sup>th</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

## Future Term Date 2019-20

### 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

4 <sup>th</sup> June	After school clubs resume
4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 visit Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre
6 <sup>th</sup> June	6pm Secondary transfer meeting for parents of Year 5 pupils
7 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Bingo evening
10 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics screening
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Information evening for parents of children joining Early Years in Sept
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 visit to Oxford Natural History Museum
17 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Sports week (see page 2 for detailed dates and times)
26 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Teddy bears picnic for children joining us Early Years in Sept

## 2019 Residential Trip Dates

Year 6 to PGL Weymouth

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

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

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