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Dear Parents and Carers,

Parking reminder

Thank you to all parents and carers who have been observing our request to resist the temptation to use the school car park. I'd also like to remind you to be considerate to all of our neighbours, other road users, pedestrians and Mr Darling, our crossing patrol, when parking. This includes not blocking entrances, not parking on the verges, not stopping on the double yellow lines and not letting children jump out of the car at the crossing! All of these are potential accidents waiting to happen- so thank you in advance for your support.

Parent/Carer questionnaire results

Thank you to those who completed a questionnaire at the Parent-Teacher meeting in November /December 2016 or returned via the school office. We were very pleased with the number returned for analysis so thank you for taking time to share your views with us.

Below you will find the overall findings, which are very positive. We are particularly pleased to see that just over three quarters of the respondents think we should continue with Shared Learning. We will of course look at the findings in more detail to see if there are any other ways we can improve even further.

Safeguarding

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and you too can play your part. If you have concerns about a child, whether you're a parent/carer or a staff member, you can contact me, Mrs. Ayres or Mr. S. Hunt (Safeguarding Governor) in confidence via the School Office or email directly to safeguarding@longlane.w-berks.sch.uk.

As you know, the NSPCC visited our school on Wednesday 31st January and delivered their '**Speak out. Stay safe**' during two assemblies, one for the Infants and one for the Juniors, to share information with your child about how they can keep themselves safe from harm and get help if they have any worries. It was a very worthwhile and empowering session for both pupils and teachers. They spoke to the children and staff about the valuable work they do across the country and talked about how important it is for everyone in our school community to join them in their 'fight for every childhood'.

Talking about the Underwear Rule with your children

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. This includes 'The Underwear Rule', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse, without using scary words or even mentioning sex.

The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone.

You can find out more and download the free resources at nspcc.org.uk/pants

If you would like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/

There are free downloadable resources on the NSPCC website for teaching staff and parents/carers. The teaching resources and lesson plans have been approved by the PSHE Association and can be found here: www.nspcc.org.uk/schools. These include the 'Underwear Rule' and 'Share Aware' resources.

Other news in brief (more detail on Twitter)

January

- 3rd – First aid training for staff in school
- 6th - School exhibition at 'Association of Science Education' Annual conference
- 17th - Netball match vs Burghfield St Mary's
- 24th - "WWII jeep" visit to Year 5/6
- 25th - Girl's 5-a-side football tournament at Trinity School, Newbury
- 26th - Girl's football -Second round cup match vs Burghfield St Mary's
- 30th - Year 5/6 WWII Evacuation day
- 31st – NSPCC assemblies – *"Speak out. Stay safe."*

February

- 1st -Year 5/6 Girls football, Boys football and mixed netball teams to Denefield to participate in a primary school tournament.
- 2nd - Harry Potter Book Night
- 3rd – PTA Cinema night
- 6th - Netball match vs Pangbourne Primary
- 7th - Netball match vs Bradfield Primary
- 8th - Maths workshop and Dress up for digits in aid f NSPCC **£125.79 raised- Thank you!**
- 9th – Boys' football – Second round cup match at Dedworth Middle School, Windsor
- 10th – Coffee morning in aid of Parkinson's UK **£73.51 raised- Thank you!**
- 21st – Netball match vs Birch Copse (Well done team – victory again!)

March

- 2nd – Rainbow class visit to the River and Rowing museum
- 2nd – Year 5 and 6 visit to Milestones museum
- 3rd – Book character dress-up day
- 3rd – Year 4 Tag-rugby team to Crosfields tournament (Well done – the team was unbeaten!!)

Please note that this week, 6th – 10th March 2017, is *"Scoot, walk or ride week "*.

And finally, it is my sad duty to confirm that, after 6 years as Deputy Headteacher here, **Mrs. Ayres** will be leaving Long Lane at the end of this academic year. However, I am delighted to announce that she will not be far away as she is taking up the Headteacher post at Downsway Primary School. We will certainly miss her and wish her the best of luck!

Yours sincerely,



Mr. P. Thorne,
Headteacher



PARENT/CARER QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS – December 2016

My child is happy at this school	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know	
	78%	21.2%	0.8%			
My child feels safe at this school	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know	
	79%	21%				
My child makes good progress at this school	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know	
	55%	37%	3%		5%	
My child is well looked after at this school	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know	
	72%	27.2%	0.8%			
My child is taught well at this school	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know	Didn't answer
	64%	30.2%	0.8%		3%	2%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know	
	47%	47%	2%		4%	
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know	
	60%	36%	2%		2%	
This school deals effectively with bullying	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know	
	44%	36%	3%		17%	
This school is well led and managed	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know	
	68%	26%			6%	
This school responds well to any concerns I raise	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know	Didn't answer
	60%	32%	4%		2%	2%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know	
	57%	35%	7.2%		0.8%	
Would you recommend this school to another parent?	Yes	No	Didn't answer			
	97%	0.8%	2.2%			
Should we continue with	Yes	No	Didn't answer			

Shared Learning?	76%	16%	8%
Should we set any kind of homework?	Yes	No	Didn't answer
	67%	19%	14%
Number of pupils indicated on questionnaire	ALL	129	
	<i>FS, Y1/2</i>	42	
	<i>Y3/4</i>	43	
	<i>Y5/6</i>	32	
	<i>Year group(s) not stated</i>	12	



IMPORTANT DATES 2016/17



<u>Term dates</u>	
Term 1	Monday 5th September 2016 – Friday 21st October 2016 (3.15pm finish)
<i>Holiday</i>	<i>24/10/16 – 31/10/16</i>
Term 2	Tuesday 1st November 2016 – Friday 16th December 2016 (1.30pm finish)
<i>Holiday</i>	<i>19/12/16 – 03/01/17</i>
Term 3	Wednesday 4th January 2017 – Friday 10th February 2017 (3.15 finish)
<i>Holiday</i>	<i>13/02/17 – 17/02/17</i>
Term 4	Monday 20th February 2017 – Friday 7th April 2017 (1.30pm finish)
<i>Holiday</i>	<i>10/04/17 – 24/04/17</i>
Term 5	Tuesday 25th April 2017 – Friday 26th May 2017 (3.15pm finish)
<i>Holiday</i>	<i>29/05/17 – 02/06/17 *plus Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2017</i>
Term 6	Monday 5th June 2017 – Friday 21st July 2017 (1.30pm finish)

Welcome time (3.15pm – 3.45pm)

- Summer Term – Thursday 8th June 2017

Parents' Meetings

- Spring Term – Monday 24th April 2017 (All day – please note this is an INSET day)

Learning Showcase to Parents (including refreshments)

- Year 3 - 22nd March 2017 at 2pm
- Year 4 – 21st March 2017 at 2pm
- Year 6 - w/b 22nd May 2017
- Year 5 - w/b 10th July 2017

Scoot, walk or ride weeks –6th March 2017, 6th June 2017

Sports Day -Wednesday 21st June 2017, Infants am, Juniors pm (Reserve day Thursday 22nd)

Curriculum evening - Thursday 22nd June 2017

Transition week/Class swap - week beginning 26th June 2017 (For Year 6 moving to Year 7 and all classes in school)

Leavers' Assembly and BBQ- Thursday 20th July 2017 6.30pm