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Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer Fair on Saturday 15th July

With only 3 days to go before the Summer Fair, it's not too late to sign up to help after school on Friday and on the day itself. We are very grateful to those who have signed up already but we are still in **desperate need of help.**

- You can sign up to help by visiting:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d48adaf23a1fe3-long1>
- There will be a **'wrapping' evening** to make further preparations **THIS EVENING Wednesday 12th July at 7.00pm** – the more hands there the better!
- The PTA's **bidding board** is also on-line so you can start the bidding early.
<https://auctionofpromises.com/2017BidLLPTASummerFair>

The Summer Fair runs from 12-3pm and is our biggest event, so please bring your entire family, friends and anyone else to help support the day.

Staffing update

Further to my previous communication, the very challenging funding arrangement for all schools across the country means that from next year we will see here at Long Lane a very disappointing reduction in staffing due to redundancies. It is therefore my sad duty to inform you of the staff leaving us at the end of this term.

After **21 years** of service as a Teaching Assistant in the Infants we're all very sad to be saying goodbye to **Mrs Marshall**. Her two sons came through Long Lane and her expertise with reading and her work with 1:1 children will be sorely missed.

We're also bidding a sad farewell to **Miss Kittredge** who has worked here as a Teaching Assistant, a Higher Level Teaching Assistant and Librarian at different points during her **19 years** of service. Her son was a pupil here until 2001 and she was also a school Governor for a long period of time. Her attention to detail and desire to improve children's reading in the Junior classes will be particularly missed.

After 7 years as one of our Midday Supervisors and 5 years as a Teaching Assistant, we'll be wishing **Mrs Wake** farewell and also good luck as she takes up a new job. She has played a pivotal role in ensuring that lunchtimes run smoothly as well as supporting many children in the Junior classrooms.

I'm sure that you will join me thanking them all as their commitment to the school, the staff and children are an inspiration to us all and to wish them all the best for the future.

If you would like to find out more about the funding cuts please follow the link : Schoolcuts.org.uk

New catering suppliers

Following a tendering process I am pleased to be able to announce that **Harrisons Catering Services** have been chosen to replace ISS as our school dinner provider. Since its founding in 1994, Harrison has always been about quality fresh food prepared on-site and served by people who love what they do. Over 100 clients across the UK enjoy a Harrison foodservice, with more than 100,000 meals being served each day by approximately 2,000 people across more than 270 locations, including our close neighbours Denefield School.

Harrison understands that what young people eat affects their health and their ability to learn and perform in the classroom. At Long Lane Primary School our catering team will provide nutritious, balanced meals, and they will work to educate the children on how to make healthier food choices.

Harrison Catering Services is dedicated to ensuring that our meals meet school food standards and that your children have an enjoyable dining experience.

As a caterer, they understand that they are in a unique position to help our children make healthier food choices that can positively influence their health and well-being. This starts with all Harrison staff receiving training in how to prepare and serve healthier food through the company's bespoke Eat Well Live Well[®] training programme, developed by Dr Gray with the help of Sara Stanner of The British Nutrition Foundation.

Their skilled catering staff will work with fresh ingredients of the highest quality, which are British-sourced wherever possible. For example, all their chicken comes from the UK, and every egg they use is free range and UK sourced. Their focus on using quality, fresh ingredients has enabled them to achieve Bronze, Silver and Gold Catering Marks from Food for Life across their business, providing independent confirmation of their high standards.

They will work to broaden our children's tastes by introducing new ingredients with tasting samples and featured dishes on the menu. This is supported by posters with interesting, child-friendly facts about the ingredient and stickers for every child who tries it. They also offer educational signage depicting the food journey from farm to fork, further promoting children's understanding of where their food comes from and the importance of fresh ingredients.

All of this means you can be confident that your children are sitting down to a delicious and nutritious meal at lunchtime. The **cost of a school dinner** for all children from Year 3 to 6 will be **£2.35**, whilst the Infants will continue to be provided with a free school meal. Payments for school dinners will be made through Parentmail, more details to follow. I have attached the menus for next term for your information.

Other news in brief (more detail on Twitter)

June

- 5th – 9th - Scoot, walk or ride to school week (Yes the weather was awful!)
- 5th – Healthy eating workshop for Year 3
- 8th - Welcome time
- 8th – Mock General Election day
- 9th - Art workshop at Pangbourne College
- 13th - Denefield Primary athletics (LLPS overall 1st)
- 16th – Prime minister's for the day; Charlie and Katie
- 21st – KS1 sports morning (9.15-10.45am) Phoenix House winners
- 21st – KS2 sports day afternoon (1.15 – 2.45pm) Dragon House winners
- 21st - Reception open evening for new children and parents

- 22nd - Year 4/5 cricket team in tournament at The Oratory school
- 22nd – Curriculum Evening for Infants and Juniors
- 23rd – Reading University’s Professor Essa working with Y5/6 scientists
- 23rd – Group visit to Thames Water event for ARK
- 26th - Year 5 River day in Purley am and art masterclass with Mr & Mrs Lockhart pm
- 27th – First ever netball match vs Purley Primary (Y6,Y5 & Y5/6)

July

- 4th – Y5 and Y6 to the River & Rowing Museum
- 6th – Y4 to Purley on Thames to release our eels
- 10th – Y5 Learning Showcase

Lost property

The items left in our box will be displayed on Thursday and Friday of the last week. Items left will be recycled or disposed of.

The school term finishes on Friday 21st July at 1.30pm. There will be one final newsletter on that last day.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. P. Thorne,
Headteacher



IMPORTANT DATES 2016/17



Wrapping evening for Summer Fair – TONIGHT - Wednesday 12th July

Summer Fair donation - Friday 14th July : ‘Cakes’ (House Token and **DRESS-DOWN** in exchange)

Summer Fair – Saturday 15th July 12-3pm

Leavers’ Assembly and BBQ - **Thursday** 20th July 2017 from 6.30pm (not Tuesday)

Last day of term – Friday 21st July (1.30pm finish)



TERM DATES **2017/18**



Autumn 2017

Term 1	Wednesday 6th September 2017 – Friday 20th October 2017 (3.15pm finish)
Holiday	Monday 23 rd October 2017 – Friday 27 th October 2017
Term 2	Monday 30th October 2017 – Wednesday 20th December 2017 (1.30pm finish)
Holiday	Thursday 21 st December 2017 – Wednesday 3 rd January 2018

Spring 2018

Term 3	Thursday 4th January 2018 – Friday 9th February 2018 (3.15pm finish)
Holiday	Monday 12 th February 2018 – Friday 16 th February 2018
Term 4	Monday 19th February 2018 – Thursday 29th March 2018 (1.30pm finish)
Holiday	Friday 30 th March 2018 – Monday 16 th April 2018

Summer 2018

Term 5	Tuesday 17th April 2018 – Friday 25th May 2018 (3.15pm finish)
Holiday	Monday 28 th May 2018 – Friday 1 st June 2018
Term 6	Monday 4th June 2018 – Friday 20th July 2018 (1.30pm Finish)

Public Holidays

Christmas Day	25th December 2017
Boxing Day	26th December 2017
New Year's Day	1st January 2018
Good Friday	30th March 2018
Easter Monday	2nd April 2018
Early May Bank Holiday	7th May 2018
Spring Bank Holiday	28th May 2018

SATs Week for Y6 children will be held during the week beginning 14th May 2018.