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Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write, the start of the busy second half of the summer term has begun and there has been a conclusion (or not) to the general election. I will not be commenting on that outcome but I can tell you that **our PTA** have been working hard to raise much needed funds this year which will be going a long way to plugging a large gap in our finances. Their efforts will result in a number of necessities being purchased that would once have been covered by our budget. Therefore, it is more crucial than ever that you offer your time at the **Summer Fair on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July from 12-3**, which is our biggest event. You can also contribute on the donation days and make sure your family, friends and anyone else help support the day. You can sign up to help on the day by visiting:  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d48adaf23a1fe3-long1>

#### **New school APP**

I'd like to encourage **ALL** parents to download our school APP as there are a number of benefits both to you and for our school:

- It's free for parents to download!
- All school messages will be sent securely
- No need to search through a busy email inbox for important messages
- Read and respond to school messages at work, at home or on the go
- Every message sent arrives as an instant alert on your mobile.\* **(important – see below)**

\*At the moment you'll be aware that we send text messages to you from time to time especially for urgent situations, but these are expensive costing the school hundreds of pounds each year. **If parents use the APP we can stop sending text messages completely and put the money to better use.**

To download the App for free from either the [Apple APP store](#) or the [Google Play Store](#) simply search **Long Lane Primary School**.

Please note, parents will need to be registered on ParentMail in order to access the App and will login with their existing account details.

If you have previously been using the ParentMail App, you can continue using it, or simply delete it and download the School App. Whichever App you choose to use you will continue to receive messages from us as you have done previously.

#### **Toys**

I am sure you can understand why but we do **not** want children to bring toys into school. This includes the latest craze - **finger spinners**. Thank you for your help!

#### **E-safety information**

As you know we take our safeguarding duties very seriously and as such have included some important information on our school website. Please use the following to find out more:  
<http://www.longlane.w-berks.sch.uk/index.php/school-information/e-safety>

## Attendance

I would like to remind parents of the vital importance of all pupils attending school fully. Our attendance is on average over 96%, which is exceptionally good when compared with local and national norms. However, I would like you to note that the Governors agreed last year to the use of a law which allows it and the Council to issue **fixed penalty notices** to parents where children miss significant amounts of time (this can be unauthorised absence or holiday time over a given period of time). The West Berkshire penalty notices code of conduct states that a penalty notice can be issued to any parent whose child has twenty or more unauthorised absences ( or 10 days) during a ten school week period. This is in line with Section 444a of the Education Act 1996.

## Year 6 SATs

Congratulations to our Year 6 children who have worked hard towards the tests they completed back in May. We are very proud of each and every one of them and hope that they will reap the rewards of their effort when we get our results back in July.

## Sun-cream/Hats

I really do hope that the sunny weather continues for as long as possible. With this in mind, please apply sun cream to your child before coming to school. Older children may bring cream to apply to themselves if this is your normal practice at home. A sun hat to wear when playing outside will also help reduce some over-heating that has been happening! We may have to introduce a rule of **not going out in the sun without a hat** in order to ensure the well-being of all children. We also suggest that long hair be tied back.

## Water bottles

We actively encourage children to drink plenty of water. To help they should bring a **named** bottle of water to school **every day** during the Summer. They can keep in their classroom and are allowed to take a drink at virtually any time (avoiding using the bottle like a dummy of course!)

## Parent's corner!

A message from Dan Cowen's dad :

I'm writing on behalf of the Goring Gap Boat Club to spread the word about our fun regatta and river festival, there are lots of attractions for all ages, on **22 July** and to [invite the children of Long Lane to enter a competition.](#)

As part of the event this year, we are inviting local school children to **paint a picture** entitled "Celebration". Our boat club are lucky to have acquired "Heart and "Seoul", a gold medal winning boat used by Sir Steve Redgrave in the Seoul Olympics. The children could think about what they would like to celebrate, be it a "win" or an aspirational moment they are yet to achieve. If your child is interested in entering the competition details as to when the paintings or other media will be collected for display will be finalised soon and announced at school. The judging will take place on the day of the regatta.

## Other news in brief (more detail on Twitter)

### April

- 6<sup>th</sup> - Rev Archer - assembly about Easter
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 children to Denefield for a special Easter Egg hunt!
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Coffee morning raising funds for <http://www.c-r-y.org.uk/>
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Nearly new and second hand uniform sale

### May

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Baby eels (elvers) arrive from <http://www.riverkennet.org/>
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Super learning day at Denefield

- 8<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 SATs week begins
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Rounders and cricket competition at Denefield (finishing 1<sup>st</sup> and second).
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Table tennis table arrives!
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Imaam Teladia assembly
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Rev Archer assembly
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Year 5 attend languages day at Denefield
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Learning Showcase to parents
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Year 1 and Year 2 visit the Oxford Road mosque

June

- 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> - Scoot, walk or ride to school week (Yes the weather was awful!)
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Healthy eating workshop for Year 3
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Welcome time
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Art workshop at Pangbourne College

### Uniform

We are very proud of our co-ordinated uniform but it has become apparent recently that a number of slight variations have crept their way in; the length of shorts and skirts in particular. So here is a reminder of our policy, which was reviewed and agreed by the Governors in December 2016:

Royal Blue Sweatshirt or cardigan

White shirt or polo shirt or blouse

Grey **knee length skirt or culottes or pinafore** or tailored grey trousers with grey socks or grey tights

Blue/white checked dress (gingham style) with white socks

Grey tailored **knee length shorts** with grey socks

Make-up, including nail varnish, is not acceptable

Children are permitted to wear one small silver or gold ear stud in each ear lobe and watches but the school can take no responsibility for these. These need to be removed before P.E. activities.

Extremes of hair fashions are not appropriate.

In particular, words or symbols cut into hair and Mohicans will not be acceptable within the school.

Long hair should be tied back at all times.

The children in assembly this morning agreed that I looked very untidy with my shirt hanging out so we've agreed that we all should tuck them in! **Please also remember to name all items of clothing as it helps us to return them to the rightful owner instead of going to lost property.** We have lots of clothes already in lost property.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. P. Thorne,  
Headteacher



## IMPORTANT DATES 2016/17



Sports Day -Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017, Infants 9.30am, Juniors 1.15pm (Reserve day Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>)

Curriculum evening - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017 (KS1 from 7.00pm, KS2 from 7.30pm)

Summer Fair donation - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June : 'Filled Jars' (House Token in exchange)

Book Fair – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June

Transition week/Class swap day – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June (Y6 to Denefield all day)

Summer Fair donation - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June : 'Toys/Teddies/Bath & Beauty' (House Token in exchange)

Summer Fair donation - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July : 'Bottles' (House Token and **DRESS-DOWN** in exchange)

### Learning Showcase to Parents

- Year 5 Learning Showcase - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm in the school hall (will last approximately one hour)

Summer Fair donation - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July : 'Cakes' (House Token and **DRESS-DOWN** in exchange)

Summer Fair – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 12-3pm

Leavers' Assembly and BBQ - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017 6.30pm

Last day of term – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July (1.30pm finish)