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Dear Parents and Carers,

PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR- FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER – 3.30pm-5.30pm

Thank you to everyone for bringing various donations for the Christmas Fair. The committee have been working exceedingly hard to make sure it all happens. We still require volunteers to help out during the afternoon to set things up and then also man the stalls. If you have not already done so please sign up as the more help we get the better the experience for all! Thank you.

Here's the link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d48adaf23a1fe3-long>

If you have placed an order for **Christmas Cards** they will be ready for distribution from 5th December.

Building work

The new heating pipework around school has now been completed and is due to be 'lagged' in the coming weeks. The pipework, which is surface mounted, will take a little getting used to as it is quite intrusive. However, I'm pleased to be able to say that the school is now ready for the cold weather!

Twitter

We use this platform regularly to promote the activities that go on in school. It is a 'locked' group which means that you will need to request to follow. Each request is carefully checked but sometimes we do not recognise the name. If this happens please do let us know in person! If you have access to Twitter then why not 'follow us'?

Other news in brief (more detail on Twitter)

September

- 13th - Judo assembly
- 16th - Roald Dahl day
- 26th - Walk, scoot or ride to school week
- 27th - Year 3 and 4 visit to The National Gallery
- 29th & 30th Y5 & 6 to Adventure Dolphin
- 29th - Y5/6 Boys' Football Inter-school Tournament at Little Heath School
- 23rd - PTA quiz night and AGM

October

- 5th - Bikeability for Year 5 started
- 12th - Fire engine visiting the Rainbow class
- 14th - Y4 Boys' Football Tournament at Crosfields School
- 18th - Netball masterclass
- 19th - Choir to Area practice at Birch Copse Primary
- 19th - Y5/6 Boys' Football tournament at Hungerford Primary
- 20th - Y6 Girls' Football vs Downsway Primary
- 20th - Rev Archer Assembly – Being Humble
- 21st - Coffee morning in the hall which raised **£97.00 for Diabetes UK**
- 21st - PTA Halloween disco

November

- 3rd - School Photographer
- 7th -11th - Science week
- 7th - Y6 Boys Football Tournament vs Robert Sandilands and Winchcombe at Long Lane
- 8th - Denefield Tag-ruby event with two Long Lane teams
- 9th - Planetarium visit to school all day – with funding from the PTA
- 9th - Y5 Parents' meeting for PGL residential Sept 2017
- 10th - Maths Challenge Round 1 at Explore Learning
- 11th - Mrs Butcher talk to Key Stage 2 – Life in World War 2
- 11th - Whole school observed the two minute silence at 11:00
- 14th - Choir performance at the Junior Music Festival at The Hexagon
- 15th - DT challenge day at Pangbourne College
- 15th - Y6 Football vs Birch Copse at Long Lane
- 17th - Y6 Football tournament vs Hungerford, The Willows and Manor Primary at Hungerford Primary
- 18th - Children in Need Day which raised nearly £250
- 18th - Y5 Boys Football vs Birch Copse at Long Lane
- 23rd - Maths Challenge Round 2 at Explore Learning
- 23rd - Y6 Boys' 5-a-side football at Trinity School, Newbury
- 24th - Rev Archer Assembly - Advent

Reminder- School Meals - Your school could be missing out on funding

Our school could get an additional £1300 per year from the government for each child from a family on a low income. This is called Pupil Premium and can be used to support children with their learning. Your confirmed registration could mean that your child is provided with extra support. If you are receiving any of the benefits listed, do the smart thing - **check your eligibility**

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit only (not Working Tax Credit) with income less than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Asylum Seekers Support
- Universal Credit

To apply online go to <http://www.westberks.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals> or you can call **01635 42400** to register by phone. All you need is your name and address, date of birth and National Insurance number!



Bag 2 School

I am pleased to announce that we have organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for the school.

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 it has now paid out over £27 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for us it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes

of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults'

and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details).

If you fill the donation bag and still have more you can use any other bag to donate your items. Don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting from us on **THURSDAY 15th DECEMBER**. Please drop your bag (or bags!) in **THE SPARE CLASSROOMS** from Monday 12th DECEMBER (before or after school).

They will accept the following '**good quality**' items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags ,Bags ,Soft toys
- Hats, Scarves and ties
- Jewellery ,Belts
- Lingerie, Socks
- Household linen, Curtains ,Towels
- Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

They **DO NOT** accept:

- Duvets, blankets, Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- **School uniforms with and without logo**
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

School uniform with the logo embroidered or printed (coats/sweatshirts/cardigans) will also be collected at the same time by the school. Please place them in a separate bag. We will then hold a 'nearly-new' uniform sale in the New Year if there is enough to sell!

School Closures

Should we need to close the school in any event, including snow, we have several ways of communicating. These are:

- Local Radio stations including Heart and BBC Radio Berkshire,
- Our Twitter feed,
- The school website,
- The West Berkshire Council Website,
- We will also attempt to send out a text.

We always try our best to stay open so unless you hear through the above channels you can assume we are open. We only contact the local media when we are closed.

Parent Meetings

We look forward to welcoming you next week to Parent Meetings and ask that you try to keep to the allocated time. If during the meeting it transpires that you need longer than the allotted time then please make another appointment so that parents after you are not delayed. This is a source of much frustration for some parents and has delayed some teachers by up to 60 minutes in the past! Thank you. Some of our Governors will be available in the hall and you will also be able to complete our annual parent's questionnaire instead when you visit.

Parent Questionnaire

Please find attached our Parent Questionnaire. We would like these returned to school by Friday 9th December or you can bring them to parent evening and place them in a special tray!

Church Carol Service – Tuesday 13th December 2016 at 7:00pm

All parents, carers, friends and relatives are warmly invited to attend St.Mary's Church in Purley for what is now definitely our 'Annual Carol Service'. The Choir will be leading the service which will include a chance to hear some new songs for Christmas.

Toy collection for Reading Family Aid

For the next 3 days, 28th -30th November, we are acting as a donation point for the Reading Family Aid's appeal for toys. This annual appeal brings a little hope and happiness to local families living in desperate need, at a time of year when many feel lost and forgotten about. They will be collecting toys and gifts for children aged 0-16 years, whose families do not have the means to give their children the Happy Christmas which more fortunate children enjoy.

Finally, if you have not done so please can you sign the **Home-School agreement** that is printed on the inside of the Reading Record books (not Rainbow class though).

I hope to see you at one of our many events in the next few weeks!

Yours sincerely,



Mr. P. Thorne,
Headteacher



PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE 2016

Please return to school by Friday 9th December

Thank you.



	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
My child is happy at this school					
My child feels safe at this school					
My child makes good progress at this school					
My child is well looked after at this school					
My child is taught well at this school					
My child receives appropriate homework for their age					
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved					
This school deals effectively with bullying					
The school is well lead and managed					
This school responds well to any concerns I raise					
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.					

	Yes	No
Would you recommend this school to another parent?		
Should we continue with Shared Learning?		
Should we set any kind of homework?		
If 'Yes' what should it be?		

Optional (please tick)

	Infants (Reception)	Lower Juniors (Year 3/4)	Upper Juniors (Year 5/6)
My 1 st Child is in			
My 2 nd Child is in			
My 3 rd Child is in			

(Optional : Name of person completing the form _____)



IMPORTANT DATES 2016/17



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

Welcome time (3.15pm – 3.45pm)

- Spring Term – Tuesday 10th January 2017
- Summer Term – Thursday 8th June 2017

Parents' Meetings

- Autumn Term – Tuesday 29th (5-7pm), Wednesday 30th November (3.30-5.30pm) & Thursday 1st December 2016 (5-7pm)
- Spring Term – Monday 24th April 2017 (All day – please note this is an INSET day)

Learning Showcase to Parents (including refreshments)

- Foundation Stage – Monday 12th December 2016 9.15am
- Year 1 and 2 - Monday 12th December 2016 2.00 pm and 6.00pm
- Year 3 and 4 - w/b 20th March 2017
- Year 6 - w/b 22nd May 2017
- Year 5 - w/b 10th July 2017

Other events (Autumn Term)

- Nasal Flu Vaccinations - Y1, Y2, Y3 Friday 2nd December
- Year 1 and 2 to Corn Exchange , Newbury – Tuesday 6th December
- Rainbow class Theatre trip, - Tuesday 13th December
- Church Carol Service – Tuesday 13th December 2016 at 7:00pm
- KS2 Church Service – Wednesday 14th December 2016 at 9.45am
- School Christmas dinner/Christmas Jumper Day - Wednesday 14th December 2016

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