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20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a great time at our **Summer Fair on Saturday**. **It was a tremendous success and we managed a huge £5,357.59** which is the biggest amount I've ever seen. Well done everyone!

I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who helped out; whether you helped beforehand, during or after. I also give thanks and credit to the talented committee who worked so hard to get it all sorted ready for the weekend.

In fact, such events take a great deal of time to plan and organise which the committee undertake but the events themselves **rely totally on the goodwill of all the volunteers to ensure it is a success**. I know that the children love to see their parents helping in school and doing their bit to support these events which directly support their learning - whether it's raising money to help purchase glue sticks or larger projects like climbing equipment. **In the future, please try to help as much as you can.**

The PTA calendar starts again with a PTA meeting on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September and the **AGM and quiz night on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September**.

#### **Year 6 Leavers**

We had a super Leavers' awards ceremony, play performance and party after school yesterday evening. The weather was brilliant and the children's assembly was thoroughly enjoyable. There are always a few tears and last night was no exception! I'd like to wish them all the best as they continue their learning up at the 'big school'. Congratulations to the following award winners:

Maths Shield – **Isabel Carino**

Reading Cup - **Elisha Chawama**

Writing Cup - **Mollie Hayden**.

Teachers' Award – **Luca Hill and Lily Dore**

The Hazell Sport Shield – **Evie Bowyer and Roaul Jalloh**

Head Teacher's Award – **Charlie Stares and Cara Zeidler**

Secrets of Success Award - **Ellie Street**

A new award for this year, which has been very kindly donated by the Governors, is the Community Award which was won for the first time by **Anisa Johnson**.

#### **School meals**

I hope that you will spend a little while looking at the menus for next term which are attached. Our School Council took the draft menus to their classes a few weeks ago and then fed back to Harrisons with some suggestions – which they have been able to incorporate into the balanced menus for next term. Please be advised that there is a small increase of 5p per meal so that the price now will be set at **£1.40 from September 2018**.

## Attendance

I would like to remind parents of the vital importance of all pupils attending school fully. Our attendance this year has dropped to under 96% which is lower than our stated target for the whole school. I would like you to note that the Governors agreed 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.

## Helmets for bikes and scooters

A few weeks ago we heard the news that one of our families had been through a terrible ordeal. Their youngest son took what was a normal bump to the head whilst playing on his scooter. It was a low impact injury, which I'm told by his surgeon is quite common, but things developed quickly and he ended up in a critical condition. The surgery that then took place saved his life. Currently it is not law for children to wear helmets when cycling but we insist that children riding to school wear one. If your child scoots to school I would strongly urge you to make sure they too are wearing a helmet – accidents cannot be avoided but we can at least try to minimise the impact. I am glad to say the young boy has made a remarkable recovery and is back to normal.

## News in brief – more information on twitter

### April

- 24<sup>th</sup> Year 3 and 4 visit to Gurdwara, Slough
- 25<sup>th</sup> Year 4 swimming begins
- 27<sup>th</sup> Year 5/6 Football County Cup semi-final
- 30<sup>th</sup> Brass Fun day at Pangbourne College

### May

- 1<sup>st</sup> Parents' forum
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year 2 SATs begin
- 4<sup>th</sup> School Council Dress up day - £95 raised
- 8<sup>th</sup> Denefield Roadshow at LLPS
- 14<sup>th</sup> Year 6 SATs begin
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Rev Archer assembly
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Y3 Good food challenge
- 24<sup>th</sup> Rabbi Solomon Y3 and 4
- 24<sup>th</sup> Year 1 and 2 trip to Woolley Fors
- 25<sup>th</sup> Class and Team Photos

### June

- 4<sup>th</sup> Science week begins
- 5<sup>th</sup> Theale and Tilehurst Cricket
- 6<sup>th</sup> Y6 Tennis at Purley
- 7<sup>th</sup> U7, U9 and U11 Girls football tournament
- 9<sup>th</sup> Cricket match vs Birch Copse
- 11<sup>th</sup> Scoot, walk or ride to school week
- 11<sup>th</sup> Phonic screening checks begin
- 12<sup>th</sup> Inter-house Netball tournament
- 14<sup>th</sup> Year 5/6 Football County Cup Final
- 14<sup>th</sup> PTA Fathers' Day shop
- 15<sup>th</sup> Cricket coaching for Y2 and 3 starts
- 18<sup>th</sup> Cricket match vs Bradfield
- 20<sup>th</sup> Cricket vs Caversham
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Drama 4 all workshop – KS1

- 22<sup>nd</sup> School Council meeting
- 26<sup>th</sup> Rev Archer assembly
- 27<sup>th</sup> Infant and Junior Sports day
- 28<sup>th</sup> Y6 transition day, Class swap morning
- 28<sup>th</sup> Cricket match vs Whitchurch

**Lost property**

The items left in our 'box' were displayed yesterday and will be on display today. Items left will be recycled or disposed of.

**The school term finishes today, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July, at 1.30pm.**

On behalf of all the staff, pupils and Governors I'd like to wish good luck to all our leavers. I hope that everyone has a fantastic summer break and we look forward to welcoming you back for the new term starting on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.**

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'P. Thorne', written in a cursive style.

Mr. P. Thorne, Headteacher



## IMPORTANT DATES 2018-19



### Welcome time (3.15pm – 3.45pm)

- Autumn Term – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018
- Spring Term – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019
- Summer Term – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### Parents' Meetings

- Autumn Term – Tues 4<sup>th</sup> (5-7pm), Wed 5<sup>th</sup> (4 -6pm) & Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018 (5-7pm)
- Spring Term – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 (All day – please note this is an INSET day)

### Parents' Forum

- Autumn Term – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018 7.30pm
- Spring Term – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 7.30pm
- Summer Term – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 7.30pm

### 'Class assembly' to Parents

- Foundation Stage –Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 9.15am
- Year 1 and 2 – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 2.00 pm and 6.00pm
- Year 3 – w/b 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019
- Year 4 - w/b 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019
- Year 5 - w/b 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019

### Other events (Autumn Term)

- Year 5 to Multi activity days– Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September
- Year 6 to PGL – Monday 24<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September
- *Year 3/4 trip to the National Gallery TBC*
- PTA Quiz night and AGM – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September
- *Y5 Bikeability (Group 1) – w/b 7<sup>th</sup> October TBC*
- School Photographer – Individual photos – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October
- *Y5 Bikeability (Group 2) – w/b 14<sup>th</sup> October TBC*
- Y5 children and parents meeting re PGL 2019 - Thursday 8th November 2018 at 6.00pm;
- Children In Need Day – Bring a teddy and/or wear something spotty – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November
- PTA Christmas Fair – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 3.30pm
- *Nasal Flu Vaccinations - FS, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 -Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December TBC*
- KS2 Church Service – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 9.45am TBC
- School Christmas dinner/Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 19th December 2018
- *Year 5/6 trip to Milestones (Spring term 2019 TBC)*

Scoot, walk or ride weeks –1<sup>st</sup> October 2018, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Sports Day -Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Infants am, Juniors pm (Reserve day Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June)

'Meet the teacher' evening – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Transition week/Class swap - week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 (For Year 6 moving to Year 7 and all classes in school) TBC

Leavers' Assembly / Awards - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 6.00pm



# Long Lane Primary School Term Dates 2018-19

## Autumn 1

Start of pupil term	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
End of pupil term	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2018

## Autumn 2

Start of pupil term	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
End of pupil term	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
<b>Christmas Holiday</b>	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2018 – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2019

## Spring Term 3

Start of pupil term	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
End of pupil term	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2019

## Spring Term 4

Start of pupil term	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
End of pupil term	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
<b>Spring Holiday</b>	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April – Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019

## Summer Term 5

	<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 – PARENTS' MEETINGS</b>
Start of pupil term	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
End of pupil term	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2019
<b>Half Term</b>	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019

## Summer Term 6

Start of pupil term	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019
End of pupil term	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2019

Please note that INSET days will be held during the school holidays.

## Public Holidays

25 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Christmas Day
26 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Boxing Day
1 <sup>st</sup> January 2019	New Year's Day
19 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Good Friday
22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2019	Easter Monday
6 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Early May Bank Holiday
27 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Spring Bank Holiday