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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Change for life**

Before the half-term we sent home with each child a yellow booklet with the title, "Are you ready for your fun Family Snack Challenge?" If you have completed the challenge then please do send the booklet back by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. We can then give a small reward to those who have made the effort.

For more information please visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life>

### **Uniform reminder**

I told the staff and pupils earlier this week that we need to make sure our uniform policy is being followed. We always speak to children and remind them about their uniform but we also realise that it's parents who buy the clothes. **Therefore, we will be following up these discussions with letters home to all who are not following the uniform policy** which has been in place since September 2015.

Please visit <http://longlane.w-berks.sch.uk/index.php/governors-and-policies/policies> to view the full policy.

Our school colours are Royal Blue, Grey and White and the uniform is as follows:

#### **Girls**

- 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

#### **Boys**

- Royal Blue Sweatshirt
- White shirt or polo shirt
- Grey trousers with grey socks
- Grey shorts with grey socks

#### **Shoes**

All children should wear sensible black shoes with flat heels; **trainers are not considered suitable footwear** with school uniform. 'Canvas' type shoes, open toed sandals and boots are not appropriate. If it is a wet or cold day and your child needs to wear wellies or warm boots to travel to school, please make sure they have normal school shoes to change into.

#### **Parents' Forum**

I'd like to remind you that we intend to hold a Parent's forum for **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March from 6.00pm-7.00pm**. The agenda items currently include *Internet safety, Sweets for birthdays and CCTV usage*. If you have a question or item for discussion please send them to the school office by **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March** – only

items on the agenda will be discussed with new items arising in the meeting forming the next forum agenda.

### **PTA Summer Fair – Front Cover Programme competition**

Please find attached a competition entry form for a poster advertising this year's Summer Fair. The winning entry will be used as the front cover for the programme and all entries displayed at the fair itself. Our theme this year will be **The World Cup** which takes place in Russia! Entries must be handed in by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

### **International Women's Day**

We will be marking International Women's Day on Wednesday March 7th by holding a series of talks / demonstrations/ storytellings and much more for each class with our teachers dressing up and taking the role of females who changed the world. More information including a booklist can be found at: <https://www.internationalwomensday.com/>

### **Cold Weather**

I'm sure you'll be aware of this from weather forecasts yourselves but I wanted to send a reminder as we have now been issued with the following **cold weather alert**: " From 09:00 on Friday 23rd February and 12:00 on Monday 26th February in the South East an 80% probability of severe cold weather/icy conditions/ heavy snow."

I therefore thought it would be a good idea to remind you of our procedures when it comes to **school closures**.

Firstly, **we do try to keep open**. Closing the school is a decision that I never take lightly and always as a last resort and after consultation with local schools. **You can therefore assume that the school is OPEN unless you receive a message** via one of these media channels:

1. Our twitter feed.
2. Our school website.
3. West Berkshire website
4. A text message sent from school.
5. A message on a local radio station.
  - a. Reading 107FM (Jack FM)
  - b. Heart
  - c. BBC Radio Berkshire
  - d. Newbury Sound

We try to make the decision quickly and in a timely manner as we do understand the knock-on effect.

When the school is open and there is still snow on the ground or if it is very cold we encourage children to wear the appropriate clothing to and from school as well as trying to make the most of it during break and lunchtimes! You are therefore asked to make sure you child has a coat, gloves and a hat as well as waterproof footwear – ie wellington boots (named of course!) Only children with wellies will be allowed on the field.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. P. Thorne, Headteacher



## IMPORTANT DATES 2017-18



### Welcome time (3.15pm – 3.45pm)

- Summer Term – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018

### Parents' Meetings

- Spring Term – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 (All day – please note this is an INSET day)

### Parents' Forum

- Spring Term – 19<sup>th</sup> March 6.00pm
- Summer Term – May 2018

### 'Class assembly' to Parents

- Year 3 – w/b 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - Confirmed WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2.00pm
- Year 4 - w/b 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018 - Confirmed TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2.00pm
- ~~Year 6 – w/b 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018 – Confirmed WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2.00pm (This has been cancelled- more information to follow)~~
- Year 5 - w/b 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018 - Confirmed TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JULY 2.00pm

### Other events (Spring Term)

- Year 3 Recorder lessons begin – every Wednesday from 21<sup>st</sup> February
- Year 6 Football against Western House - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February ( We won 4-1)
- Year 4 Tag rugby at Crosfields school – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February
- Year 6 Netball finals at Marlston House – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February
- Year 5 Chef – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February
- Year 6 to Denefield to watch 'Grease -Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February
- World Book day and optional dress-up day - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March
- Rainbow class to Henley – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March
- Year 2 Mother's Day Tea party – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2.00pm
- Year 1 Mother's Day Tea Party – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2.00pm
- PTA Mother's day shop – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March (during the afternoon and after school)
- Shakespeare week including 'no pen' day- week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> march
- PTA children's discos – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – FS & KS1 5.00-6.00pm, KS2 6.15- 7.45pm
- Denefield Cross-country Tournament - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March
- PTA Easter Egg hunt – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March - 3.15-4.30pm
- **FINAL DAY OF TERM THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH at 1.30pm**

Scoot, walk or ride weeks – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Sports Day -Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018, Infants am, Juniors pm (Reserve day Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June)

NO Curriculum evening – 'Meet the teacher' instead – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Transition week/Class swap - week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 (For Year 6 moving to Year 7 and all classes in school)

Leavers' Assembly and BBQ- Thursday 19th July 2017 6.30pm

(For term dates please refer to your child's Reading diary).