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Dear Parents and Carers,

No teacher on the gate - Wednesday 15th /Thursday 16th /Friday 17th November

Please note that there will be **no teacher on gate duty** in the mornings and after school at the end of this week. The gates will be opened and closed on these days by Mr Darling.

PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR- FRIDAY 1ST 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>

'Children in Need' – a message from the School Council

As we are sure you are aware this year Children in Need day is on **Friday 17th November.**

As a school we like to be a part of this very worthwhile cause and this year we are asking for all the children to come dressed either in something spotty, something to do with Children in Need or in their pyjamas and bring in a teddy in return for a minimum donation of 50p to the charity. Members of The School Council will collect the money in the classrooms as the children arrive in the morning.

Thank you in advance for your support and help,

The School Council Team



All Different

All Equal

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Anti-bullying week 13th November -17th November

From Tuesday 14th November all children will be allowed to wear 'odd socks' for the rest of the week in celebration on the theme for this year's Anti-bullying week: " **All different, all equal**". Further details can be found at the following website;

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/about-anti-bullying-week-2017>

Uniform

Thank you for your continued support in our endeavours to maintain the uniform standard here at Long Lane. However, we have seen a few small deviations from the expectation recently. Please can you ensure that boy's socks are grey and that long hair is tied back. For those special non-school uniform days we still expect long hair to be tied back, no nail varnish or make-up and no football kits or tops to be worn (dress up days are slightly different of course).

As it is getting colder, please can you ensure that suitable outdoor clothing is provided for PE. Dark blue track-suits are acceptable and I have seen one that 'Decathlon' are selling for £4.99 which are the school colours!

Lunchtime Controller vacancy

We are looking to recruit reliable and motivated individuals to work during lunchtimes. Their main role is to supervise pupils in the dining hall, playground areas and school premises ensuring the safety, welfare, physical and mental well-being of pupils and the maintenance of good order and discipline. The hours are 12.15pm -1.15pm, term time only. Please contact Miss Sarsfield in the school office for an application pack. Visits to the school are welcomed and encouraged.

Parents' Forum postponed

The Parents' forum planned for TUESDAY 14th NOVEMBER has been postponed. When a new date has been decided we will let you know.

A date for your diary; we are taking part in the **Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday 9th December** at St.Mary's Church from 11am to 5pm. Your support would be very welcome!

Other news in brief (more detail on Twitter)

September

- 12th - Judo assembly and taster sessions
- 15th - Roald Dahl day
- 26th - Walk, scoot or ride to school week
- 18/19th - Y5 Adventure Dolphin
- 20th -Y6 Boys' 5-a-side Football at Trinity School Newbury
- 21st – House Captains' election assembly and election day
- 25th/26th/27th - Y6 PGL residential
- 28th – Rev Archer & Rev Sally Bolton Assembly – theme 'Mission'
- 28th – Year 5/6 Anti-smoking theatre group visit
- 29th - PTA quiz night and AGM
- 30th – Carroll family constructing the FS play equipment

October

- 10th - Bikeability for Year 5 started
- 12th - Y6 Boys' football match vs Winchcombe Primary
- 13th – Year 1 and 2 visit to The Haymarket Theatre to see The Gruffalo
- 13th – Y4 Boys' football to Crosfields tournament
- 16th - School Photographer
- 19th - Choir to area practice at Park Lane School
- 21st - PTA Halloween disco

November

- 2nd – Y6 Boys Football Tournament vs Thatcham Park, Burghfield St Mary's and Calcot Junior at Long Lane
- 2nd – Dress Down for donation of 'bottles' for Christmas Fair
- 8th – School Council meeting

- 9th - Y5 Parents' meeting for PGL residential Sept 2018
- 10th - Whole school observed the two minute silence at 10.45am
- 10th - Dress Down for donation of 'filled jars' for Christmas Fair

Parent Questionnaire

I have attached our Parent Questionnaire and you will notice we have included an optional section so that we can monitor responses from different groups. We would like these returned to school by Friday 8th December or you can bring them to parents' evening and place them in a special tray!

Parent Meetings

We look forward to welcoming you to Parent Meetings in a couple of weeks and ask that you look out for the details for signing up through Parentmail. This year the dates are **Tuesday 5th, Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th December**. We allocate 10 minutes for each child 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 and you will also be able to complete our annual parent questionnaire when you visit.

Church Carol Service – Tuesday 19th December 2016 at 6:00pm

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

School Closures

Should we need to close the school in any event, including snow/lack of heating/or any other critical incident, 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.

Registration time

I would like to clarify our expectations and responsibilities with regard to registration. We open the classroom doors at 8.45am each day for children enter. The official school day begins at 8.55am when the school bell rings. **All registers will now 'close' at 9.00am.** Children arriving in the classroom after the register has closed will be marked as 'late'.

If you arrive after the 'gates' have closed all children must enter via the school office and be signed in giving the reason for their lateness. Children arriving 30 minutes after the register has closed will be marked as absent in the register.

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

Yours sincerely,



Mr. P. Thorne, Headteacher



PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE 2017

Please return to school by Friday 8th 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?		

Optional

<u>(please use one tick for each child)</u>	<i>(Reception/Y1/Y2)</i>	<i>Year 3/4</i>	<i>Year 5/6</i>
My Child is/ children are in			

What is your ethnicity? Please circle one section to indicate your ethnic group.

Mixed or multiple ethnic groups background	Asian or Asian British	Black, African, Caribbean or black British	White	Other ethnic group	Prefer not to say
<i>White & Black Caribbean, White & Black African, White & Asian, Any other mixed or multiple ethnic</i>	<i>Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Chinese, Any other Asian background</i>	<i>Caribbean, African Any other black British, African or Caribbean background</i>	<i>British, English, Northern Irish, Scottish or Welsh; Irish Gypsy or Irish traveller, Any other white background,</i>	<i>Arab, Any other ethnic group</i>	

(Optional : Name of person completing the form _____)



IMPORTANT DATES **2017-18**



Welcome time (3.15pm – 3.45pm)

- Spring Term – Tuesday 16th January 2018
- Summer Term – Thursday 7th June 2018

Parents' Meetings

- Autumn Term – Tues 5th (5-7pm), Wed 6th (4 -6pm) & Thurs 7th December 2017 (5-7pm)
- Spring Term – Monday 16th April 2018 (All day – please note this is an INSET day)

Parents' Forum

- Spring Term – February 2018
- Summer Term – May 2018

'Class assembly' to Parents (including refreshments)

- Foundation Stage performance of Nursery Rhyme Nativity– Tuesday 12th December 2017 9.15am
- Year 1 and 2 performance of – Tuesday 12th December 2017 2.00 pm and 6.00pm
- Year 3 – w/b 5th February 2018
- Year 4 - w/b 19th March 2018
- Year 6 - w/b 21st May 2018
- Year 5 - w/b 9th July 2018

Other events (Autumn Term)

- Children In Need Day – Bring a teddy and/or wear something spotty – Friday 17th November
- Choir to The Hexagon for the afternoon and evening – Tuesday 21st November
- Year 5/6 Tag rugby at Denefield school (afternoon) - Tuesday 21st November
- Year 5 & 6 Science Festival at The Oratory – Thursday 23rd November
- Donation day - Toys and Games/ Bath and Beauty – Friday 24th November
- Donation day - Cakes – Friday 1st December
- Christmas Fair – Friday 1st December 3.30pm – 5.30pm
- Year 3 and 4 to St. Mary's Church - 2 – 3pm - Thursday 7th December
- Nasal Flu Vaccinations - FS,Y1, Y2, Y3,Y4 -Friday 8th December
- Rainbow class Theatre trip, - Wednesday 13th December
- KS2 Church Service – Tuesday 12th or Wednesday 13th December 2017 at 9.45am
- Year 3 and 4 – Tudor day - Wednesday 13th December
- Church Carol Service – Tuesday 19th December 2017 at :600pm
- School Christmas dinner/Christmas Jumper Day - Tuesday 19th December 2017
- FINAL DAY OF TERM Wednesday 20th December at 1.30pm

Scoot, walk or ride weeks – 5th March 2018, 11th June 2018

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

NO Curriculum evening – 'Meet the teacher' instead – Wednesday 20th June 2018

Transition week/Class swap - week beginning 2nd 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).