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Dear Parents and Carers,

PTA

The **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** took place on Friday 28th September. I'm delighted to be able to report that this year's committee will continue to be Chaired by Mrs Cowmeadow, whose daughter is in Year 5.

The **QUIZ NIGHT** that followed was won this year by parents going by the name of B.E.A.S.T. Thank you to all the teams who took part!

Christmas Fair donation days will be:

2nd November - Filled Jars – **Non dress down day**

9th November - Bottles (Wine/Soft drinks) – **Dress down day**

23rd November - Toys/Games/Bath & Beauty – **Dress down day**

30th November Cakes – **Dress down day**

Uniform update

At their last meeting, the Governors voted to adapt our uniform policy so that it now includes knee length gingham playsuits. They also agreed to remove the distinction between boys and girls which means that this is now the agreed uniform for any child:

- Royal Blue Sweatshirt or cardigan or zipped fleece
- White shirt or polo shirt or blouse
- Grey knee length skirt with grey socks or grey tights
- Grey culottes with grey socks or grey tights
- Grey pinafore with grey socks or grey tights
- Grey tailored trousers with grey socks
- Grey tailored knee length shorts with grey socks
- Blue/white checked dress (gingham style) with white socks
- Blue/white checked knee length playsuit (gingham style) with white socks

Curriculum news

The learning themes for this half term are;

Year Group		Theme name	Skills main focus
Autumn 2 nd Half	Year 1/2	We Will Remember Them	History
		Once Upon a Time....	Literacy & The Arts
	Year 3/4	Remembrance	History
		Polar Adventure	Geography
	Year 5/6	Remembrance	History
		Superheroes	DT & Science

Other news (more information on Twitter)

- Year 5 to Waterside activity centre – Thursday 20th & Friday 21st September
- Jeans for Genes day – Friday 21st September - **thank you we raised £125.35**
- Year 6 to PGL – Monday 24th, Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th September
- Governors' Resource Committee Meeting - Wednesday 26th September 6.00pm
- Macmillan coffee morning - Friday 28th September – **thank you we raised £100.**
- PTA Quiz night and AGM – Friday 28th September at 7.00pm
- Scoot, Walk or Ride week - starting Monday 1st October
- Y5 Bike fix day - Monday 1st October
- Full Governors' meeting – Wednesday 3rd October
- Y5 Bikeability – Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th
- School Photographer – Individual photos – Tuesday 9th October
- Pangbourne College Maths Challenge Day – Tuesday 9th October – **well done to the team for finishing 2nd!**
- PTA meeting – Wednesday 10th October
- Y4 Boys football at Crosfields School – Thursday 11th October
- Nasal Flu Vaccinations - FS, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 -Friday 12th October
- Y5 Bikeability – Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th
- Y6 Boys football vs Hungerford Tuesday 16th October - **well done team , a 3-0 win!**

'Turn Tilehurst Red Crafternoon' - Saturday 27th October 1pm-5pm

On 11th November, across Britain, people will be commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One. As part of our coverage of events around the county, BBC Radio Berkshire will be helping to Turn Tilehurst Red by decorating homes, schools, businesses and churches with homemade poppies and displays, paying tribute to those who made sacrifices for the country's future.

On Saturday 27th October, they are holding a free 'crafternoon' workshop in the Church Hall of the United Reformed Church, Tilehurst, (Armour Road, RG31 6HN) where you can come along and get stuck in making poppies and decorations for your own display. It's open to everyone of all ages. There will be lots of paint, pens, paper, glue and wool – you can follow some of our ideas or let your creativity run wild! You can also bring along any red items you'd like to use or recycle in your crafting – but all you really need to bring is your imagination!

You can drop in at any time between 1pm-5pm or you can guarantee a place by emailing them in advance at TurnTilehurstRed@bbc.co.uk.

Memorial Service at the Memorial Hall – Sunday 11th November 10.30am

All Long Lane families are invited to attend the Memorial Hall, Glebe Road and support the remembrance service for this WW1 Armistice Centenary. As part of this we are learning a song during assemblies so any children attending can join with all other schools to form a choir.

There will also be a special evening of activities at St.Mary's Church, Purley, starting at 6.30pm. The Pangbourne Silver Band will be playing and there will be various displays in the hall and refreshments! At 6.55pm 'The Last Post' will be sounded and the beacon of light will be lit on the bell tower roof which will join thousands across the country.

Oxford Road Mosque 'Open day'

Children, Parents and Carers are invited to the Oxford Road Mosque open day on Saturday 27th October, anytime from 12:30 - 15:30. Year 1 and 2 are studying places of worship in the Spring term as part of their topic work so a visit would be particularly useful.

Lost and Found

Recently, we have noticed an increase in lost property left in the **juniors**; a lot of it, unfortunately, is not labelled with a child's name. We would be really grateful if you could check your child's clothing (trainers, coats etc.) and make sure everything is named. To keep the amount of lost property down, we will be nominating **Lost Property Monitors** to return named lost property on a weekly basis; anything left over after that will go to charity and to our minimal stocks of spare school clothing.

***PGL meeting for current Y5 pupils, parents and carers (Y6 Sept 2019)**

Originally this was due to be on 8th November, but will now be on **THURSDAY 22nd NOVEMBER at 6.00pm**

Staffing update

I would like to extend my thanks to Mrs Hazell who has been working full-time this half-term covering Year 3 in Mrs Handley's absence. We anticipate the absence continuing for some more time so have appointed Mrs Tobin to job-share with Mrs Hazell after the half-term break. Mrs Tobin has already taught the children in Year 3 so she is known to the class already. She will be teaching the end of each week with Mrs Hazel teaching at the start of each week. Mrs Tobin's first day will be on Tuesday 30th.

I hope you all have a lovely half-term break. School starts again for pupils on TUESDAY 30th October.

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 19th September 2018
- Spring Term – Tuesday 15th January 2019
- Summer Term – Thursday 6th June 2019

Parents' Meetings

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

Parents' Forum

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

'Class assembly' to Parents

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

Other events (Autumn Term)

- PGL 2019 - Y5 children and parents' meeting - ~~Thursday 8th November 2018 at 6.00pm~~ Thursday 22nd November 2018 at 6.00pm
- Children In Need Day – Bring a teddy and/or wear something spotty – Friday 16th November
- PTA Christmas Fair – Friday 30th November from 3.30pm
- KS2 Church Service – Tuesday 18th December at 9.45am
- School Christmas dinner/Christmas Jumper Day - Wednesday 19th December

Scout, walk or ride weeks –4th March 2019, 10th June 2019

Sports Day -Wednesday 26th June 2018, Infants am, Juniors pm (Reserve day Friday 28th June)

'Meet the teacher' evening – Wednesday 19th June 2019

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

Leavers' Assembly and BBQ- Tuesday 23rd July 2019 6.30pm