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13<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to be able to watch the Infants performing their Nativity plays yesterday. I hope it gave you that Christmas feeling! It really is a privilege to be able to share with you in these kinds of momentous occasions and reminds us all of the meaning behind the holidays.



**WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

**Children (and staff) may wear a festive jumper with their school uniform** for a donation of no less than 50p, to raise money for **Save the Children**. The jumper can be either shop-bought or homemade – no onesies please.

**Don't forget - this day is also our Christmas dinner day!**

#### **PTA**

Thank you to everyone who came to the **Autumn Disco** on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. This first event of the year was a big success and as you know raised **£743.60** as well as giving you all the chance to show off your dance moves! Thank you to the committee for organising and then running the event.

As a result we have just spent **another £500** on a variety of items on the school wish list. This time the funds have been spent on much needed new **art equipment and resources** across the whole school. Thank you!

#### **Winter Wonderland – SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 12-4pm**

We hope that you had an enjoyable time at our 'Winter Wonderland' on Saturday. We have had some lovely feedback so far and we hope to be able to announce how the fundraising has gone soon! As always the event was heavily sponsored which means even more of the funds raised on the day will come back to be spent on our children. A huge thank you to everyone who came and to everyone that helped!!

#### **Schools Come Dancing Berkshire**

Huge congratulations to our ballroom dancers who represented Long Lane at the competition on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November. We were delighted with everyone's performance and were lucky to have had finalists and winning couples in each category and that includes the teachers' category too! It's been such a big hit we may look to take part again next year. Thank you so much to Miss Penn and Mrs Rushent.

#### **Parents' forum**

A big thank you to the one family member who came to our last Parents' forum! We had a very nice discussion but wondered if there was a need to publish in advance the topic in order to encourage more to attend. So with that in mind, our next Parents' Forum will be on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.30pm** (please note the change of date) when we will be discussing the proposed changes to our Behaviour Policy and also publicising our School Grounds strategy ( as a result of our consultations this term).

#### **Parent questionnaire**

I have attached the results from the latest parent questionnaire alongside the feedback over the last 6 years. We are particularly pleased that, following our work with parents about homework last year, 76% feel that we set the appropriate homework - an increase of 26%!

## Other news

### November

- 11<sup>th</sup> Anti-bullying week
- 12<sup>th</sup> Rev Archer assembly
- 12<sup>th</sup> Y1 Nature walk to Pikeshaw
- 12<sup>th</sup> Eco committee meeting
- 12<sup>th</sup> Y3/4 -Gymnastics coach (every Tuesday this term)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Parents' forum
- 13<sup>th</sup> Year 5/6 Girls' football vs Spurcroft (Tony Mosson Cup)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Year 3/4 Autumn Walk to Sulham Woods
- 15<sup>th</sup> Children in Need - £162.20 raised
- 17<sup>th</sup> Strictly schools dance competition
- 18<sup>th</sup> Year 5/6 Girls' football vs Spurcroft and Falkland (Berkshire ESFA Cup)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Choir performance at The Hexagon
- 19<sup>th</sup> Year 5/6 Mixed football vs Battle (Berkshire ESFA Cup)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Alternative Olympics at Theale – Y5/6 team
- 21<sup>st</sup> Year 5/6 Girls' football vs Birch Copse and Springfield (Newbury Schools' Cup)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Year 5/6 Girls' football finals at Trinity (Newbury Schools' Cup)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Year 5/6 mixed football vs Chieveley and Christ the King (Berkshire ESFA Cup)
- 27<sup>th</sup> 'Open classroom' for parents
- 28<sup>th</sup> Cross country at Denefield – Y5/6
- 29<sup>th</sup> Coram education workshops for Y5/6
- 29<sup>th</sup> Youth Sport Trust – Girls Active conference Y5 team

### December

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Rev Archer assembly
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Netball match vs Purley
- 4<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Girls' football 5-a-side at Trinity
- 7<sup>th</sup> PTA Winter Wonderland 12pm -4pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Infant nativity filming
- 11<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Girls' football 5-a-side Finals
- 12<sup>th</sup> FS nativity to parents 9.30am
- 12<sup>th</sup> Year 1/2 Nativity to parents 2.00pm and 6.00pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Infant parties
- 17<sup>th</sup> FS to Pantomime
- 17<sup>th</sup> KS2 to St. Mary's Purley
- 17<sup>th</sup> Netball match vs Springfield
- 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper day and Christmas Dinner day
- 18<sup>th</sup> Music concert (with Mrs Canolle 3.30pm)
- 19<sup>th</sup> KS2 parties

**Our final day of term is THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> December and we finish at 1.30pm.**

The first day of next term is MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

On behalf of all the staff, children and Governors, I wish you a very peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. P. Thorne, Headteacher



## PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

January 2013, April 2014, March 2015, December 2016, December 2017, December 2018, November 2019

My child is happy at this school	Year	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
	2019	75%	22%	0%	0%	2%
	2018	71%	27%	2%	0%	0%
	2017	81%	18%	1%	0%	0%
	2016	78%	21%	1%	0%	0%
	2015	59%	40%	1%	0%	0%
	2014	53%	43%	2%	1%	1%
	2013	57%	40%	0%	2%	1%

My child feels safe at this school	Year	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
	2019	74%	22%	0%	1%	2%
	2018	73%	26%	0%	0%	1%
	2017	85%	13%	1%	0%	1%
	2016	79%	21%	0%	0%	0%
	2015	70%	30%	0%	0%	0%
	2014	59%	39%	2%	0%	0%
	2013	59%	40%	0%	1%	0%

My child makes good progress at this school	Year	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
	2019	70%	29%	0%	0%	2%
	2018	67%	27%	5%	1%	0%
	2017	68%	31%	1%	0%	1%
	2016	55%	37%	3%	0%	5%
	2015	46%	50%	4%	0%	0%
	2014	33%	62%	4%	1%	0%
	2013	41%	51%	7%	0%	1%

My child is well looked after at this school	Year	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
	2019	77%	21%	1%	0%	2%
	2018	76%	21%	3%	0%	1%
	2017	83%	11%	1%	0%	0%
	2016	72%	27%	1%	0%	0%
	2015	62%	38%	0%	0%	0%
	2014	50%	46%	3%	1%	0%
	2013	52%	44%	2%	0%	2%

My child is taught well as this school	Year	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
	2019	76%	22%	3%	0%	2%
	2018	72%	26%	3%	0%	0%
	2017	72%	27%	0%	0%	2%
	2016	64%	30%	1%	0%	5%
	2015	46%	50%	2%	2%	0%
	2014	34%	60%	3%	1%	2%
	2013	47%	49%	1%	2%	1%

My child receives appropriate homework for their age	Year	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
	2019	76%	22%	3%	0%	2%
	2018	50%	38%	7%	4%	1%
	2017	50%	43%	2%	0%	5%
	2016	47%	47%	2%	0%	4%
	2015	32%	59%	6%	2%	1%
	2014	24%	55%	16%	2%	3%
	2013	32%	52%	10%	1%	5%

This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	Year	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
	2019	53%	36%	4%	1%	6%
	2018	53%	36%	4%	1%	6%
	2017	67%	28%	3%	0%	2%
	2016	60%	36%	2%	0%	2%
	2015	47%	50%	1%	0%	3%
	2014	34%	55%	7%	1%	3%
	2013	36%	58%	4%	0%	2%

This school deals effectively with bullying	Year	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
	2019	36%	28%	9%	1%	26%
	2018	30%	30%	7%	3%	29%
	2017	45%	21%	2%	2%	30%
	2016	44%	36%	3%	0%	17%
	2015	28%	43%	2%	1%	27%
	2014	20%	47%	5%	2%	26%
	2013	22%	45%	5%	1%	27%

This school is well led and managed	Year	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
	2019	62%	35%	1%	0%	2%
	2018	70%	25%	1%	1%	3%
	2017	69%	30%	2%	0%	0%
	2016	68%	26%	0%	0%	6%
	2015	33%	61%	1%	4%	2%
	2014	36%	53%	4%	1%	6%
	2013	Not Known				

This school responds well to any concerns I raise	Year	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
	2019	53%	35%	1%	1%	11%
	2018	53%	22%	10%	0%	15%
	2017	57%	28%	5%	1%	9%
	2016	60%	32%	4%	0%	4%
	2015	30%	56%	4%	2%	9%
	2014	37%	52%	5%	1%	5%
	2013	37%	49%	5%	2%	7%

I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	Year	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
	2019	51%	40%	7%	0%	2%
	2018	47%	43%	5%	0%	5%
	2017	76%	19%	4%	0%	1%
	2016	57%	35%	7%	0%	1%
	2015	43%	50%	4%	2%	1%
	2014	33%	59%	6%	1%	1%
	2013	36%	57%	6%	0%	1%

Would you recommend this school to another parent?	Year	Yes	No	Didn't answer
	2019	98%	2%	0%
	2018	95%	3%	2%
	2017	98%	2%	0%
	2016	97%	1%	2%
	2015	96%	4%	0%
	2014	88%	7%	5%
	2013	93%	4%	3%

<i>Number of questionnaires which indicated which year their child/ren child in</i>	<b>2019</b>	<b>129</b>
	<b>2018</b>	<b>152</b>
	<b>2017</b>	<b>127</b>
	<b>2016</b>	<b>129</b>
	<b>2015</b>	<b>105</b>
	<b>2014</b>	<b>116</b>
	<b>2013</b>	<b>103</b>



## IMPORTANT DATES 2019-20



### Open classroom (3.15pm – 3.45pm)

- Spring Term – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### Parents' Meetings (evenings)

- Spring Term – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 4-6pm, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 4-6pm, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 5-7 pm

### Parents' Forum

- Autumn Term – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 7.30pm
- Spring Term – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020
- Summer Term – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020 7.30pm

### 'Class assembly' to Parents

- Year 3 – w/b 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020
- Year 4 - w/b 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020
- Year 5 - w/b 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020
- Year 6 – w/b 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Y6 Statutory test – week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Y2 test window – 4<sup>th</sup> May – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

Y1 Phonics screening window - 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020 – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Scoot, walk or ride weeks  – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Year 5 Bikeability  – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Sports Day  -Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020, Infants am, Juniors pm (Reserve day Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June)

Transition evening  – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020, from 5.30pm

New to Foundation Stage meeting  - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 6.00pm

Transition week/Class swap  - week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020 (For Year 6 moving to Year 7 and all classes in school)

Leavers' production and awards evening - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020 6.30pm