



8<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Recycling** news first! I am really pleased to tell you that through your contributions we have raised an **impressive £200**. Helen Whitfield has done an amazing job but she wanted to let you all know that and she's really proud of all the parents and children for supporting it all! We have purchased extra 'food waste' bins for all the fruit and vegetable waste from our healthy break time snacks that we generate - the next part of the plan is to turn this into our own compost...

**The Eco-committee** have met and discussed several options for us to focus on this term – litter, waste and energy saving. Amongst other things, turning off lights and computers when not in use is being pushed!

**The School Council** have also met and have been asked to contribute to the next school dinner menu by consulting with their classes. They are also asking for feedback from children about the possibility of the school kitchen providing a packed lunch alternative - taking the hassle out of making sandwiches for parents! I have attached their letter about Children in Need day.

#### **PTA**

The **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** took place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. I'm delighted to be able to report that this year's committee was finalised and will be chaired by Mrs Maskell, whose daughter is in Rainbow class.

At our meeting this week it was agreed to spend **just over £1200** on a variety of items on the school wish list. This includes a visualiser and camera for every class and three class sets of clipboards for use outside.

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

This year, after some deliberating, **donation days will NOT be dress-down**. House points will continue to be issued with the house with the most on each occasion winning that week.

Winter Wonderland donation days will be

22<sup>nd</sup> November - Bath and bottles (Wine/Soft drinks)

29<sup>th</sup> November - Filled Jars (please ensure sweets are in wrappers)

6<sup>th</sup> December- Cakes

#### **Contacting school**

Email communication is an extremely important and effective tool for communication but please allow up to **3 working days for a full response**. We do, however, aim to deal with all enquiries swiftly and effectively. Contacting the class teacher in the first instance is usually the best course of action.

**Break-time snacks** are restricted to fruit (grapes should be cut lengthways), vegetables (e.g. carrot sticks) and dried fruit (e.g. raisins). We actively expect children to bring in a **bottle of**

**water** which can be accessed at any time during the day. Other flavoured drinks can be consumed at **lunchtime only** but please do not send in fizzy drinks.

### **Nut/egg/fish allergies**

Like many schools, we have pupils in school with allergies to nuts/eggs/fish which could potentially be severe. Please note that this also includes mayonnaise. We generally ask that no children bring these foods or food containing them into school in their pack lunch boxes so that all our pupils are kept safe. However, we also realise that this is difficult for some parents too. **The Year 1, 2 and 3 classrooms will continue to be designated as 'nut and egg free zones'. The Year 4 classroom is designated 'nut, egg and fish free zone'.** ALL children having a packed lunch in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 will need to make sure their lunchboxes are nut, egg and/or fish free or highlighted to a staff member before lunchtime begins (may be a good idea if you let the class teacher know in the morning). Those children with these items in their lunchboxes will be asked to eat in the hall or a different classroom. If any junior children would like to eat their packed lunch in the 'zone', please also let us know. Thank you in advance for your support.



**Bug Busting** is a head louse detection and eradication method that is by far the best way to deal with the problem. Instead of relying on products with potentially harmful ingredients, Bug Busting works by combining specially designed combs with your usual shampoo and conditioner.

Unfortunately there are no shortcuts to eradicating head lice. It requires time checking everyone in the family regularly. I know the majority of parents are very proactive and do check their children's hair on a regular basis. However, if there are parents who do not do this then the head lice their children may have will very quickly spread. 'Bug Busting' is just a way to gently remind you all to carry on checking and to persuade those not doing it to take part!

Head lice is not a school problem but a social problem. However, school is where children are gathered in large numbers and are in very close contact with each other, particularly the younger pupils and so it is in the school environment that head lice are able to move from one head to another and spread. We are always willing to give advice and work together with parents to eradicate the problem of head lice. For more information please follow the link: <https://www.chc.org/what-is-bug-busting/>

### **Digital Parenting**

Your child will have been given a 'Digital Parenting' booklet to bring home today in which you'll find the following information and advice:

- Managing children's sleep and setting digital boundaries
- How children can enjoy a safer start on social media
- Better family communication around tech
- Expert advice on gaming addiction, self-harm and virtual reality
- Creating a better family digital-life balance... and lots more

For more information go to <https://parentzone.org.uk/digitalparenting>

### **Other news**

#### **September**

- 16<sup>th</sup> – House Captains' election assembly and election day
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Assembly with Rev Archer
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Enrich workshop for staff and children

- 19/20<sup>th</sup> - Y5 Waterside Adventure
- 20<sup>th</sup> – PTA Annual General Meeting
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Jeans for genes day (£127 raised)
- 23rd/24th/25th - Y6 PGL residential
- 30<sup>th</sup> – Walk, ride or scoot week

### October

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – PTA meeting
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Individual photographs
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Y5/6 5 a-side football at Trinity school
- 10<sup>th</sup> -Enrich workshop for parents/children /staff
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Y5/6 Girls football at Little Heath
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Phonics workshop
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Y5/6 football at Burghfield St. Mary's
- 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> , 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> – Parents' evenings week
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Year 3 and 4 trip to Roald Dahl museum
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Flu immunisations

### November

- 4<sup>th</sup> – Southern Electric Workshops for Y2 and Y3
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Netball v Purley Primary
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Y2 Wildlife walk
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Schools Come Dancing workshop
- 6<sup>th</sup> – PTA meeting
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Y5 parents/children meeting for PGL

Finally, I would like to wish the best of luck to all the children and staff representing Long Lane at the **Schools Come Dancing Berkshire** competition on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Although all the children have been having lessons this last half-term there wasn't space for everyone!

Yours sincerely,



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**\*\* CHILDREN IN NEED \*\***

*“Raise lots with spots and help change the lives of disadvantaged children living in the UK”*

Dear Parents & Carers,

**Children in Need this year is on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November** and as a school we like to be a part of this very worthwhile cause.

**We are inviting the children to come in to school on the day in their own clothes or “dress-down” (with something spotty if they would like to) or/and bring in their teddy in return for a minimum donation of 50p to the charity. We’d also like everyone to support this year’s anti-bullying week by wearing odd socks on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November!**

Thank you in advance for your support and help,

The School Council



*Catering Assistant – Fixed Term*

**Reading, RG31 6YG**

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## IMPORTANT DATES 2019-20



### Open classroom (3.15pm – 3.45pm)

- Autumn Term – ~~Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019~~ – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November
- 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 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020 7.30pm
- Summer Term – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020 7.30pm

### 'Class assembly' to Parents

- Foundation Stage Nativity – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019 9.15am
- Year 1 and 2 Nativity – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019 2.00 pm and 6.00pm
- 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

### Other events (Autumn Term 2019)

- PGL 2020 - Y5 children and parents' meeting - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 6.00pm
- Year 4 walk to Sulham Woods – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November
- Children In Need Day – Bring a teddy and/or wear something spotty – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November
- Schools come dancing competition – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November
- Junior Music Festival – Choir at The Hexagon – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November
- Church Service – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 9.45am
- FS to Pantomime – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019
- School Christmas dinner/Christmas Jumper Day - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019

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