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Enter a Magical World of Reading

The children have been absolutely enchanted with their transformed library space. The library is now a gateway to Narnia, filled with literary treasures to excite their imaginations. Our artistic wizard Mrs Anand and her dedicated team of Teaching Assistants worked hard to bring Miss Boxall's vision to life and as well as beautiful artwork and an enhanced space, there is a new selection of books to entice the children. Reading for pleasure is one of the most profound ways to improve children's learning and in the world of screens and constant distractions, curling up with a good book is an endangered activity we should all fight to save. We encourage every parent to read to and with your child everyday and each month we'll be offering suggestions for fantastic books you can read at home.

'You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book!' Dr Seuss



Mrs Watson's Book Club

Mrs Watson will be running weekly sessions on Friday afternoons, where a small group of children, selected at random from the registers will meet in the library to share their reading books. This will be a great opportunity for the children to talk about their favourite stories and share Mrs Watson's enthusiasm for reading.

Monthly book list

Each month we will be asking the children to suggest books they think their friends (and grown-ups) would love to read. You can find more suggestions for books, by age group on our website www.lentrise.bucks.sch.uk

Early Years	We're Going on a Bear Hunt - Michael Rosen & Helen Oxenbury
Year 1	Charlie and Lola: But I am an Alligator - Lauren Child
Year 2	Oliver and the Seawigs - Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre
Year 3	Beast Quest - Ferno the Fire Dragon - Adam Blade
Year 4	The 13 Storey Treehouse - Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton
Year 5	The Last Olympian - Rick Riordan
Year 6	A Series of Unfortunate Events - Lemony Snicket

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Parent Readers

Calling Mums, Dads and Grandparents, we need you! Reading aloud to an adult is an excellent way for children to gain confidence and improve their skills. Parent helpers are invaluable to us to give children the opportunity to read aloud and to see adults enjoying reading. We need more parent volunteers to read with the children. An hour a week (or more!) is all we ask and we can work around shift patterns if needed. Some companies now offer their staff time out to volunteer so this may be something you can do, even if you work full time. All our volunteers will be DBS checked. If you can help please email office@lentrise.bucks.sch.uk.

Book Week

It is never too early to start planning that all important World Book Day costume. This year's dress-up day is Friday 6th March and we look forward to the children and staff sharing their favourite characters. To celebrate World Poetry Day on Saturday 21st March, poet James Carter will be running workshops with Years 3 to 6 on Friday 20th March. He will hold a KS1 and KS2 assembly and will support EY and KS1 staff with resources for their own workshops on the day. We are asking for a small donations of £2 on Word Book Day to help cover the cost of our visitor.

Humanities Day

Thursday 6th February is Humanities day. Dramahub will be coming to school to run amazing, interactive workshops throughout the day. Timings need to be precise so that everyone gets their appointed slot. We would ask that all parents ensure their child is in school ready to have their register taken at 9.05 to ensure the day gets off to a swift start. We will be collecting donations of £2 per child towards the cost of the workshops.

Milk

As part of our drive to be a more sustainable school, we are making some changes to the way we distribue pupil milk to save packaging waste that cannot be recycled here in Burnham. From half term, all milk will be distributed in cups rather than cartons. This will save over 10,000 cartons and plastic straws each year. Milk is available free for children who are not yet 5 and for those receiving free school meals. Parents of other children who would like to order milk can do so at www.coolmilk.com. Early Years pupils will be served their milk in the classroom in the afternoons. KS1 and KS2 pupils will be served at a milk station either outside or in the club room depending on the weather. Our other schemes to increase school sustainability, including recycling crisp packets and reducing paper letters have been a great success so we are always looking for new ideas for small changes we can make that will make a big difference.

January's Attendance

Overall school attendance for January is 96%. The KS1 award goes to 2G at 98% KS2 award goes to 5J and 4C at 98%. 156 pupils have had late marks in the register this month, meaning 349 school sessions were disturbed. Please do try and get your child in on time in the morning as being even a few minutes late can have a knock on effect for their whole day.

Parent questionnaire

We will be releasing our annual parent question at the end of the half term to gather feedback on how you feel the school is doing. Some of the questions will have changed from previous years to reflect changes in the new Ofsted framework. Our governors will be at school during parent consultation evenings to answer questions, gather ideas and meet as many parents as possible. Our aim is to gather your views and also your ideas about how as a school we can reach even further.

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Poppies

We are delighted to announce that we raised £340 for the British Royal Legion's Poppy Appeal. This is a fantastic amount, one of the highest raised in Burnham. Well done to everyone who contributed to this excellent effort.

Winter Bugs

At this time of year there is an abundance of coughs, colds and sickness bugs, leading to an inevitable increase in both children and staff absences. We would like to remind parents that if their child has vomiting or diarrhoea, they must remain away from school for at least 48 hours after the symptoms subside. In the event of staff absences we try and cover the classes with Lent Rise staff, where this is not possible we will use trusted supply agencies.

Healthy Lunches

The BBC recently reported on a study from Leeds University, which found that 98 in every 100 packed lunches eaten by children at primary school failed to meet nutritional standards. The article provides lots of ideas for healthy lunch swaps and is well worth a look. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-51096997>

Schooldays Direct

As a school we recognise that buying uniform with a school badge can add an extra expense for parents. For this reason children may wear plain, un-badged uniform in the school colours. Those parents who do wish to purchase branded uniform often do so from Schooldays Direct, the local uniform shop. Schooldays Direct have asked us to let parents know that they have recently launched a new website where they can order uniform online. The website is <https://www.schooldaysdirect.co.uk/> and parents will need to use the code SDDLRS.

Parking and traffic Issues

We are growing more and more concerned about dangerous driving and parking around the school and fear that it is only a matter of time before there is a serious incident involving a child. We are contacting the local authority to see if there is anything more that can be done but in the meantime we would ask all parents to abide by the following codes:

- Please keep to a 20mph speed limit on Coulson Way
- Do not park on the zigzag lines at any time
- Do not obstruct the entrance to Lent Rise House
- Do not park in the mouth of Coulson Way
- Do not park on the pavement

Additionally we would like to remind parents to be courteous to other road users, sadly our staff have witnessed more than one incident where a parent has bumped another parent's car and then simply driven away. Mrs Watson has recently been in contact with our councillor Dev Dhillon who will be visiting the site to assess the situation during drop off.

We have asked the local authority, who are responsible for crossing patrols, to provide a relief crossing patrol assistant in Mrs Ruffle's absence but they were unable to assist.

Homework

This is just a reminder - if you would like to email in your child's homework, please use homework@lenrise.bucks.sch.uk

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PTA Update

We have had a very busy December! The Christmas fayre was a happy affair. I would like to express my thanks to all who made donations towards our raffle prizes. The draw gathered a very jovial and excited audience. The School discos will also leave us all with long lasting fond memories, we have some very promising dancers. The PTA distributed class gifts on the last day of the term to all the classes, which were well received by all. The children especially loved Santa's visit and the sweets.

I would like to extend my appreciation to the THB group for the corporate funding top up. They gifted us with a cheque of £500 for our Christmas Fayre and an additional £500 for Disco. Taking this into account plus our efforts at the events mentioned, our fundraising total stand at around £4000.

None of this would be possible without your donations and support at our events. I thank each of you for your tireless efforts. Let us keep the momentum and keep trying to achieve the best we can for our children and the LRS community.

The Funding towards the ICT centre may be within our reach, however there is still so much more we can do. We must remember the PTA is here to help fund items that the schools' budget cannot support. Our children deserve the best, let us find the funds to help them have the best!

We have a few more events scheduled in the following months:

W/C 10th Feb - Sweet jar challenge.

14th February - After school - Valentines day cake sale. All donations are welcome.

14th February - Non-uniform day (wear a red item of clothing), we recommend a donation of £1,

19th March - Mother's Day secret room. - All mums deserve the best.

TBC - March - Quiz and curry night.

On a personal note, I express my sincere thanks to all who have helped me in my role as your PTA chairperson. It has been an eventful few months, with challenge, wins and much to learn on my part. I will continue to serve the PTA as best I can. I love all that we are doing for Lent Rise, it makes me happy to know that we are making a difference. The parents have been brilliant in helping and supporting me in my role, I thank you.

I am always ready for a chat, you can find me at drop offs and pick ups on most days. Please join the FB PTA group, please read the updates and feel free to contact us on email or drop in a suggestion to the PTA post box.

Rosanne Naicker
LTS PTA Chairperson

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Safeguarding and E-Safety

Sharenting

Professor Stacey Steinberg, Associate Director of the Centre on Children and Families University of Florida, has written a blog discussing her research on 'sharenting', when parents share information and images of their children online. Best practice guidance for parents sharing online include: giving older children a veto power on online disclosures; considering the effect sharing has on a child's psychological development; not sharing naked or near naked pictures of children; and not sharing your physical location. <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/parenting4digitalfuture>

15 Apps Parents Should Know About

MEETME  <p>MEETME IS A DATING SOCIAL MEDIA APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO CONNECT WITH PEOPLE BASED ON GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY. AS THE APP'S NAME SUGGESTS, USERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MEET EACH OTHER IN PERSON.</p>	GRINDR  <p>GRINDR IS A DATING APP GEARED TOWARDS GAY, BI AND TRANSGENDER PEOPLE. THE APP GIVES USERS OPTIONS TO CHAT, SHARE PHOTOS AND MEET UP BASED ON A SMART PHONE'S GPS LOCATION.</p>	SKOUT  <p>SKOUT IS A LOCATION-BASED DATING APP AND WEBSITE. WHILE USERS UNDER 17-YEARS-OLD ARE UNABLE TO SHARE PRIVATE PHOTOS, KIDS CAN EASILY CREATE AN ACCOUNT USING A DIFFERENT AGE.</p>
WHATSAPP  <p>WHATSAPP IS A POPULAR MESSAGING APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO SEND TEXTS, PHOTOS, MAKE CALLS AND VIDEO CHATS WORLDWIDE. WHATSAPP USES AN INTERNET CONNECTION ON SMART PHONES AND COMPUTERS.</p>	TIKTOK  <p>TIKTOK IS A NEW MOBILE DEVICE APP POPULAR WITH KIDS USED FOR CREATING AND SHARING SHORT VIDEOS. WITH VERY LIMITED PRIVACY CONTROLS, USERS ARE VULNERABLE TO BULLYING AND EXPLICIT CONTENT.</p>	BADOO  <p>BADOO IS A DATING AND SOCIAL NETWORKING APP WHERE USERS CAN CHAT, SHARE PHOTOS AND VIDEOS AND CONNECT BASED ON LOCATION. WHILE THE APP IS INTENDED FOR ADULTS ONLY, TEENS ARE KNOWN TO CREATE PROFILES.</p>
BUMBLE  <p>BUMBLE IS SIMILAR TO THE POPULAR DATING APP TINDER HOWEVER, IT REQUIRES WOMEN TO MAKE THE FIRST CONTACT. KIDS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO USE BUMBLE TO CREATE FAKE ACCOUNTS AND FALSIFY THEIR AGE.</p>	SNAPCHAT  <p>SNAPCHAT IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR APPS IN RECENT YEARS. WHILE THE APP PROMISES USERS CAN TAKE A PHOTO/VIDEO AND IT WILL DISAPPEAR, NEW FEATURES INCLUDING 'STORIES' ALLOW USERS TO VIEW CONTENT FOR UP TO 24</p>	KIK  <p>KIK ALLOWS ANYONE TO CONTACT AND DIRECT MESSAGE YOUR CHILD. KIDS CAN BYPASS TRADITIONAL TEXT MESSAGING FEATURES. KIK GIVES USERS UNLIMITED ACCESS TO ANYONE, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.</p>
LIVE.ME  <p>LIVE.ME IS A LIVE-STREAMING VIDEO APP THAT USES GEOLOCATION TO SHARE VIDEOS SO USERS CAN FIND OUT A BROADCASTER'S EXACT LOCATION. USERS CAN EARN 'COINS' AS A WAY TO 'PAY' MINORS FOR PHOTOS.</p>	HOLLA  <p>HOLLA IS A SELF-PROCLAIMED 'ADDICTING' VIDEO CHAT APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO MEET PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD IN JUST SECONDS. REVIEWERS SAY THEY HAVE BEEN CONFRONTED WITH RACIAL SLURS, EXPLICIT CONTENT AND MORE.</p>	WHISPER  <p>WHISPER IS AN ANONYMOUS SOCIAL NETWORK THAT PROMOTES SHARING SECRETS WITH STRANGERS. IT ALSO REVEALS A USER'S LOCATION SO PEOPLE CAN MEET UP.</p>
ASK.FM  <p>ASK.FM IS KNOWN FOR CYBER BULLYING. THE APP ENCOURAGES USERS TO ALLOW ANONYMOUS PEOPLE TO ASK THEM QUESTIONS.</p>	CALCULATOR%  <p>CALCULATOR% IS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL SECRET APPS USED TO HIDE PHOTOS, VIDEOS, FILES AND BROWSER HISTORY.</p>	HOT OR NOT  <p>HOT OR NOT ENCOURAGES USERS TO RATE YOUR PROFILE, CHECK OUT PEOPLE IN THEIR AREA, AND CHAT WITH STRANGERS. THE GOAL OF THIS APP IS TO HOOK UP.</p>

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Term Dates 2019-20

Spring Term 2020

Tuesday 7th January	Friday 14th February
HT- Monday 17th February	Friday 21st February
Monday 24th February	Friday 3rd April
Inset day 6th January - staff only	

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April	Friday 22nd May
HT- Monday 25th May	Friday 29th May
Monday 1st June	Friday 17th July
Inset day 20th and 21st July - staff only	

Term Dates 2020-21

Autumn Term 2020

Wednesday 2nd September	Friday 23rd October
HT- Monday 26th October	Friday 30th October
Monday 2nd November	Friday 18th December
Inset days 1st September - staff only	

Spring Term 2021

Tuesday 5th January	Friday 12th February
HT- Monday 15th February	Friday 19th February
Monday 22nd February	Thursday 1st April
Inset day 4th January - staff only	

Summer Term 2021

Monday 19th April	Friday 28th May
HT- Monday 31st May	Friday 4th June
Monday 7th June	Friday 16th July
Inset day 19th, 20th and 21st July - staff only	

Diary Dates

Thursday 6th Feb - Humanities Day
Tuesday 11th Feb - Internet Safety Day
Friday 14th Feb - PTA Non-uniform day and cake sale
17th - 21st Feb - Get Active Holiday Camp
26th - 27th Feb - Parent consultations

Assessment Dates

Year 2 SATs will be administered in May 2020
Year 6 SATs will be administered in the week beginning 11th May 2020
Year 1 Phonics Screening tests will be administered week beginning 8th June 2020
Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check will be administered in June 2020

2020 Residential Trip Dates

Year 5 trip to Shortenalls 20th-22nd May 2020
Year 6 trip to Weymouth 23rd - 26th June 2020

All dates are subject to change