

Lent Rise School Newsletter

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Autumn Term

Welcome to Autumn Term 2017! We are all looking forward to a term packed full of learning and achieving our goals! You may have heard of the 'Mile a Day' initiative, well, here at Lent Rise we begin the year introducing our own version called 'fit in five'. Each child will walk a simple route around the school each day with their class with the aim of building up their fitness stamina.

School Value

This half term's school value is **Friendship**. Our school council will nominate and vote on future values later this month.

Parent Transition Meetings

Please do come along to our parent transition meetings at which the teachers will update you on curriculum, assessment, visits and other relevant information for your child's new year band. The dates are as follows:

Year One: 12 th September at 4 pm	Year Two: 12 th September at 5 pm
Year Three: 13 th September at 4 pm	Year Four: 13 th September at 5 pm
Year Five: 14 th September at 4 pm	Year Six: 14 th September at 5 pm

Parent Packs

I hope that you received your new revised Parent Pack today and that you find the updated information useful. You will notice that we are trying to be both environmentally friendly and cost effective by updating our website with much of the information so that you can access it anytime and anywhere!

Home School Agreements

Your child will come home with two copies of our home school agreements. One copy is to be kept at home and the other, once signed, returned to school.

Year Review of Attendance

Our overall attendance last year was 96.3%, an increase on the previous year. We are very pleased with the percentage and think we can do even better this year!

Clubs

You will also have received a letter today offering options for autumn clubs. Please return your slip to school by Friday 8th September. All teacher and teaching assistant led clubs, including reading clubs, will start on Monday 18th September.

Please contact Mrs Ide or Mrs Foley regarding any wraparound child care queries on riseandshine@lentrise.bucks.sch.uk or orchard@lentrise.bucks.sch.uk

Birthday Treats

We know children enjoy celebrating their birthdays with their peers and many will bring in treats to hand out at the end of the day. This is a lovely tradition that we do not wish to stop however please can we remind parents that we try and encourage children to make healthy choices and to please limit these treats to one small nut free sweet for each child and to refrain from sending in cakes or gifts.

Esafety

Esafety is an area that we all need to keep abreast of to support our children. There is a wealth of useful information for parents at the website: www.net-aware.org.uk

Fruit

Our PTA have agreed to discuss this and to consider providing fruit to KS2 children for a trial period. If this were to go ahead the children would receive the same fruit as KS1 so it might not be to everyone's taste each day. For example, apples one day, bananas the next as the schedule is not controlled by the school. Do share your thoughts with the PTA reps and we'll keep you updated on the progress of this fruity adventure!

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Maths Update

Teachers will be moving and reviewing groups according to Maths concepts and children may move fluidly between groups based on their skills in individual topic areas. Pupils may be taught by both teachers. Parents of children in Year 2 will recognise this successful approach from last year when Year 1 were taught Maths in this way. We are hosting an exciting Maths Week later this year and have an open evening on Wednesday 22nd November from 3.30 pm to 7 pm to share pupils' work and activities with you. Please do make a note of this in your diaries!

Non-uniform Days

To help you plan ahead, we have a couple of non-uniform days planned this term. The first is for Jeans for Genes Day on Friday 22nd September and the second is for Children in Need on Friday 17th November. On Jeans for Genes Day, children can wear jeans to school with normal school shoes and normal shirt and jumper/ cardigan. On Children in Need this year we are joining in with the Spotacular Theme!

Open Door Policy

I would like to remind all parents that their first means of communication is through the school office or the class teacher. Please do ask your child's class teacher if you have any queries, in order to support your child at school.

Individual Photo Day

A photography company will be visiting on Thursday 5th October to take individual (and siblings within school) photographs. Proofs will be sent home in your child's book bag and you can purchase various sized photographs.

Day-to-day Office hours and contact information

The school office is manned from 8.30 am to 4.30 pm Monday to Thursday and 8.00 am to 4 pm on Fridays. Please do contact Mrs Barnard in the school office with any queries or to assist in arranging any appointments with your child's class teacher.

What have we been up to....

This feature was introduced last year and each year group reporting on what they have been learning about on a rota basis in the newsletter. This popular feature returns next months.

PTA AGM meeting

This year the PTA AGM is on Tuesday 3rd October at 7pm. This is where committee members are voted in as well as hearing about past successes and plans for this year!

PTA REPS Meetings

Year band reps are also decided at the PTA AGM. We have a PTA reps meeting booked in for Monday 16th October at 9.15am. Please do share any thoughts and ideas for PTA fundraising or events.

Easy Fundraising

We are always on the lookout for easy ways to fundraise and although we've been registered with the Easy Fundraising website for some time, many of you may not be aware of it! It is a VERY easy way to raise funds for the school so that we can pay for things like the Science Workshops earlier this week. All you need to do is go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk and get shopping! In summary, if you link through this site when you shop, a percentage of the sale goes to a charity of your choice and that is hopefully, Lent Rise School! Happy shopping!

www.easyfundraising.org

Business Week 2017

Our business week 2017 was one of our best! Each class based their business on a fair trade theme; making and selling products. Classes donated profit from their business to fairtrade charities and a grand total of £1073 was raised! Well done fairtraders!

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We've all been busy preparing for the new term and new school year. A special thank you goes to Mrs Anand for brightening up our new entrance corridor with book characters and story themes.



Teaching Staff - this reminder may be helpful!

Early Years	Class Name	Class Teacher	Early Years Co-ordinator Miss Johns
	EJ	Miss Johns	
	EW	Mr Waldeck	

Key Stage One	Class Name	Class Teacher	Key Stage One Co-ordinator Miss Boxall
	1GY	Miss Gray	
	2H	Mrs Hind	
	2E	Miss Enright	
	2B	Mrs Burniki	

Key Stage Two	Class Name	Class Teacher	Key Stage Two Co-ordinators Mrs Joyce and Mrs Springford
	3E	Miss Ellis	
	3S	Mr Smith	
	4R	Mrs Rever	
	4Ra	Mr Rapley	
	5H	Mr Harman	
	5P	Miss Porter	
	6S	Mrs Springford	
6J	Mrs Joyce		

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Term Dates 2017-18

Autumn Term 2017	Wednesday 6 th September Monday 30 th October Inset Days	Friday 20 th October Tuesday 19 th December Monday 4 th September Tuesday 5 th September
Spring Term 2018	Thursday 4 th January Monday 19 th February Inset Day	Friday 9 th February Thursday 29 th March Wednesday 3 rd January
Summer Term 2018	Monday 16 th April Monday 4 th June Inset Days Early May Bank Holiday	Friday 25 th May Friday 20 th July Monday 23 rd July Tuesday 24 th July Monday 7 th May

Diary Dates 2017

Jeans for Genes	Friday 22 nd September
Individual Photo Day	Thursday 5 th October
Parent Teacher Consultation Week	16 th - 20 th October
Harvest Festival Week	16 th - 20 th October
Maths Open Afternoon / Evening	Wednesday 22 nd November
Children in Need	Friday 17 th November Non uniform day- spotacular theme!
Early Years Christmas Play (letters regarding tickets will be circulated in November)	Friday 15 th December at 9.45am Monday 18 th December at 2pm
KS1 Christmas Play (letters regarding tickets will be circulated in November)	Tuesday 12 th December at 2pm and 6pm
KS2 Christmas Shows (letters regarding tickets will be circulated in November)	Years 3 &4 - Wednesday 13 th December at 2pm and 6pm Years 5&6 - Thursday 14 th December at 2pm and 6pm
Christmas Discos	Monday 18 th December

2018 Residential Trip Dates

Year 5 to Shortenills	16 th - 18 th May 2018
Year 6 to PGL Weymouth	26 th - 29 th June 2018

Please note that all dates and times are subject to change.

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