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"It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!"

Christmas is always a magical time at school, the enthusiasm and excitement of 450 children is an absolute joy to behold. The children love sharing songs and activities and celebrating this special time. One way that everyone can get involved is to join us for our PTA Fayre on Saturday 7th December at 12noon. This is a perfect time to share in a little Christmas spirit and also to support the school with this vital fundraising event. There are lots of ways that you can support the school fayre. You could bring in donations of goodies and gifts for the tombola, volunteer to help at the event or bring family and friends to come along and enjoy the festive fun. The money raised by the PTA goes back to supporting your child's experience at school, so do please get involved.

Harvest Festival

We had some lovely responses from those in the community who were in receipt of one of our harvest donations including this lovely lady Esther who popped in to see us to say thank you.

We have had lots of cards, letters and calls, and we would like to pass these thanks on to the volunteers who came to help distribute the goodies and also to all of those parents who donated.

In addition we were able to donate food and toiletries to local charities supporting the homeless and some of the most vulnerable members of society.



Team Pudsey



Team Pudsey, made up of a dedicated group of Year 6 children, did a wonderful job coordinating our fundraising for Children in Need. The children made posters, organised and staffed the merchandise stalls after school, as well as coordinating Pudsey's visit and acting as school ambassadors.

We also had some brilliant costumes for the 'dress up as someone I admire', we were delighted to see the children's imagination at work. In total we raised a massive £1200 for this very worthwhile cause.

Lunch clubs

Mrs Wilkinson will be running some exciting new lunch clubs for pupils. These include a music jam session on a Friday. If your child plays a musical instrument and would like to attend they simply need to bring their instrument and music (we have pianos!) to school on a Friday and join Mrs Wilkinson in the club room after they have eaten their lunch.

Pre-school consultation

Following the information gathering exercise carried out earlier this year, we will be going out to formal consultation about the prospect of lowering our school admission age to 3 years old and adding a pre-school class of 24 children. More details can be found in the letter sent out parents this week, including ways to respond to the consultation with your views.

Christmas Performances

Requests for tickets for the Christmas celebration events has been circulated through ParentMail. There will be maximum of two tickets per family but babes in arms will not require a ticket. Please contact Mrs Barnard on office@lentrise.bucks.sch.uk with any queries or if you would like to split tickets.

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Learn Reach Shine Statements

Our curriculum describes what we teach and how we teach it. We are constantly reviewing and evaluating to ensure we give our children the best opportunity to Learn, Reach and Shine.

Intent

At Lent Rise School our intent is to deliver a curriculum that supports our pupils with skills for life. We want all our pupils to be equipped for learning and to develop thinking skills to enable them to make good choices and to reflect and reason. Our pupils will work with ambition in a safe and secure environment and will be prepared for life's journey.

Implementation

Our curriculum is planned to ensure aspirations and ambition for all our pupils. The pupils will learn how to be resilient and effective learners. They will embed creativity, learning through a wide variety of skills; ensuring the pupils develop healthy minds and bodies. The pupils will learn through our Learn Reach Shine values in order to develop their character and curiosity.

Impact

Through the curriculum the pupils will become courageous learners, demonstrating success and perseverance. They will be happy learners with inquiring minds. They will be eloquent and articulate; showing an interest and understanding in the world around them. Their experiences will prepare them with hope and confidence for the future.

Relationships and Health Education

From September 2020 relationships and health education will be made compulsory in primary schools. Information about the new guidance was made available to parents on the Curriculum Evening but if you were unable to attend please visit: [Parent guide to relationships and health education](#) for a detailed breakdown of all the areas of health and relationships education we will be required to teach.

Christmas Panto

Everyone loves a panto(!) and once again we are hosting a traditional panto performance for the pupils to celebrate the last afternoon of term. The panto this year is Jack and the Beanstalk. We will be asking for donations of £2 per child towards the cost of the panto, children can bring this in to school on the last day of term. School will end at the usual time of 3.15pm. Please note there is no Orchard Club on the last day of term.

November's Attendance

Our overall whole school attendance figure for last month was 96%. The KS1 award went to class 1R who achieved 96.9% attendance and the KS2 award to 4C, who achieved an amazing 99% attendance for the second month running!

Curriculum Evening

We hoped you enjoyed the chance to visit the school and see the children's work. We will be planning another evening later in the year.



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Christmas Card Winners

Congratulations to all our winners whose entries have already been transformed into Christmas cards which will be sent to local schools and individuals in the community.



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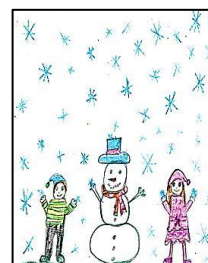
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Ayaan 2BE



Gabby 6H



Avni 3S



Jonny 4W

Staff News

Mrs Hind will be going on maternity leave in January, we wish her and her family the best of luck as they await their new arrival. Mrs Hudson will not be returning from maternity leave. We are pleased to welcome Miss Hodge to our admin team as Mrs Watson's PA.

The Book People

The Book People are running the Big Book Boost. For every £10 someone spends they will donate £1 to a school of their choosing. Lent Rise School is on the list, so please bear us in mind when doing your Christmas shopping, www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost

Amazon Smile

Lent Rise School has joined the AmazonSmile programme. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. Every item available for purchase on www.amazon.com is also available on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com) at the same price. To shop at AmazonSmile, visit smile.amazon.com.

Violin lessons

We currently have a space for a Key Stage two child to begin violin lessons. If your child is interested please visit www.bucksmusic.org for more information.

Coat exchange

One of our intrepid parents has organised a coat exchange where parents can donate clean, good quality winter coats that their child has grown out of. The coats are then available for other families who have need of them. The school will be donating any uncollected, unnamed coats from lost property at the end of term. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2197425523885392/?ref=share> for more information.

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The Kindness and Charity Club

The Kindness and Charity Club has been working hard this term to raise money and be kind to ourselves, others and the environment.

We started by sending 'Postcards of Kindness' to 19 care homes in the UK. This initiative was setup to combat loneliness and isolation felt by residents in care homes across the country. The postcards were well received and we have started to receive responses from some of the residents.



We then used scraps of fabric to create Organic Beeswax wraps. These reusable wraps can be used instead of cling film to wrap items of food in lunch boxes, fridges and cupboards. We also used tissue paper to make flowers. Four of the club attendees helped to sell these items at the Festival of Light event in the school playground and we raised £11.30.

In the 3rd week we continued the eco-friendly theme and used left over clay and flower seeds to create 'Seed Bombs' which we hope will flower in April.

In early November 'Lent Rise House' very kindly invited us to attend their 'Vintage & Craft Fair'. The residents of the home really enjoyed learning about the club and looking at all the things we'd made. We raised £21.65 at this event.

We helped the school to put together shoeboxes, wrapping the boxes and filling them with donations collected during the harvest festival. We'd like to offer a big thank you to everyone who donated shoeboxes, stationary, toys and toiletries for the Operation Christmas Child appeal. We successfully created 18 shoeboxes.



Over the last 3 weeks we have been busy recycling glass bottles, jars, baubles, card, wool and beads to create interesting Christmas decorations and cards. We will be selling these at the Christmas Fayre on 7th December, so visit our table and buy some unique gifts and decorations.

To date the club has raised a total of £32.95 which the children will be donating to the school to buy running vests and outside play equipment for the school.

We would like to give a big thank you to Emma Gale and Heather Springthorpe, two of our dedicated parents who ran the Kindness and Charity Club.



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Safeguarding and E safety

Walking to and from School

As the dark evenings draws in we would like to remind parents that children in upper Key Stage 2 require written parental permission to walk to and from school unaccompanied. Children should be prompted to walk straight home and should wear clothing appropriate to the weather. Nationally, the number of road traffic accidents involving children rises steeply at this time of year, as poor weather conditions and low light make children crossing roads harder to spot. Children with dark coats may wish to wear reflective vests or straps to improve their visibility to drivers. Visit <http://www.brake.org.uk> for more information.

Entrance gates

Please can we remind parents of younger pupils, to ensure they enter the playground in the mornings and take the pupils to the entrance doors. Children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 should not be walking in from the gate unsupervised. Additionally we ask that parents stay well back from the entrance doors so that staff can monitor children entering. It can be distracting for staff to speak to parents in the mornings so there will be message pads available if you need to pass anything on, or alternatively please go to the school office where staff will be happy to help.

Zig Zag lines

We would like to reiterate that parents must NEVER park on the zig zag lines outside the school. The lines are there to ensure that pedestrians crossing the road can get a clear view. They also help to keep the junction of the road clear and ensure that emergency vehicles could access the school quickly if needed. The following are not acceptable reasons to park on the zig zag lines:

- I'm running late
- I'll only be 5 minutes
- It's outside school hours
- I am dropping off to club
- There is nowhere to park
- Everyone else does it

Parking on the zig zag lines is selfish and puts children's safety at risk. Please don't do it! We would also like to reiterate the need for tolerance and courtesy if parking or traffic issues occur. Disagreements between parents can easily spill into the playground, so we would ask all parents to treat each other, our neighbours and staff with consideration and respect.

Mobile phones

Children may bring a mobile phone to school only if it is required to contact parents as part of walking to or from school unaccompanied. Children must switch their phones off and give them to their class teacher at the beginning of the day, before collecting them at the end of the day. Children must not carry a mobile phone with them during the day.

CEOP

Have you visited the CEOP www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/ website recently? CEOP articles provide information on the opportunities and risks presented by the online world, and aims to help you feel more confident when talking to your child about sensitive topics such as relationships, sex and image sharing. Here are some of their most popular articles:

[Having a conversation with your child](#)

[Online grooming: how does it work?](#)

[Keeping your under 5s safe online](#)

[Sharing pictures of your children](#)

[Gaming: what parents and carers need to know](#)

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

Diary Dates

Saturday 7th December 12noon, PTA Fayre
Friday 13th December 9.30am, Yr 1&2 Christmas show
Friday 13th December 2.15pm, EY Christmas show
Monday 16th December 9.30am, EY Christmas show
Monday 16th December 2.30pm, Yr 1&2 Christmas show
Tuesday 17th December 9.30am, Yr 3&4 Christmas show
Tuesday 17th December 2.30 pm, Yr 5&6 Christmas show
Tuesday 17th December Christmas discos
Wednesday 18th December 9.30am, Yr 5&6 Christmas show
Wednesday 18th December 2.30pm, Yr 3&4 Christmas show
Wednesday 18th December Dolce Christmas meal
Thursday 19th December - last day of term - school finishes at 3.15pm

2020 Residential Trip Dates

Year 5 trip to Shortenills 20th-22nd May 2020

Year 6 trip to Weymouth 23rd - 26th June 2020

Please note that all dates are subject to change.