

Long Crendon News



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Dear Parents/Carers

The staff were very busy on our INSET day on Monday. Mrs Bowden and I attended first day of the Bucks Great learners project, which will lead to an in school project based on our Growth Mindset priorities. Meanwhile the teachers went to visit Great Missenden School and Haddenham Juniors, to see the work they have been doing on growth Mindset. We all came back with lots of ideas to try out at Long Crendon!

In other exciting news, in preparation for Forest School next week, Mrs Berrell laid on opportunities for staff to have a go at making fire using a flint and striker. I have to tell you – it was immensely satisfying when it worked!

I hope to see you all at the Fireworks tomorrow.

Kind regards

Sue Stamp

TA Appointment

We are pleased to announce that Ruth Wallace has been appointed as our new teaching assistant in Y4. Many of you will know Ruth and as she is familiar with the school, no doubt she will settle in quickly to her new role.

Children in Need Friday 13th November

This year, we are trialling a new fundraiser for Children in Need. In return for a donation to Children in Need, children can wear their pyjamas to school next Friday and attend a movie. If every child donated £2 we could exceed previous totals. Please give generously!

Thank You

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Stuart Barr and his company, for painting our school gate and railings over half term. This really is very much appreciated.

Pantomime Trip

Today KS2 parents will be getting letters about a trip to the pantomime at the Waterside Theatre. This year we have decided not to take KS1, following some concerns about the length of time travelling and the access arrangements for coaches in Aylesbury, which proved stressful for the children during our last visit. Mrs Brooks will be organising an in school treat for KS1.

PTA Christmas Cards

As per the recent Parentmail, a reminder that all Children's Christmas Card orders must be returned to school by **TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER**. The printed Christmas cards will arrive by the end of November at the latest.

Love in a Box

A reminder that the deadline for handing in any 'Love in a Box' donations is next week, Wednesday 11th November.

Owl Mystery!



This ghostly owl imprint appeared on the front entrance door this week after an owl crashed into the glass! As there was no sign of the real owl, we assume he escaped unscathed.

Trinity Health - Patient Participation Group

This notice is aimed at parents and staff at the school who are registered with the GP practice here in Long Crendon. The practice has established a Patient Participation Group which meets in the village about 4 times a year and feeds into the PPG board linking all Trinity Health's three sites. The group in Long Crendon is currently reflecting the older age groups and we would like to recruit a couple more members who can represent the needs of younger adults and children in relation to the service provided by our local doctors. The group aims to improve communication and relationships between its staff and the local community. The GPs and the Practice Manager are keen to involve the PPG in developing services to best meet the needs of all groups of patients.

If you are interested and would like to know more please contact

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Y3 & Y4 Hercules Football Academy

There are still spaces on the weekly football sessions, after school on Mondays. If you are interested please either obtain a form from the school office or contact www.herculesports.co.uk direct.

Celebrating books in Foundation Stage

Thank you to Helen Costar, author of children's book 'Please don't let Grandpa' who visited Elm class (Foundation) joined by their Year 6 buddies. Both classes heard Helen read her amusing book about her children's Grandfather, who was a local Head Teacher. There was a chance to ask the local authors some questions and then the children spent the rest of the morning reading a different book called 'Open Very Carefully' which the children in Foundation class each received from the BookTrust. They reviewed the book and enjoyed sharing time with their older friends. For more information and photos of the event please see Elm Class page on the school website.

Diary dates

New entries slotted between are in bold

Sat 7 th	PTA Fireworks
Wed 11 th	Love in a Box Deadline
Fri 13th	Children in Need Day
Wed 18 th	PTA Meeting
Thur 19th	Y2 College Farm visit
Fri 20th	Parent Council Meeting

December *

Wed 2 nd	Y6 Thame Festival of Music
Sat 5 th	PTA Christmas Bazaar
Thur 10 th	KS1 Performance 9.30am
Mon 14 th	KS2 Pantomime Visit
Tue 15 th	Christmas Lunch
Wed 16 th	KS2 Music Concert 7pm
Fri 18 th	Christmas Jumper Day

Last Day of Term

January 2016

Mon 4 th	Inset Day – school closed for children
Tue 5th	<u>School re-opens for children</u>

*More info to follow