

# Long Crendon News



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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 6 had a fabulous time at Kingswood – look out for the photos coming soon! Thank you to Ms Jennings, Mrs Russell and Miss Monkcom, without whom the trip would not have been possible.

Brazil Day was a great success. Thanks to Jacqui Finlay for organising it and for her inspiring assembly. Thanks also to Sandra Brooks who got the day off to a great start with a whole school dance session in the hall – it was fab!

Thanks also to all the parents who came and helped with the DAHL workshops. After a busy week of puppet making we are ready to take our place in the Roald Dahl Parade in Aylesbury town centre on Saturday morning. About 25 of our children will be taking part, carrying their BFG puppets. If you are able to make it to Aylesbury to watch the parade, it begins at 11am and will be finished by about 12 noon, after which there are lots of exciting events running in town for the rest of the day.

Please come and cheer us on if you can!

Best wishes

Sue Stamp

**HUGE THANKS !**

On behalf of Foundation Stage I would like to say a huge thanks to Nin Dart and Jason Luckhurst for their generous donations. Nin has provided much needed new shelving for the outdoor area and Jason has given us a complete new set of waterproofs for Foundation Stage. We are immensely grateful!

### COLLECTION OF CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE DAY

Could parents waiting at the end of the day please not allow younger children to run around and play outside the Year 2 classroom – the distraction they cause is preventing the children in class from learning. Thank you.



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### STAFFING UPDATE FOR 2016-2017

As you know, Mrs Bowden is currently on maternity leave and when she returns to work after Christmas next year she has decided she would prefer to work part time. I am delighted to be able to let you know that Miss Brown will be joining the staff as a permanent member and will be the Year 4 teacher for the full year. Mrs Bowden and Ms Jennings will be in Year 6 as a job share as Mrs Duffy takes over a different role in school. At the moment, as far as we know, all other class teachers will remain as they are this year.

### NUT STRIKE ON 5<sup>th</sup> JULY

The NUT has called a strike on 5<sup>th</sup> July. Not many of our teachers are NUT members and no one has told me that they intend to strike (though they are under no obligation to do so). This means that barring unforeseen circumstances on the day, it will be business as usual at Long Crendon School.

### MAKE THE QUEEN'S ART EXHIBITION

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 3.30 we will be holding an exhibition of artwork that the children have done to commemorate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. We hope you will be able to drop in to see the royal portraits. After the exhibition the children will be given their artwork to bring home.

### NEWS FROM GOVERNORS' CURRICULUM AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

We met recently to review several policies that had been reviewed and updated, to reflect changes in the delivery of the curriculum and their implementation in school. These have been worked upon by staff and then ratified by the Governing Body who met this week. These include Learning and Teaching noting how we:

- encourage children to challenge themselves and to become effective, resilient learners
- enable children to become confident, resourceful, enquiring, independent and reflective learners;
- give opportunities for children to work at higher cognitive levels
- foster children's self-esteem and help them build positive relationships with other people

The Equalities and Cohesion policy has a clear action plan attached and the Child Protection Policy has been updated, all in line with Buckinghamshire guidance. Copies of all policies are available to read from the school office or the Headteacher. Each governor is attached to a particular curriculum area and we have just completed our termly reviews with subject coordinators, as part of the School Development Plan

to record progress on action plans and ideas for next term.

It really is a time to celebrate the opportunities that staff provide for all the children in the whole school experience and how valued the support of parents and governors is.

Helen Smith

*(Please see also message from Chair of Governors sent by Parentmail)*

### MAKE £5 GROW

Next week, on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July, Year 6 will be holding their 'Make five pounds grow' sale. The class were divided into 'small' companies and each company was given a small stake to invest in materials. Each company then developed and produced a range of goods to sell to the rest of the school. The cost of items on sale will range from 10p to £1.00. Pricing will depend both on cost of materials and the amount of time/effort put into making the item. Participation is completely **voluntary**. I suggest a £2.00 **maximum** spend.

This year I am very proud to say that Year 6 have chosen to donate half of all profits to 'Unique' – a charity that raises awareness of rare chromosomal disorders.

<http://www.rarechromo.co.uk/html/home.asp>

Please see below examples of some of the items that will be on sale. In addition we will be selling popcorn.



### LOST PROPERTY

Yet again, we have a huge amount of lost property.

**Please, please, name all items that come into school.**

These can then easily be returned to your child.

If you have any missing items, please check the lost property bin outside the Y3 classroom. Items will be displayed in the corridor towards the end of term and any unclaimed items at that time will be disposed of.

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### DIARY DATES

#### July \*

Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Roald Dahl Festival
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 visit to College Farm
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	Science Day in School
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	Long Crendon Village Fete
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Make £5 grow, Optional Parents Evening
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 transfer day to Bucks Schools, Class 'move-up' afternoon.
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 visit to College Farm
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Dress Rehearsal for Production
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 visit to College Farm
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	YF, Y1 & Y2 visit to Earth Trust
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Production
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> pm	Sports Day
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> 3.30pm	Queen's Art Exhibition
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup>	*PTA Disco
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am Leavers Assembly
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	LAST DAY OF TERM

\* More information to follow

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