

Long Crendon News



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Dear Parents/Carers

Mrs Julie Turner, our longest serving member of staff, has announced her plan to retire at the beginning of May. Mrs Turner will be much missed by all the staff and children at Long Crendon; it is thanks to her that our music provision at Long Crendon is so strong and that so many of our children aspire to be musicians and performers. We are currently investigating options to continue to make our music provision a regular and valued part of the curriculum and will of course let you know when we finalise the new arrangements.

Very best wishes

Sue Stamp

NEW PLAYHOUSE IN FOUNDATION STAGE

Thanks to Mr Poote and a team of parents, the new playhouse for Foundation Stage has now been constructed and takes pride of place on the covered courtyard area outside the classroom. Our thanks to Brad Crawshaw, George Simons and James Haseldine.



CRENDON CRIER ARTICLE RE: \$106 FUNDING

We have been made aware of an article in the Crendon Crier relating to questions about the use of \$106 funding (paid by developers to the Local Authority to fund additional capacity in schools). I have sought clarification from the LA and as this is in the public domain, I am able to share the rationale with you:

Although our school is popular, and generally full, the population does fluctuate. Occasionally we are oversubscribed from within catchment for admission to Foundation Stage (in which case transport may need to be provided to the nearest school with places) and some years we take a number of Foundation children from out of catchment to make up our admission number of 30 (this year only 22 of the 30 Foundation Stage children live in catchment).

BCC forecasts demand for school places based on groups of schools (planning areas) that reflect local geography, reasonable travel distances and patterns of supply and demand. This enables LAs to make strategic decisions about how many places are likely to be needed.

700 new homes are equivalent to an additional form intake so the level of growth proposed by the Wainwright scheme or that in the neighbourhood plan is not sufficient to justify the expansion of Long Crendon School by another form of entry as this would result in the creation of surplus places.

There is some local scope for expansion, for example by smaller scale building work (enabling increasing class sizes in some schools which currently have published admission numbers below 30) to accommodate any increased demand from relatively small scale growth. Bucks have said that they will continue to review the demand and only provide additional places where necessary.

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SCHOOL DADS APPEAL FOR YOUR SUPPORT – A MESSAGE FROM SAM ORWIN!

I undertook a cycle challenge in 2015 to fundraise for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital (GOSH) following my daughter's surgery. As a result of your generosity Nick, Sheridan and I raised over £10,000 and deliberately left 2016 as a 'fallow year'. However, I have undertaken to ride 300 miles from Long Crendon (near Oxford) to Paris averaging 100 miles a day in the saddle, to raise money for GOSH and the St David's Hospice who support people with life threatening illnesses and their families and Save the Children (Children in war appeal). My twin brother was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer last year and is receiving palliative care from the amazing team at St David's Hospice.

Milly's rare spinal condition means that we have been regular visitors to GOSH since her surgery in 2014 and she will require further surgery later this year to replace the growth rod in her spine. My two week stay in the HDU with Milly was a humbling experience and the memories remain fresh despite the passage of time. Most of the children there have significantly more complex underlying conditions than Milly's and many of whom will never get to go home. The devotion, care and professionalism of the staff at GOSH, despite the often challenging and distressing circumstances, still inspires me.

I am riding with a team of friends (*19 in total, many of whom are Long Crendon dads*) and we have funded and organised the challenge ourselves so every penny you donate will go directly to our chosen charities. I do hope that you will be able to support me. I have set up a team fundraising page at 'Virgin Money Giving' so please click on the link below should you wish to make a donation -

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/LongCrendonParis>

Sam Orwin

SNOWPHIE THE GLITTER GRITTER

Sophie (Year 2) recently won a competition to name one of the new BCC gritters – and Snowphie the Glitter Gritter was born. Here they are together at the launch!



SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN WORKING GROUP

This group comprises of Year 6 Junior Road Safety Officers, staff and governors, parents, villagers and our local Police Community Support Officers. We met on Monday to discuss priorities for the school community. The JRSOs explained that after attending a workshop morning they really appreciated the limited visibility lorry drivers had. They were also inspired to encourage more people to walk at least some of the way to school - especially to reduce parking around the school on Carters Lane junction. A suggested website that you may like to look at home is

<http://think.direct.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary>

Finally, many thanks to Bronwen Fishburn who has organised the Footsteps Road Safety Awareness training for several years now - all the children from Y2 to Y6 have benefitted from such. Janice Tuckley has kindly volunteered to take on this role.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES!

Green Park Holiday Activity Days for those 8 and over, every day of the school holidays. February Half Term Days (13th-17th) run from 8.45am – 5.15pm and include 4 adventurous activities, from the heady heights of Leap of Faith to the speedy skills of Mountain Biking! And a packed lunch is included for just £40 per day.

Mud Club at Green Park every Saturday for just £5 per session. From brushing up on your Bushcraft skills to learning about the environment, or just enjoying activities and a game outdoors. Be prepared for Fun and a lot of Mud!

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Holiday Activity Days are also running at Longridge for those 8 and over, every day of the school holidays. February Half Term Activity Days (13th-17th) start at 8.45am and finish by 5.15pm and cost just £50 with a packed lunch included. 4 outdoor activities ranging from the Giant Swing out over the Thames to perfecting Crate Stacking skills (activities vary and will be chosen on the day depending on the weather conditions).

To book any of our Activities across any of our sites please contact our Central Booking Team on 033 0303 0101 or www.alfvillages.org.uk
Or you can now book online here
<https://alfvillages.cinolla.com/>

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

13 th – 17 th	HALF TERM
Thurs 23 rd	Y3 trip to Whipsnade Zoo
Fri 24 th	KS2 Dance Festival at Waddesdon
Tues 28 th	Y3/4 Tennis Festival at Waddesdon

MARCH

Weds 1 st	Spring Concert 7pm
Thurs 2 nd	Y5/6 Hockey Match at Haddenham
Thurs 2 nd	*PTA Cinema Evening 3.15-5.15pm
Weds 8 th	*Y6 to College Farm
Thurs 9 th	Y4 rehearsal for Echoes at Aylesbury
Fri 10 th	*PTA Quiz Night
15 th – 17 th	Y5 at New Barn in Dorset
Mon 20 th	Y4 to Royal Albert Hall for concert
Sat 25 th	*Forest School Sapling Planting 2-4pm
Tues 28 th	*Y5 Viking Day
Weds 29 th	*PTA Fashion Show

*More info to follow

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