

Long Crendon News



LONG CRENDON SCHOOL

the place to grow

Our values this half term are tolerance and respect

Thinking of booking your Summer holiday?

Please don't forget to use easyfundraising.co.uk and earn funds for our school!

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I can scarcely believe that I have been to Australia and back since my last newsletter! Thank you all so much for your kind wishes and support.

Thanks also to the parents who attended the funding meeting on Tuesday. By now, you should all have received a copy of the Powerpoint and some notes about responding to the consultation. Taking the time to respond to this could be the most important thing you do for your child's education. PLEASE make the effort! The consultation closes on 22nd March and can be found here:

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/schools-national-funding-formula2/consultation/intro/>

Best wishes

Sue Stamp

DRUM KIT

One of our parents has a drumkit looking for a good home. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Leith in the school office.

NEW BUG HOTEL

Years 1 and 2 have made a fabulous new bug hotel (complete with side annex for toads) within the Forest School area. Thank you to all those families who donated bamboo, pebbles, shells, pinecones, straw, bricks, tiles and pallets for us to use. Come and have a closer look at it on our Community sapling planting day

on March 25th, (see the school web site or posters around the school for more details).



CAN YOU HELP WITH ECO CLUB?

Our school is an enthusiastic member of the international Eco Schools initiative <http://www.eco-schools.org.uk/>. This programme has been empowering children to improve their environmental awareness and drive change for many years. We're very proud to have earned our first Green Flag in 2012 for the way that our children learn about the environment and make a real impact within their school and at home. You may have seen Eco School initiatives such as our apple pressing day, teaching the children about local and seasonal food and where the drinks they like come from. You may not be aware of other initiatives such as the changes they made to how our food waste is managed, spotting and fixing water leaks, and increasing the recycled content of our paper.

Eco Schools is led by pupils, with a lot of help from a dedicated parent committee, and school support from Miss Brown. The main way that children participate is through a weekly club, currently run on a Friday lunchtime. Children from year 2 upwards have an opportunity to join. Two children from each year (10 children in total) are chosen each term to be eco-monitors within their classroom and to participate in a range of fun learning activities. These include practical things like building hedgehog houses and pond dipping, learning about where our food comes from, delivering assemblies on topics such as reducing waste and energy use, and much more.

We would like more parents involved in the Eco Committee (we meet once every half term in the evenings), volunteers to help run the Friday lunchtime club (12.30-1.15) in the summer term and beyond, and a willing volunteer to take over coordinating and running the club in future when our existing volunteers leave the school. It's a really easy and fun session (you don't have to be an environmental expert), a large proportion of the lesson plans are already written and all other resources are easy obtainable via the ecoschools website. You just need to be willing and enthusiastic. The club will unfortunately not be able to run next term without more volunteers, so please do get in touch with Michele Morley on michelemorley7@gmail.com or Leslie in the school office to find out more.

Grandparents and local enthusiasts are also very welcome, so please do pass this message on if you know someone who would love to share skills with the children.

DIARY DATES

MARCH

Mon 20 th	Y4 to Royal Albert Hall for concert
Weds 22 nd	Red Nose Day Fair / Wear Red
Weds 22 nd	Y5/6 Tag Rugby tournament – Thame
Weds 22 nd	PTA Meeting 7:30pm
Thurs 23 rd	YF & Y1 Dental examinations
Thurs 23 rd	Y4 to Pizza Express, Bicester
Fri 24 th	Y1 to Living Rainforest, Newbury
Fri 24 th	Easter workshops YF-6 (except Y1)
Sat 25 th	Forest School Sapling Planting 2-4pm
Tues 28 th	*Y5 Viking Day
Tues 28 th	*Easter Service at St Mary's (except Y5)
Weds 29 th	PTA Fashion Show
Fri 31 st	*Easter assembly 9:10am
Fri 31 st	Last Day of term!

APRIL

Tues 18 th	Back to school for all
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*More info to follow