

Long Crendon News



LONG CRENDON SCHOOL

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Spring Term 23rd March 2018

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you had an opportunity on parents' evenings to admire the new fire doors in the entrance hall and our amazing new library. The library looks amazing and has transformed the school entrance. I have been pleased to see a number of children making use of the new seating area.

Funding for the library has come entirely through the PTA, without whom we would have very little money available for resources. Compared to the twelve most similar schools in Bucks, we have to generate the largest percentage of our income ourselves. We spend more on teachers per pupil than all but one of the other schools, despite having a low staff ratio and less on support staff than all but one (because there's no money left to spend more!). Unsurprisingly, we also spend more than any of our comparator schools on premises and occupation costs.

I know that the PTA are struggling at the moment to get parents to sign up to help run the fundraising events. All the children in our school benefit from the resources so please, please step up and volunteer to do whatever you possibly can!

Very best wishes

Sue Stamp

LATENESS

A large number of children are arriving late in school each day, which causes disruption to lesson start times in classrooms. Doors close at 8.55 and all children should be in their classrooms ready to start learning at

9.00. We'd really appreciate it if parents could make a real effort to get children to school on time! Thank you.

A REMINDER ABOUT LEAVING THE SCHOOL AFTER MORNING DROP OFF

Could KS1 parents who have been to classrooms please make sure that they leave by the glass corridor door before it is closed at 8.55. Anyone remaining in the KS1 part of the school after this time should exit via the fire door by the Year 2 classroom. Please leave pushchairs outside rather than in the glass corridor if you are leaving after 8.55.

AN APPEAL FROM MRS BERRELL

Our Forest school basecamp has taken a battering during this winter's wet and cold weather, and has been unusable for several weeks. Unfortunately the churned mud caused by 150 feet wiggling while sitting at the start and end of forest school each week has made basecamp slippery, and cakes any equipment we take down in inches of sticky mud. We are looking for donations of paving slabs, bricks (any size, doesn't matter if they are pre-used or broken) and bark chippings to create a circular path just inside the seating area. We are also hoping to get hold of enough to also create a pathway through our wild flower /cottage garden area that the children and I will be planting after Easter. If you are taking up an old patio or doing any building work this Easter please consider either bringing unwanted materials up to school and stashing them behind the school bike shed, or contacting Mrs Berrell (email: dberrell@longcrendon.bucks.sch.uk) who will be happy to arrange collection from you.

VR HEADSET LESSON IN YEAR 3



Many thanks to Kitt Gilbert Scott and Ed Croft Baker for arranging an exciting virtual reality lesson for Year 3 recently. The children loved it!



COMMUNITY CHOIR

Come and join a Long Crendon Community Choir singing strictly ...for fun.

It is proposed to start a Community Choir for adults in the village with the possibility, in the future, of some joint performances with children of the School. There would be two initial 'taster' rehearsals after Easter on Monday 30th April and Monday 7th May from 7.30p.m. until 9.00 p.m., in preparation to officially 'launch' the Choir in the Autumn Term. These two rehearsals would take place in the spacious Long Crendon Baptist Church.

There is NO requirement to have been in a choir previously, although obviously that might be helpful. It would be the intention to perform in 4 parts ... eventually... and so both female voices and male voices would be warmly welcomed.

Singing strictly ... for fun would be emphasized, and there may be liquid refreshment after rehearsal in a suitable venue in the village.

The Choir conductor would be Andrew Auster, father of Helen, and Max Neale is the accompanist who is studying at Somerville College, Oxford. For further details please contact Helen Auster : email rob.helen@yahoo.co.uk , telephone 077601 76504 , or simply come along to the first rehearsal on Monday 30th April at 7.30 p.m.

SPORTS NEWS

DANCE

Some pupils from Year 5 & 6 took part in a Dance Festival at Waddesdon Secondary School. We had two teams performing dances on the theme of Space Adventure. They looked great in their space costumes; many thanks to Rosie Corby and Jennifer Conlon for helping with costumes and practices. The children spent a lot of time practising and creating the dances.

The Year 5 team came 4th and the Year 6 team came 2nd. The teams should be congratulated for their hard work and the standard of their dances which were excellent. The dances were choreographed by the pupils.

The Year 6 team will now take part in the County Finals.



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TAG RUGBY

The Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby team took part in a Tag Rugby Festival at Chinnor Rugby Club. Twelve teams had entered. It was a lovely sunny and dry day - unlike last year where it rained heavily on both the dates set and had to be cancelled! The children showed good teamwork, speed and catching skills. They won their pool then went on to play the others who won their pools. Overall they came 4th. Well done Rugby players!



BASKETBALL

Our Year 5 & 6 Basketball team took part in the County Finals at Sir Thomas Fremantle Secondary School in Winslow. The top 8 schools across the County took part. The atmosphere was tense with all schools determined to win! The games were fast and very competitive. Our children played with great focus and skill. They came 2nd in their pool and then went on to play for 3rd or 4th place against a school from Gerrards Cross. This was a close game which Long Crendon won by one basket, meaning they came 3rd. Fantastic work team.



HOCKEY

The year 3's and 4's played in a Hockey Festival at Waddesdon Secondary School. We entered 3 teams - two Year 4 and one Year 3. They played on astro turf which was a new experience for some of them. As always our children played with determination and fair play, and grew in their confidence of hockey playing! The A team won the competition :). The B team came 7th and the C team came 8th! Two teams took part. Well done to all! The A team go through to the Partnership Finals in June.



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TENNIS

The Year 3's and 4's took part in a Tennis Festival at Waddesdon Secondary School. We had a Year 3 team and a Year 4 team. They showed great focus and agility. The Year 3 team came 3rd and the Year 4 team came 2nd. The Year 4 team will play again later in the year at the Partnership Finals.

SWIMMING

A team of 8 Year 5's and 6's took part in a Swimming Festival at Stoke Mandeville Stadium. The standard of swimming was very high but all the children swam with tremendous determination and with great style! The team came 2nd losing only to a school in Buckingham which has 3 classes in every year. Well done swimmers.

DIARY DATES

MARCH

Thurs 29 th	Easter Service 9am
Thurs 29 th	*Y2 Trashion Show 2.30pm
Thurs 29 th	Last day of Spring Term

APRIL

Mon 16 th	Back to School
Thurs 19 th	Eco Club Meeting 7pm
Fri 20 th	*PTA Coffee & Croissants

*More information to follow