

Long Crendon News



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VALUE: UNITY

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Autumn Term 14th September 2018

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year and a very warm welcome to new families and staff. Our first full week back has gone well and the children have responded well to our new value of UNITY, which we have addressed with them in class and in assembly. We are looking forward to another exciting and purposeful term.

Very best wishes

Sue Stamp

PTA

Please take the time to look at the information displayed in school, explaining why we need the PTA! Every parent and member of staff is a member of the PTA and the more people who become actively involved, the better it is for the school and the education of our Long Crendon children.

I urge you all to come along to the first PTA meeting of the year on Tuesday 18th September at 7.30pm.

Don't forget the first PTA event of the year is tonight's



NEW POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO SUPPORT UNITY

As you may have seen on Parents' evening, we are making some minor changes to the Behaviour policy to support our work on behaviour management. On Inset day all school staff met to discuss the changes we would like to see in the children's behaviour. We took into

account the feedback from our Values Day in the spring term and the feedback we took from all the children in school last term regarding the behaviours they wished to see in class. The children's feedback overwhelmingly said that they wanted to get on with their learning and not be distracted by the poor behaviour of a few people. With this in mind, we have begun this year with the value of UNITY and we have been reinforcing this in class and assemblies.

The key values agreed at our 2018 Values Day are:

Unity, encompassing co-operation and support

Kindness, encompassing friendship, loyalty, love and forgiveness

Honesty, encompassing integrity, reliability, trust and humility

Enthusiasm, encompassing curiosity, joy and happiness

Respect, encompassing empathy and tolerance

Courage, encompassing uniqueness and creativity

Resilience, encompassing determination, self-belief and positivity

Equality, encompassing acceptance and inclusion

We will be contacting parents immediately if children are not responding to the normal class sanctions.

There will also be a new copy of the Home School Agreement coming out to every family in the school for parents and children to sign. This has been developed and is being adopted by all the Thame Partnership schools.

School Travel Plan Survey Analyses

Thank you to all the families who completed the survey last July. A complete copy of this is available on the Travel Plan noticeboard in the glass corridor.

The figures are quite similar to last year but with slightly more children cycle/scooter:

- Car use remains at 18%, very close to the lowest level of 17% in 2015.
- After increasing last year, walking has decreased slightly from 61% to from 57% BUT
- This 4% are now cycling or scootering – increased from 20% to 24%. This provides positive impact of the cycling and scooter initiatives in school.
- Crossing the Chilton, Thame and Bicester Roads remain a major concern for parents.
- Many families noted that they did walk/cycle/scooter when they could e.g. after school when before school they had used the car to go onto work or another school.
- The School Crossing Patroller was valued and thanked Do note funding for SCP is via the school budget and PTA, not Bucks County Council as we do not have sufficient footfall to be funded for such. These quotes reflect the appreciation: The crossing patroller makes it safe for the older children to travel to school safely on their own. Terry is wonderful, he makes our crossing safe and always has a smile for our children.
- Children would by far prefer to cycle or scooter, and secondly walk to school and parents prefer walking- a consistent trend.
- This year, the survey asked families what they liked about the journey to or from school – they advertise themselves and these are just a sample:
- Opportunities for exercise. Seeing other people, friends and families and chatting.
- Chance to talk, being active with other people.
- Time together, gentle exercise, habit forming, meet friends.
- Social, sunny (at the moment), fresh air, gets you moving.
- I like just cycling it makes me feel free.
- Sometimes we chat on the walk to school and look at the trees, birds and flowers. Beautiful things to spot and talk about.
- It gives us time to talk after the rush of getting out of the house. Time to expel some of the energy before school or wind down afterwards. Fresh air and an opportunity to chat.....about the day ahead/just gone.

- Ease, no traffic, free.
- Not having to get in a car!
- Fairly safe journey/environment
- Time to chat about the day,...peaceful walk.
- We can park-and we can walk/stride after parking.
- We can take our dog.

Notes

- Crossing the Bicester, Thame and Chearsley Roads remain a concern, especially with more housing being developed. We will raise with the Parish Council – especially as councillors have been requested for specific input about needs and locations. However, no volunteers have gone to Councillor Bailey to help run the community speed watch. Please do contact the Parish Council with any of your concerns and suggestions: http://www.long-crendon.com/council/council_members.php
- With thanks to all the staff, parent volunteers and School Crossing Patroller for their time and commitment to the Travel Plan initiatives. Also to Year 6 Junior Road Safety Officers for promoting the ideas, giving feedback and running competitions.
- If you wish to work with, or become a member of Long Crendon School Travel Plan Working Group, or assist with any of the cycling or walking initiatives, please leave your name and contact number at the School Office or if you have any comments regarding school travel. Emails will be sent to those who expressed an interest on the surveys and the next meeting at school is October 1st at 12.15 pm for an hour- anyone is welcome to come along.

DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

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| Fri 14 th | PTA Magic Shows |
| Thurs 20 th | Meeting for Y4 parents regarding Frontier Centre 3.30pm |
| Fri 21 st | Parent Council Meeting 2pm |
| Mon 24 th | Internet Safety Production in school for Y5 & Y6 |
| Weds 26 th | *Y6 visit with parents to Lord Williams's School (am) |
| Fri 28 th | *PTA Coin Challenge Day |

OCTOBER

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| Weds 3 rd | Individual Photographs |
| Thurs 4 th | *Wellbeing Evening for parents |
| Fri 5 th | *Apple Pressing Day |
| Weds 10 th | Meeting for Y5 & Y6 parents regarding Lord Williams's School 7pm |
| Thurs 11 th -Fri 12 th | Y4 at Frontier Centre |
| Tues 16 th | *Parents' Evening |
| Thurs 18 th | *Parents' Evening |
| 22 nd – 26 th | HALF TERM |
- *More information to follow