

Long Crendon News



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We had excellent attendance at our Poppies art exhibition last Friday. Our thanks to all the people who worked so hard to make it happen, especially Mr Poote, who co-ordinated the event and to the children for producing such wonderful art work. All the money collected on the night will go to the Royal British Legion.

Very best wishes

FRESH START

Our new caterers will be in school on Friday 23rd November at 3.15pm to introduce themselves to parents and hold a taster session. We hope you will be able to join us.

VISITING AUTHOR!

On Thursday 22nd November, as part of our Writers' Week, Steve Cole, author of the Astrosaurus books for children, has very kindly agreed to come into school to speak to the children about how he writes his books.

He is also going to come back at the end of the day (3pm) to do book signing and sell books after school. Great opportunity to buy some Christmas presents!

He has agreed to sell his books at a fixed price of £5 each (the RRP is higher). He will bring a range of books from early readers to chapter books! He will also talk about his books in assembly so the children are aware of the types he has. His books are suitable for KS1 and KS2!

To find out more about Steve's books, please visit his website:

<http://www.stevecolebooks.co.uk/>

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SPORTS NEWS

YEAR 3 & 4 BADMINTON

Two teams from Year 3 & 4 took part in a Badminton Festival at Waddesdon Secondary School. This involved working together as a team on various Badminton skills trying to get as many points as possible. Both teams played with enthusiasm and determination. The A team came 2nd and the B team came 5th. Well done to both teams.



SQUASH

Rackets Squash Club from Thame have been into school to run 'taster' sessions with all those in KS2. They had great fun participating in various activities using a squash racket and ball, including the squash wall rally challenge. Many thanks to Chloe & Jack from Rackets Squash Club.



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNORS

The governing body holds one formal meeting (at which we cover statutory issues) and one informal meeting (when we discuss more tactical elements of the running of the school). Both of these have taken place recently and the governors thought that you would be interested in the following highlights;

We're very excited that the school and governors have appointed a new school meals provider. One of their key benefits is that all meals are prepared in school, not brought in ready-made. We have tested their quality and sought input from other schools and we're expecting a noticeable increase in standards. To enable this step-change, a lot of new equipment is needed which will be fitted over the Christmas holidays, ready for the start of the new year.

At the same time we are planning to do some major works in the outside area of the Foundation Stage class room. We had heavy lobbying from Mr Poote and his class after the area had to be cordoned off following some serious subsidence. This very effectively tugged at the financial heartstrings of the governors who have the responsibility to manage our limited finances across all the needs of the school. The contractors for this work will also lay the electrics to our new school gates which will see the security of our site take a big leap forwards too.

Several governors were able to join the recent parent's evenings giving us and parents a chance to interact and exchange points of view. Please don't forget that you can contact any of us at such events or via the school office. You can find our details on the school's web site <http://www.longcrendon.bucks.sch.uk/about-us/governors/>. We're happy to talk about anything, but if it's to do with something specific about your child's education, please contact their teacher or Mrs Stamp in the first instance.

The 100th anniversary of the Armistice day took place last week and to help our children understand the importance of this event the school organised a remembrance themed art exhibition on Friday 9th November. Governors had a good look at our latest meeting and were really impressed with the work that all the children had done. We thought that all of the classes showed fantastic creativity in making their individual poppies and pictures in such different materials and styles. The effect of seeing so many of the flowers side by side was beautiful. It was lovely to see the children exploring one another's artworks in the exhibition and we hope that you enjoyed seeing all of the displays as much as we did.

Finally, we have a really strong group of thirteen governors coming from within the school, parents and the wider community. We currently have two vacancies and would love to hear from you if you are interested in joining or finding out more about what the role involves. If you are, please contact our chair, Tim Kidd, through the school office.

PTA NEWS

Christmas Fair - Saturday 1 Dec, 3-5pm

We're busy planning for our next big fundraising event – our annual Christmas Fair! There will be hot food and drinks, a fantastic raffle, plenty of shopping for everyone and you can even squeeze in a visit to Santa in his Grotto! We look forward to seeing you there!

KS1 Christmas Cards

You should have received a Christmas card order form in KS1 pupils' book bag this week. Their designs can also be used for thank you cards, mugs, and more - making a lovely Christmas gift for family and friends. Please ensure that any orders are returned to school by Monday 19th November.

School Calendars

The new 2019 school calendars designed by the children are selling well! Orders need to be returned to school by Monday 26th November. The money raised will go to the PTA to help fund much needed educational resources for our school.

EasyFundraising

With Christmas fast approaching, remember that retailers will donate a percentage of anything you spend to the PTA. If you haven't done so already, please register at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> and remember to shop through the site this Christmas to activate donations.

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Ed's Mountain Marathon Challenge

Don't forget to sponsor ex-Chair Ed Chipperfield, who really is going the extra mile to help raise money for our school by completing a mountain marathon challenge! Best of luck, Ed! <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/edchipperfield>

PTA Committee Meeting

Thanks to those who attended the PTA Committee Meeting last week. The minutes and financial report will be out soon via your Class Reps, but I can tell you that we raised £4855 for the school from Fireworks night - a fantastic result and our heartfelt thanks to all of you who supported the event. It was hard work - but it really was worth it!

Donations

Thank you so much to those who gave a donation this term. We are always grateful for any contributions – both large and small! Remember that you can also visit our page on BT MyDonate at any time to make a single or regular donation to the PTA.

CRENDON SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CAROLERS

Your PTA needs you!

At the PTA Christmas Fair on Saturday 1st December there will be carol singing for all. We are looking for grown ups and their kids who love singing to get the songs going at about 4pm. No experience is necessary, just a bundle of enthusiasm and Christmas spirit to help make a fantastic and fun fundraising event for all. We will get together once before the Christmas Fair to run through the carols. Please contact Helen Roach (helsbels123@googlemail.com) or Brad Crawshaw (bradandjane@gmail.com) if you are interested!

PTA 100 CLUB

100 Club winners

The results for October & November 2018 are:

1st Charlotte Shrigley & Tania Davison = £25

2nd Jackie Longwell & Helen Auster = £13

3rd Charlie Barr & Winifred Keaney = £8

We raised £92 pounds for the PTA running these draws.

Congratulations to the lucky winners!

The PTA 100 committee

DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER

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| Tues 20th | Phonics Information Evening 7.15pm |
| Tues 20th | Flu Immunisations Years F, 1,2,3,4 and 5 |
| Thurs 22nd | 9.15am Open Morning for children due to start School in September 2019.
Visiting author Steve Cole event from 3pm |
| Fri 23rd | Y3 trip to College Farm, Fresh Start
Catering taster/information session 3.15 |
| Fri 30th | * PTA Mufti Day for Christmas Fair |

DECEMBER

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| Sat 1st | * PTA Christmas Fair |
| Weds 5th | Christingle workshops in school |
| Weds 5th | Y6 Christmas Festival of Music |
| Thurs 6th | * Christingle Services at St. Mary's |
| Tues 11th | * KS2 to Panto at Aylesbury Waterside |
| Weds 12th | * KS2 Christmas Concert 7pm |
| Thurs 13th | Whole School Christmas Lunch |
| Fri 14th | * Foundation & KS1 Xmas Performance |
| Mon 17th | * Foundation & KS1 Party pm |
| Weds 19th | Last day of term! |

*More information to follow

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