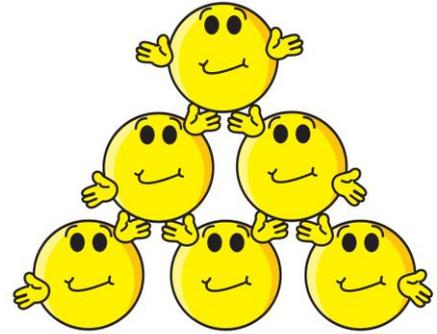




Welcome back to Long Crendon!

Unity



#stickingtogether

Welcome back to a new school year and a very warm welcome to everyone who is joining us for the first time, including our new Beech Class! We are also joined by some new staff this term. Mrs Kerrigan will be completing her teacher training with Miss Brown, Mrs Ward will work in Year 5 with Mrs Jennings, Mrs Woodhouse will be teaching Year 4 and Mrs Andrews will be in Year 1. For the first two weeks of term we also have Mr Robards who will be on teacher training placement in Foundation Stage with Mr Poote.

Attendance and Punctuality

At the end of last term the Governors approved some changes to the attendance policy (letter of 26/06/19 referred). The school and the parents of pupils share an obligation to ensure that our children receive as much education as possible. Avoidable absence has a proven negative impact on a pupils' attainment. For this reason the school has adopted an attendance policy which clearly states the requirement for attendance and outlines the consequences when this is not achieved. We would encourage all parents to familiarise themselves with this policy. In future, any unauthorised absence will be referred to the Local Authority, who may issue a fine, details of which are laid out in the policy.

Please help us to help your children, by ensuring that they arrive in school on time (i.e. by 8.55 am) and do not have unauthorised absence this year.

Thank you for your support.

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PTA News

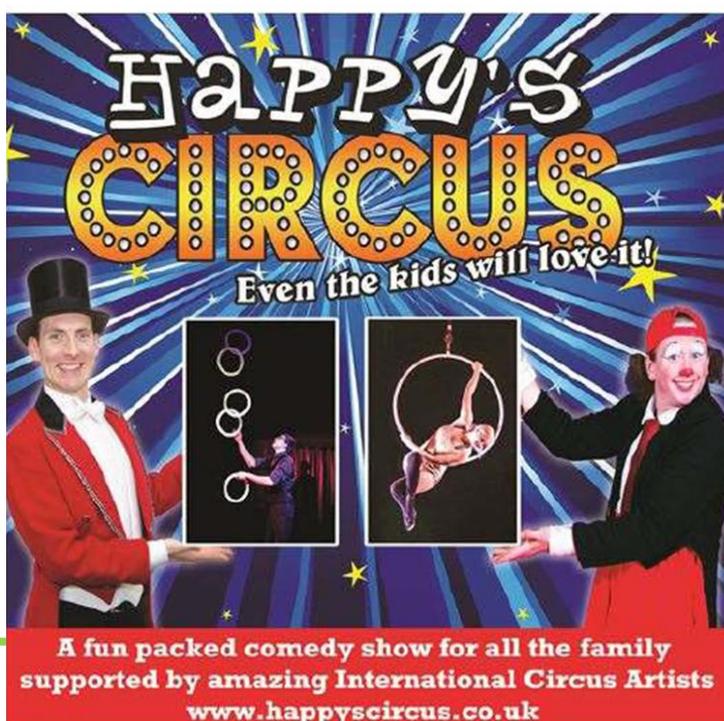
Circus - we're looking forward to seeing you all there tomorrow! You can still buy last minute tickets from www.longcrendoncircus.co.uk or on the gate.

PTA AGM and Committee Meeting - Everyone is welcome to join us from 7:30pm on Weds 25 September. The AGM will last about 20 minutes and will be immediately followed by the first Committee meeting, which should be attended by Class Reps, although is open to all parents. If you'd like to be considered for the role of Secretary, Chair, Vice-Chair or Treasurer, please email longcrendonpta@gmail.com for more information.

Annual Report - The PTA Annual Report will be distributed shortly, ahead of the AGM, detailing our activities from the past year and our plans for the next.

Second Hand Uniform - The next sale will be Friday 25th October for you to stock up for the colder months!

Fireworks - It's time to start thinking about our annual fireworks! Save the date - Saturday 9th November.



September

Saturday 7 th	Happy's Circus on the School Field
Tuesday 10 th	Y6 Practice Tests
Thursday 12 th	Y6 Transfer Tests
Wednesday 18 th	Author Visit – see separate Parentmail message
Monday 23 rd	Y6 have a visit from a Magistrate
Tuesday 24 th	Y5 trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum
Tuesday 24 th	* Meet the teacher 7pm
Wednesday 25 th	* Y6 visit Lord Williams's School with parents (am)
Wednesday 25 th	PTA AGM and first meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 26 th	Y4 have an Internet Safety Session run by The Safety Centre

October

Tuesday 1 st	Flu Immunisations for all classes
Wednesday 2 nd	Individual Photos
Friday 4 th	Parent Council Meeting 2pm

School Travel Plan Survey

Thank you to those families who replied to the School Travel Plan survey in July- it was a high response rate and the results help influence future school travel planning. If you would like to be involved with this, please let the school office know- we meet for an hour termly then follow up with planning and delivering agreed initiatives. Lesley will contact those who expressed an interest but more people are welcome to get involved with different aspects. The main points are highlighted below and the full survey will be displayed on the School Travel Plan noticeboard in the glass corridor. This year, walking was really popular. The survey will be forwarded to the Parish Council to link in with their work with road safety- especially highlighting the need for safer crossing points on Bicester Road.

HEADLINES

- The figures are quite similar to the two last years but Walking has increased by 5% to 63 % whilst car has increased by 1% and cycle / scooter fallen by 6%. The walking includes a marked number of walkers who are Parking and Walking 11%. The overall affect caused a decrease of 5% in sustainable travel!
- For the first time, both parents **and** children would prefer to walk rather than cycle or scooter. Comments frequently reflect the joy from walking, focussing on talking between friends and family members, many around nature and wildlife, exercise, fresh air and reducing pollution. This may be linked in with the messages from the Green Flag Eco School status and this influencing choices. See comments below.
- Last year, Foundation and Y1 had the highest number of car users and this has continued and also gone into Y2 as they moved up a year – need to focus on early years at school to help alter patterns. It was known from last year that Y2 has a disproportionately high number of children who live outside the village but some are using Park and Walk. However, nearly all car

users would prefer to use alternative methods.

- Crossing the Bicester Road was the major concern for parents and a barrier to walking and cycling to school. This will be raised with the Parish Council as part of their review of road safety in the village. Suggestions from parents and children include zebra crossings, speed bumps, islands and a cycle path.
- 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 e.g. *Terry crosses us safely*. 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.

Comments:

- ✓ *It's about half a mile to and from school. I walk a mile and I like walking.*
- ✓ *I can see my friends, I can walk on my own, gain confidence, so I can be independent.*
- ✓ *There is always space to park 5-10 minutes away and walk up.*
- ✓ *It helps to keep us fit and we enjoy looking at nature.*
- ✓ *Terry crossing us safely ☺*
- ✓ *I get to chat with my Mum or Dad.*
- ✓ *I like it because we can walk the dog up to school.*
- ✓ *Chatting, seeing the school community.*
- ✓ *I like to ride my bike to school.*
- ✓ *I like looking at the trees.*
- ✓ *Fresh air; walking with friends; no worries about traffic delays.*
- ✓ *I like walking because I don't want to pollute the air.*

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