

Long Crendon News



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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the beginning of the summer term. I hope you had a restful break. As always we have a packed term ahead of us and we are ready to meet the challenge!

Mr Owen is busy getting the pool ready and we hope to open earlier this year to make the most of the swimming season. Please look out for volunteer requests from the class teachers.

Kind regards
Sue Stamp

PTA QUIZ TONIGHT!

The PTA quiz takes place tonight. If you would like to come, but you are not part of a team, please just turn up and we will organise some ad hoc teams. Don't miss it! (7.30pm bar opens, Quiz starts at 8.15pm)

FICTION BOOKS NEEDED

If you have been having a spring clean and you have any unwanted children's books in good condition, we would be very grateful to receive them for our library. We particularly need books that are suitable for KS2 children.

COULD YOU HELP TO ORGANISE FOOTSTEPS ROAD SAFETY TRAINING?

Mrs Fishburn is looking for someone who would be willing to take over organising the Footsteps training for KS1 children. I am assured that it is not an onerous task, and it is a very worthwhile experience for the children. If you think you could help, please contact Mrs Leith in the school office.

CROSSING PATROLLER

Please note that there will be no crossing patrol between 20th April and 4th May as Terry Miles will be on a holiday, which was booked before he began the job.

THE BIG PEDAL

A reminder that 'The Big Pedal' starts next week. If cycling to school, please remember to dismount by the crossing patroller. Cross the road using the crossing patroller (if applicable) and walk your cycle up the school path. Thank you.

SCOOTERS ON SITE

Whilst we encourage scootering as a sustainable way to get to and from school, scooters must not be ridden on the school site but pushed up the school path. This is part of our Road Safety policy, for the safety of those with scooters and those walking. There have been several near miss collisions recently and we respectfully remind you that parents are responsible for ensuring their children follow this.

Bucks CC has asked us to share the following information with all parents:

Together, we can tackle child abuse' - new national campaign

The County Council is supporting a national campaign launched on 3 March by the Department for Education to encourage members of the public to report child abuse.

The campaign's main message is that if you're worried about a child or think their safety might be at risk, then it is important to tell someone. You don't have to be absolutely certain about whether a child is being abused; if you have a feeling that something's not right, talk to your local children's social care team who can look into it.

Everyone has a role to play in helping to protect children. All children have a right to be safe and should be protected from all forms of abuse and neglect.

It is not just up to social services, doctors and the police to spot the signs of abuse and neglect. It is important that we all look out for children and young people within our community who may be experiencing abuse or neglect. Members of the public, and particularly other parents, are in a unique position to spot concerns among children with whom they have contact - which may not be apparent to professionals.

Some of the signs of abuse or neglect include changes in:

Appearance – such as frequent unexplained injuries, consistently poor hygiene, matted hair, unexplained gifts, or a parent regularly collecting children from school when drunk

Behaviour - such as demanding or aggressive behaviour, frequent lateness or absence from school, avoiding their own family, misusing drugs or alcohol, or being constantly tired

Communication – such as sexual or aggressive language, self-harming, becoming secretive and reluctant to share information or being overly obedient

A third of people who suspect child abuse, do nothing. Some people don't act on their suspicions because they're worried about being wrong. It is better to help children as early as possible so that action can be taken to help the child and support the family concerned.

In 2014/15 more than 400,000 children in England were supported because someone noticed they needed help.

If you suspect child abuse or neglect, visit www.gov.uk/reportchildabuse to get the number for your local authority. For Buckinghamshire, call the First Response Team on 0845 460 0001 or email: secure-cypfirstresponse@buckscc.gcsx.gov.uk

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS

We are collecting these vouchers again. Please keep your vouchers for us so that we can get much needed sports equipment. There is a collection box outside the school office.

Thank you.

DIARY DATES

April *

Mon 18 th – 29 th	The Big Pedal
Thur 21 st	PTA Cinema Night
Tue 26 th	Y3 Field Farm Trip
Wed 27 th	PTA Meeting 8pm
Fri 29 th	Parent Council Meeting (Care, change of date)

May *

Mon 2 nd	<u>Bank Holiday – school closed</u>
Fri 6 th	Y6 Photos
Wed 18 th	PTA Parent Finance Forum
Mon 23 rd – 27 th	Walk to School Week
Fri 27 th	PTA Cake Sale
	<u>Last Day of Term</u>

June *

Mon 6 th	<u>Inset Day School Closed for children</u>
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* More information to follow