

Long Crendon News



LONG CRENDON SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you so much to Mr Poote and the following parents in Foundation and Year 1 for their very generous time and support last Saturday at the working group:

Mr Peasgood, Mr and Mrs Dean, Mr Simons, Mr and Mrs Brown, Mrs Crawshaw, Mrs Subesinghe, Mr Baker, Mr and Mrs Batson and Mrs Batson's brother!

The following work was achieved:

- Digging a trench, laying and connecting electrical cable to our new pond/wild area and establishing power for the pond filtration system.
- Re-felting a storage shed
- Dismantling and removing our old playhouse
- Producing a cover for the new sand pit
- Clearing out, cleaning and reorganising the wild area storage shed

We would like to make an additional thank you to Mrs Batson who has also resourced a new storage unit for the sand pit resources.

Thanks also to the parents of Foundation Stage for their generous contributions to a new playhouse which is soon to be built by them! We are incredibly grateful and lucky to have such a committed and supportive staff and community.

Furthermore, we would also like to thank, in advance, Junior Fatilofa and some of the Chinnor rugby players for their work in the FS wild area this Friday afternoon.

Today I have watched part of the Year 4 Roman day in the hall. Curriculum days like this, which are funded by the PTA, are a wonderful opportunity for the children to be immersed in a taste of life from the past. Our Long Crendon Romans were painting frescoes, and producing mosaic tiles, hammering copper brooches and wax tablets – as well as trying out Roman bathing techniques!

Very best wishes

Sue Stamp

FOREST SCHOOL

Mrs Berrell at Forest school would like to extend a great big thank you to Long Crendon Parish Council and the Long Crendon Bowls Club for the donation of large logs for our new base camp seating, and long branches for den building. An equally large thank you goes out to Karen Lunan and Rob Billings who helped to get the wood from the Recreation ground up to school, and especially to Claire Morris and Matt from Collage Farm who kindly moved the larger logs with their tractor and trailer.

Funding

Our 2015-2016 financial benchmarking report is now in. It holds no surprises, but does illustrate very clearly how underfunded Long Crendon school is! For your information here are some of the "highlights":

Spend as % of total income	Long Crendon	Schools like us	Bucks	National
Total grant income per pupil	£3732	N/A	£4032	£4567
% of funding from Local Authority	77%	82%	81%	82%
Spend on teaching staff income	47%	45%	46%	44%
Spend on support staff	14%	16%	17%	17%
Energy spend	2.3%	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%
Spend on ICT resources	1%	1.6%	1.6%	1.4%
Spend on other resources	3.8%	4.7%	4.3%	4.5%

This is despite a 2% decrease in teaching staff costs and a 22% decrease in energy costs since 2013! We have also decreased our supply teaching costs by 74% since 2013, by covering in house wherever possible, putting us in the lowest 10% of schools nationally for supply spend.

This does clearly show how very much we depend upon the money raised by the PTA. Please continue to support us as best you can!



PARKING (again)

Parents are reminded that **they should not drive onto the school grounds** when dropping off or collecting children. We have also been made aware that some parents are parking on the grass verge on the T junction opposite Carter's Lane, causing unsightly damage. **Please** park carefully and considerately in the streets around the school!

BBC PROGRAMME EAT WELL FOR LESS

*The show follows **Masterchef's Gregg Wallace** & award winning greengrocer **Chris Bavin** on a mission to prove that it is possible for families to **save money** on their food budget **without scrimping on taste and nutrition**. They hope that by analysing the shopping habits of UK families, they can help to show where we can source the best and cheapest quality food.*

A new series is now in production and they are looking for families who may be interested in taking part. Get in touch to apply or find out more!

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OPEN DAY AT BUCKINGHAM YOUTH CENTRE

Buckingham Youth Centre are holding an open day on Sunday 12th February from 10 am – 4 pm to promote the activities they have on offer for children and young people. Families are welcome.

DIARY DATES

JANUARY

Tues 24th Drumming Gig Assembly for KS2
 Tues 24th EYFS Parent Information Evening 7pm
 Weds 25th PTA Meeting 8pm
 Thurs 26th Y3/4 Hockey Festival at Waddesdon
 Mon 30th Y5/6 Basketball Festival
 Tues 31st Meeting for Y5 parents – New Barn Trip

FEBRUARY

Tues 7th Parents' Evening
 Thurs 9th Parents' Evening
 Fri 10th KS1 Dance Festival at Waddesdon
 13th – 17th HALF TERM
 Thurs 23rd Y3 trip to Whipsnade Zoo
 Fri 24th KS2 Dance Festival at Waddesdon
 Tues 28th Y3/4 Tennis Festival at Waddesdon