

Long Crendon News



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Summer Term 6th July 2018

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am pleased to tell you that all class teachers will remain in their current classes for the coming year:

FS Mr Poote

Y1 Mrs Rea and Mrs Brooks

Y2 Miss Monkcom – Mrs Deppe in September!

Y3 Miss Brown

Y4 Miss Nolan

Y5 Mrs McVean

Y6 Ms Jennings & Mrs Bowden

- **Two TAs will be leaving the school at the end of term. Mrs Timberlake is going to pursue her dream job as an ambulance driver - we will miss her so much! Mrs Salt has qualified as a teacher and will be leaving to take up the job of FS teacher at Brill – our congratulations to her! I'd like to thank both of them for their dedication to Long Crendon and the enormous impact they have had on the school in their time here. Mrs Park will still be in school, but will be based in Year 2 as she commences her teacher training.**
- **Mrs Wallace will remain in Foundation Stage, Mrs Ingham in Year 1, Mrs Ferguson in Year 2, Mrs Barker in Year 3 and Mrs Moore in Year 6.**
- **Mrs Fleming has been appointed as a school counsellor. She will work 2 days a week to offer counselling to children and to run nurture groups.**

We will be interviewing TAs on Tuesday 10th July. We have had over 20 applications and were very pleased at the calibre and experience of the applicants. I will of

course let you know when the appointments are made.

Best wishes

Sue Stamp

SCHOOL BEHAVIOUR POLICY - WHAT DO YOU THINK?

For some time we have been concerned about some children in school showing lack of respect and engaging in disruptive behaviour. Last week we all (teachers, TAs, lunch supervisors and office staff) attended staff training on behaviour management.

As a result of our concerns, and backed by this training, we now wish to move towards a new behaviour policy at school. Part of this process will be to ask the staff, children, parents and governors for their views. Teachers will be collecting feedback from the children before the end of term and I would like to take this opportunity to ask for your input.

We would be very interested to hear your views about behaviour non-negotiables and appropriate consequences. We will be having a staff meeting during the final week of term to discuss responses and will be spending part of our INSET day drafting a new policy. It is our intention, once the policy is in place, to apply it absolutely consistently across the school.

We are also in the process of recruiting some new teaching assistant staff, with part of their contract to include lunchtime supervision. With this, we hope to

address playground issues more immediately and effectively.

It is our intention to launch the new policy in the first whole school assembly so that all the children are aware, from the first day of the Autumn term, what the expectations and consequences will be. All staff will then apply this consistently.

Finally, if there is anything further that you feel we could do to improve equality in our school, we would very much like to hear your suggestions.

We welcome your thoughts and comments. Please send your responses to jrussell@longcrendon.bucks.sch.uk and NOT to the school office email address, by Friday 13th July at the latest. This message will be sent to all staff and governors and to all parents by Parentmail.

We thank you for your time.

LETTER TO JOHN BERCOW

On behalf of the school, as part of a concerted effort by the NAHT to bring the issue to the forefront with the government, I have sent a letter to John Bercow regarding the crisis facing school funding, particularly with regard to support for children with SEN.

In part, my letter reads:

Autumn Budget - School Funding

I am writing to you to highlight the serious concerns I have about school funding, and to ask you to write to the Chancellor Philip Hammond to secure the funding schools in your constituency need. In recent years it has become apparent that current budgets are unsustainable.

Our income in 2016-2017

- *We received only 79% of our funding from Buckinghamshire. This puts us in the lowest 9% of schools like us, the lowest 24% of primaries in Bucks and the lowest 22% of primaries nationally.*
- *In terms of actual cash received through grant funding, we got £3452 per pupil, compared to schools like us which got £3920 per pupil, Bucks schools, which got £5621 per pupil and all schools nationally, which got £5504 per pupil. If you multiply these differences by the 210 children in the school, it shows how very underfunded we are to begin with - £98,280 per year less than similar schools, £455,490 less than Bucks schools and £430,920 less than national averages.*

The biggest concern for us is around SEN funding. You may remember that I visited you in Parliament several years ago with heads of similar schools in Bucks, to discuss our fears that the changes in SEN funding would have a severe impact down the line on schools like ours. "Notional" SEN funding is based on a percentage of an already demonstrably unfair funding formula, particularly when we do not hit the other funding factors for SEN either (deprivation, EAL, low prior attainment). SEN High Needs top up accounted for only 1% of our income last year, putting us in the lowest 40% of schools like us, the lowest 19% in Bucks and the lowest 34% nationally. 90% of all the money we spend on support staff is needed to meet the needs of the children on our SEN register, leaving very little available to support all the other children in the school.

If you as parents would like to get involved in trying to get a resolution to the funding crisis, you can write to your MP, or visit

https://www.google.com/url?hl=en&q=https://r1.dmtrk.net/3OT7-F8FK-1GEW19-A1C9Q-1/c.aspx&source=gmail&ust=1530958754377000&usg=AFQjCNFfkI904Whw9bleNTdemLyfD4_CkA

for further information.

SCHOOL TRAVEL SURVEY

A travel survey to help us analyse how children travel to and from school is being sent home today with your child. It will help the School Travel Plan Working Group understand the impact of their initiatives and any other ideas to support sustainable school travel. Please complete as a family, one form for each child, and return to the school office by Friday July 13th. If you are interested in being part of the School Travel Plan Working Group, please note on the form, or let the school office know.

DIARY DATES

JULY

Tues 10 th	Drumming Assembly – 1.15pm
Weds 11 th	Year 6 Production
Thurs 12 th	Y3 Trip to College Farm
Fri 13 th	Sports Day from 1pm
Mon 16 th	Optional Parents' Evening
Tues 17 th	Reserve Sports Day
Wed 18 th	*9am - Summer Concert KS1/KS2 PTA School Disco
Thurs 19 th	Y2 Trip to College Farm
Fri 20 th	Last Day of Term 9am - Leaver's Assembly

*Further info to follow