

Long Crendon News



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Spring Term 4th January 2019

As a maintained school, from time to time we may carry signposting information about organisations offering goods or services that may be of interest to members of the community. This is a community service and does not constitute an endorsement of the goods or services by the school.

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had an exciting start to the new year, with yesterday seeing the launch of our new on site catering service from Fresh Start. I am hoping by now that you have had some very positive feedback from your children. I spoke to the classes after lunch and asked for feedback and got a chorus of "Amazing!" Only small negative was five children who said they preferred sliced processed bread to the fresh baked loaf on offer.

Other comments included:

"Absolutely delicious"

"A lot of variety"

"A lot nicer"

"Really good"

"Good as a restaurant"

"All the staff were really nice"

"Super scrumptious"

Of the children who had packed lunches, a large proportion said they would like to have the cooked meals in future.

The caterers have asked me to send their thanks to parents – it was the highest percentage uptake they have ever had on Day 1 of a new contract!

We hope very much to be able to refurbish the dining room with some new, more appropriately sized furniture and to strip and revarnish the flooring and redecorate in the near future in order to make lunchtimes really enjoyable.

Very best wishes and a Happy New Year

Sue Stamp

REMINDER

Please remember that children should be in school before the doors close at 8.55. We do see some families who seem to arrive after this most days and this causes disruption and prevents lessons from starting on time. I'd also like to remind parents that children should not, barring exceptional circumstances, be taken out of school for holidays or "long weekends".

There is a wealth of evidence that children with poor attendance records do not achieve as well in school as those who have good attendance:

Impact of non-attendance on lesson time

Attendance % during one school year	Equivalent approximate school weeks absent	Number of lessons missed
97.5%	1 week	25 lessons
95%	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	8 weeks	200 lessons

Impact of non-attendance on attainment

Attendance % during one school year	% achieving expected level in English at KS2	% achieving expected level in maths at KS2
96%+	87.4%	87.3%
94% - 95%	83%	82.2%
90% - 93%	77.9%	76.7%
80% - 90%	67.8%	66%

LOST PROPERTY – LAST CHANCE!

We still have a lot of un-named lost property from last term, which is in the glass corridor. If this is not claimed by the end of next week it will be disposed of – please check.

Could we also please ask that parents check that their children's belongings are named, giving us a sporting chance of being able to return things to their rightful owners!

Thank you.

DIARY DATES

JANUARY

Weds 2nd INSET Day – Staff only
Thurs 3rd Back to school for all!
Fri 11th * PTA Coffee and Croissants
Tues 22nd Selected YF & Y1 children Dental Survey
Fri 25th Parent Council Meeting 2pm
Weds 30th * Architecture Workshops Y1, Y3 & Y6

FEBRUARY

Sat 2nd * Cross Country, Aylesbury
Thurs 7th * Y3 Egyptian Day
Weds 13th YF & Y6 Height & Weight checks
Weds 13th * PTA Disco
Mon 18th – Fri 22nd - HALF TERM

MARCH

Thurs 7th * Y2 Great Fire of London Day
Mon 18th * Y6 trip to Bucks County Museum
Tues 19th * Y3 trip to Cadburys World
Sat 23rd * Cross Country, Waddesdon
Mon 25th * Parents' Evening
Weds 27th * Parents' Evening

*More information to follow