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Newsletter No.4 - 19th December 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

THANK YOU!

Thank you for all of your support during this busy term. We really appreciate that this time of year in particular is packed full of activities and thank you for all of the kind donations.

One of our activities this term was our Hygge Reading which was a great success. It was lovely to see children reading with their parents. Take a look at the photos from the event on our website. [Click here.](#)

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope you have a wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing you all in 2020!

Lights. Camel. Action! Strictly The Nativity

Wow! The children were amazing in all of the parts they played. I am so very proud of them all. They did so well learning their lines and expressed them perfectly! We do hope you enjoyed our Christmas concert this year as much as we did performing it to you. Well done children! Photos of the production are on our website. [Click here.](#) Thank you to Keith Milmer for taking the photos.

Christmas Fundraising—£1350!

Once again our Christmas Bazaar was a great success! We raised a staggering £1350 from our concert ticket sales and the Bazaar. Thank you for your continued support. A massive thank you to the PTA and everyone who has helped.

School Clubs— Next Term

A new set of clubs will be run by the staff next term. If your child would like to join any of these please sign up on the School-gateway. These clubs will be run at lunchtime and there is no charge for these clubs.

Monday Lunchtime: Music Madness (singing) - Miss Lewis

Monday Lunchtime: ICT/Computers—Mrs Timberlake

Tuesday Lunchtime: Performing Arts—Mrs Katrina Lemonius

Wednesday Lunchtime: Sign Language—Mrs Bryson

Wednesday Lunchtime: Coding—Mr Williams

Other clubs also running will be:

Monday: Ukulele with Mr David Mitchener

Wednesday: Tennis with Mr Blaise Baheten-Metock

Thursday: French Club with Mrs Laura McDonald

Friday: Fit Camp with Mr Laurence Clark

Weds 18th Dec—Christingle Assembly; WASPS Xmas Disco

Thurs 19th Dec—Party Day; TERM ENDS

Mon 6th Jan—Inset Day

Tues 7th Jan—School Opens at 8.50am

Thurs 9th Jan—Open Day @ 9.30am

Mon 20th Jan—Personnel Governor Mtg @ 9.00am

Tues 21st Jan—Strategy Mtg @ 6pm

Thurs 6th Feb—YR Stay and Play @ 2.00pm

Mon 10th Feb—Y1 & Y2 End of Topic Drop In (Details to follow)

Fri 14th Feb—TERM ENDS

Mon 24th Feb—School Opens at 8.50am

Weds 26th Feb—Finance Governor Mtg @ 6.30pm

Fri 28th Feb—Steve Cole Author Visit

Mon 2nd & 4th Mar—Parents' Evening 3.30-7.00pm

Tues 3rd Mar—Curriculum Governor Mtg

Thurs 5th Mar—World Book Day

Fri 6th Mar—Sebastian Hockaday Author Visit and Writing Workshop

Weds 11th Mar—Full Governing Body @ 6.30pm

Sat 14th Mar—PTA Hoedown @ 7.30pm

Thurs 26th Mar—Y1 & Y2 Claydon House Trip (details to follow)

Mon 30th Mar—EYFS Multiskills Event

Tues 31st Mar—Y1 & Y2 Drop In @ 3.15pm

Fri 3rd Apr—TERM ENDS

Mon 20th Apr—School Opens at 8.50am

Mon 27th Apr—Height, Weight Vision Measure for YR

Weds 6th May—Finance Governor Mtg @ 6.30pm

Thurs 7th May—Y1 Stay & Play @ 2.00pm



News, Views and Celebrations

Fisher German

We have sent a letter home recently regarding Fisher German's 'Building Communities' scheme and your permission for using photograph images of your child. Fisher German, Thame Office, have been supporting Long Crendon School over the past year and they wanted to broaden this to include all of the schools in the local area. They wanted to give more and came up with the idea of donating a percentage of their commission fee to the local school where the sold property is located. We have decided to participate in this scheme. When Fisher German have given a donation before they have photographed the receiving school and posted this on their website. They require parent's permission to use their child's image. Please can we remind you to return our letter requesting your permission. Attached to this newsletter is a copy of an article Fisher German produced for Long Crendon school.

Parent Forum

Thank you for feeding in your comments to the class reps and thank you to the class reps for attending the meeting on Monday. These were some of the things that were mentioned:

Workshops

The moving of our workshops came about after receiving feedback from parents combined with the low attendance at some of our workshops in the evening. At a number of our workshops for parents last year we were presenting to a handful of three or four parents which we felt was not really productive or helpful. We consulted parents asking for feedback and offering a range of other options in order to present to the majority of parents; including putting together video logs on the website so parents could access information as they suited. The overwhelming response was that parents still wanted us to run workshops which is great, so this year we decided to change the timings of these workshops in order to see if this would help parents attend at the start of the school day for a maximum of 20 minutes. This would mean that parents would then be able to go on to work and other commitments after attending. The workshops so far this year have been well attended attracting between 10-15 parents per class.

Tree Lighting and Harvest Assembly

We have been conscious of the number of activities that we ask the children to participate in and that we invite parents to. There needs to be a balance between these which are lovely and our classroom based time. These events do take time to organise which takes us out of the classroom. Therefore we reviewed the number of assemblies we invite parents to. We do still hold these assemblies however they are only for the children and involve less time out of the classroom which is more beneficial to the children's learning. We will revisit whether we open Harvest Assembly for parents next year.

Clubs

Some of our lunchtime clubs are held at the same time and we do understand that this may then cause a dilemma for some of our children. We are lucky to be able to offer so many different clubs, unfortunately this does mean that some are held on the same day and may involve some choice as to what your child signs up to. Every effort is made to provide a variety on one day however sometimes a clash is unavoidable if the teacher is only available on a particular day.



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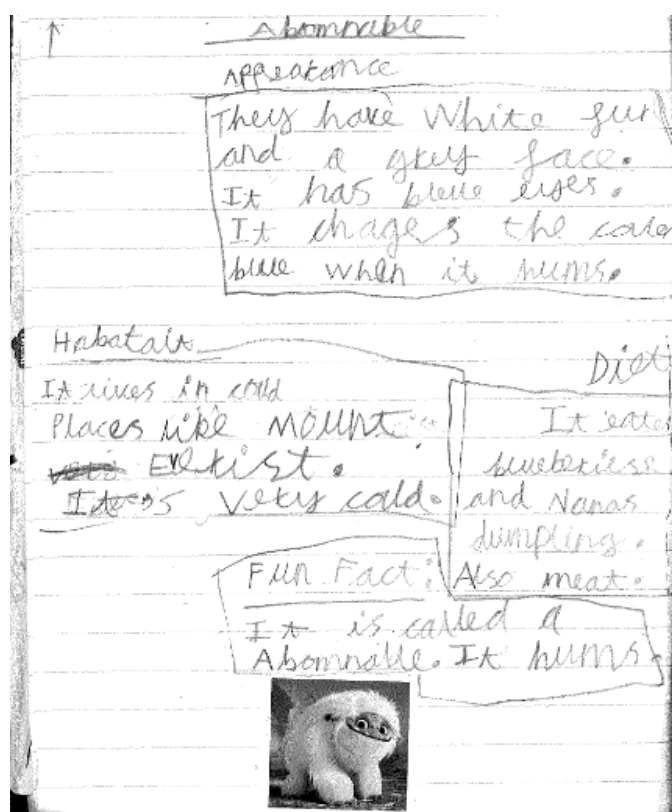
Parents Forum (cont)

Cinema Trip

Parents wanted to ascertain the rationale behind this trip. We wanted to arrange a different trip for the children this Christmas and decided on a cinema trip as it has been successful in previous years. In the past we have found that a pantomime has been a little too much for some children who have been frightened during the performance. As the cinema trip before had been much more enjoyable for all of them we decided to arrange this trip again. We were unable to book the Odeon, Aylesbury due their current refurbishment however the Empire Cinema, High Wycombe were able to offer a screen room solely for us and for us to choose which movie we watched. All of the children enjoyed the trip and there has been lots of amazing writing about Abominable when they returned to the classroom.

Cinema Trip—Abominable

The children had a wonderful morning and really enjoyed watching Abominable. When they returned to school the children wrote about some fact files for the characters. Here is a example of their writing.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Lucy McNeil