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Matthew 5:14 – 16

Dear Families,

Hopefully the arrival of March will bring some sunshine - although today hasn't really delivered, however we continue to enjoy learning opportunities in our wonderful School environment and grounds.

Thank you for engaging so positively with the new online sign-up process for family/child consultation evenings. It was wonderful to see so many families coming along to discuss their child/children's progress with the staff on 12th and 14th March.

On Friday 7th March we celebrated World Book Day. Children and staff all dressed up as book characters and we ran different events in school, including the book fair, to promote the love of reading. The children have all received a £1 book voucher to go towards the cost of a book which can be purchased from bookshops. Thank you for supporting your children to dress up as their favourite book characters and make the day a real celebration of reading.

On Friday 15th March we joined in with this year's Comic Relief theme, **'Do Something Funny for Money'**. We have been wearing red noses and odd socks. The impact of poverty, conflict and climate change continues to be felt further and wider – and we appreciate your support more than ever for this very worthwhile cause. Comic Relief supports incredible projects and organisations that are making a difference for people across the UK and around the world. Thank you for your donations.

Safeguarding

Being in school every day is not only important for learning (in all of its forms) but is statutory for all children over the age of five years. Where attendance is of concern, we have a statutory duty to follow up; part of this duty is linked to safeguarding.

New information has just been released on school attendance:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/02/29/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>

If you have any attendance or safeguarding concerns at any time, please be sure to pass them on to staff.

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) – Miss Maria Cupit

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSLs) - Mrs. Naomi Stapley, Mrs. Libby Harle and Mrs Lucy Crick

Attendance Officer & Pastoral Support Worker – Mrs Beckie Hanson

Dates for Your Diary 2024

INSET Day

Thursday 28th March 2024

Term 4

Monday 19th February 2024
– Wednesday 27th March 2024

'Little Lambourn Lights'

Every Wednesday Afternoon
2.00pm – 3.15pm

Anxiety Support Coffee Morning

Monday 18th March 2024

Hexagon Choir Event

Tuesday 19th March 2024

PTA Rainbow Disco

Thursday 21st March 2024

PTA Rainbow Raffle

Wednesday 27th March 2024

World Autism Acceptance Week

02.04.24 – 08.04.24

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From the School Office: reminders, updates and future calendar dates

15th March: Parents **Bookfair Event** in school hall at 1:30pm-2:10pm. Everyone is invited to attend and browse. To pay for books online you can visit travellingbooks.co.uk/pay

18th March: Anxiety Support Coffee Morning We are going to be holding a coffee morning to discuss possible strategies you could use to support your child with anxiety. We are seeing an increasing number of children becoming anxious and want to work with families to see how we can help. We would like to invite you to a presentation given by Kate Pike (Mental Health Support Team). If you are interested in coming along to this free event, please sign up via MCAS under Clubs.

19th March: KS2 Choir Hexagon Event all pupils attending must come to school in their school uniform. The pupils should bring their t-shirts/tops (jungle /animal coloured) in a bag. They will change before leaving for the Hexagon. Everyone **MUST** bring a packed lunch AND a packed tea (no yogurts) along with snacks and a water bottle. For the parents not attending the concert, please arrive at 8:15pm at The Hexagon and follow the signs for Lambourn school pick up.

21st March: Rainbow Disco Please return your disco slip (with payment of £6.50 per child) by Tuesday 19th March.

Future calendar dates - new dates added in green since last issue

14th March: Parent Evening
 15th March: Parents Bookfair Event in school hall at 1:30pm-2:10pm
 15th March: Red Nose Day
 18th March: **Anxiety Support Coffee Morning in School Cafe**
 19th March: KS2 Choir members Hexagon Choir Event
 21st March: Rainbow Disco (PTA event)
 27th March: PTA Rainbow Raffle and special Eater visitor
 27th March: Term ends at 1:30pm
 15th April: Back to school
 8th May: Y5 Level 1 Bikeability
 27th May - 31st May: half term - school closed
 3rd June: School reopens at 8:40am

5th June: Class group photos
 6th June: Athlete to visit the school
 24th June - 26th June 2024: Year 6 Residential
 5th July: Sports Day (tbc)
 8th July: Swimming Gala (tbc)
 8th and 9th July: Y6 Group 1 Level 2 Bikeability
 15th and 16th July: Y6 Group 2 Level 2 Bikeability
 19th July: Colour Run (PTA event)

For the school term dates please visit the following link

<https://lambourn.excalibur.org.uk/parent-information/calendar/>

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Did you know that turning on the subtitles on your TV at home is the easiest way to get your child reading?

Doing this can double the chance of your child becoming a good reader. Yes, it's really that simple.

Please visit <https://turnonthesubtitles.org/parents/> to see Hollywood legend Jack Black explain how you can turn screen time into reading time in 10 seconds.

If you're curious:

Here is the academic research behind this

Turning on quality subtitles means your child will read a staggering number of words. Put them on and your child will read the equivalent number of words that are in all the Harry Potter books, all of the Lord of the Rings, all of the Chronicles of Narnia and everything Roald Dahl wrote, combined!

Research has shown that it can double the chance of your child leaving school as a proficient reader. You can turn them on for the whole family or most streaming services will now allow you to do it just for children's profiles.

Perhaps, after all, there is a magic button....

Caterpillar Captions

In 2024 there is a new service launching for broadcasters, Caterpillar Captions. This is an academically approved font, stylesheet with 99.99% accuracy. You'll start seeing the Blue Caterpillar on several of your favourite channels and streaming services.



Getting started

If you are struggling to find the magic subtitle button for your children's profiles, follow the website link <https://turnonthesubtitles.org/parents/> and there are some links to the main TV streaming services to help.

Just click on the icon of the streaming service you'd like help with:

If you find this tip useful, please do spread the word to others! [#turnonthesubtitles](https://twitter.com/turnonthesubtitles)



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PARENTS

HAF 2024

BOOKINGS
WILL OPEN
4TH MARCH 2024



Free holiday club places for children and young people eligible for free school meals.

-  Activity sessions during school holidays at no cost to you
-  Sports, music, arts and crafts
-  Outdoor and indoor play, gaming and other exciting opportunities to learn and develop skills
-  A nutritious meal each day
-  Nutritional resources to keep
-  Fun workshops and visits at selected venues

To find out if your child is eligible, please contact your school or our HAF Coordinator. To make a HAF club booking please visit our HAF webpage www.westberks.gov.uk/HAF

If you have any questions about HAF please email our HAF Coordinator at Hannah.lee1@westberks.gov.uk



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Lambourn CofE Primary School

'Let Your Light Shine'
Love, Integrity, Grit, Hope & Trust



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**REMEMBER to come and join us on Wednesday's for the
'Little Lambourn Lights' Stay & Play group.**

Little Lambourn Lights

Our new Stay & Play group in Lambourn
Starting Wednesday 17th January 2024

An open session for parents / carers and their children, aged 0-4 years.
Safe, fun, sensory area for babies,
Adventurous, creative, messy areas for toddlers.
Snacks and refreshments provided.
No need to book.

Lambourn C of E Primary School
Edward's Hill
Lambourn
Berks
RG17 7LJ
**Entrance can be found at the lower gate,
NOT the main entrance**

When is it? Every Wednesday 2 - 3.15pm
How much is it? £1 per family

For more information Call: 01493 652626, WhatsApp: 07771 701711, Email: charnie@lambourncepschool.org or lambourncepschool@lambourncepschool.org

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Christian Vision & Values Medals

'Let Your Light Shine'

F2 - Maddison,

Year 1 - Oscar, George

Year 2 - Josie, Reggie

Year 3 - Ocean, George

Year 4 - Siena, Sienna

Year 5 - Kira, Keira

Year 6 - Hugo, Max

Reading Champions

Layla, Ivy, Tyler & Jackson

Children show us what you love about reading next week!

Principal's Awards

F2 - Noah, Harley, Oscar & Maisey

Year 1 - Marnie, Scott, George & Isla

Year 2 - Flynn, Dylan, Harlequinn & Manth

Year 3 - Ocean, Joseph, Lyra & Maysa

Year 4 - Grace, Archie, Bella & Anni

Year 5 - Eilidh, Thanshika, Megan & Thomas

Year 6 - Dotty, Troy, Riley & Jan

Congratulations to all the children who received Principal's Awards this week. We are all very impressed with the following children's quality of work and commitment to their learning.

Everyone else, remember, never, never, never give up!

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Celebrate reading at our Book Fair!

Book Fair

The Book Fair has arrived in school, with hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy.

WHEN: 12th- 18th March 2024

WHERE: The children have been given the opportunity to go in school time to have a look at the books on offer, PLUS the Book Fair will be open to parents on **Friday 15th March 2024 from 1:30pm**, so come along after school to browse the Book Fair!

We will be completely cashless this year and will be using the Book Fair online payment portal, which you can access here:

www.travellingbooks.co.uk/pay or via the QR code below

The children will fill in a 'Wish List' order form at school, which they will bring home. Using their Wish List, you will be able to buy books through the website

www.travellingbooks.co.uk/pay or via the QR code below.

Once you have paid you will receive a 7-digit reference number. Please write this number on the wish list, alongside the title of the book/s you wish to purchase.

This is a payment platform where you will be able to pay an amount, not purchase a specific book. We will know what book/s your child ordered as it will be on their wish list.

 TRAVELLING BOOKS



Scan the QR code to pay for your books online
or visit travellingbooks.co.uk/pay

You can also attend our Book Fair after school on Friday 15th March, from 1:30pm. This will be cashless also.