



16 September 2016

Longmeadow Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher

On 1st September we had a shared Vision and Values morning, when parents, staff and Governors worked collaboratively to revise our school's direction for the next five years. We decided the following:

Our Vision Statement:

Longmeadow Primary School enthuses and inspires pupils to embrace and nurture a sense of wonder and excitement on their learning journey. Our pupils are individuals ready to embrace new challenges and opportunities with confidence and self-belief to be and to do the best they can. Through creative learning, high educational standards and a broad range of interactive opportunities children grow in self-confidence and develop their passion for learning. Children develop the morals and skills to flourish in an ever-changing world whilst enjoying the moment.

Our Values:

We support and teach children to have:

- ◆ Good morals, kindness and a positive attitude to life
- ◆ An inquisitive nature, to ask questions, to have a natural sense of wonder and a hunger for learning
- ◆ The ability to accept failure and success gracefully
- ◆ Self-worth and mutual respect
- ◆ High achievement
- ◆ Passion and ambition
- ◆ Confidence with technology in a digital world
- ◆ Enjoyment of childhood

The Vision and Values will be used to direct our planning and children's learning. Thank you so much to the parents who joined us.

Our **British Value** focus this half term is on **Democracy**.

Attendance

*Top classes for attendance week ending
9th September is Purple Class with
100% Well done !!*

Purple

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Information

- ☺ Swimming - Starts back 13 Sept - £3.35pw
- ☺ Dinners Years 3-6 £2.30 per day
- ☺ Find us on Facebook - Official Longmeadow Primary School

Dates for your diary

Year 6 Crucial Crew	19 Sept
Tempest Individual Photos	28 Sept

School Census

There are new statutory requirements for us to report information such as a child's country of birth. You may be contacted by Mrs Higham if we need essential information prior to the Census. Data is used for DfE reporting only—see the Privacy Notice on our website.

Sports News

Year 5/6 NETBALL

Netball Club has started back this term. Training is on a Tuesday after school and if you would like to come along you can book on the School Gateway.



GOLDEN MILE

A message from our Year 6 children:

The Golden Mile is a running programme where Reception to Year 6 students run around laps of the field/playground that are roughly 100m long. They will take part twice a week and the children will run as many laps as they can. Year 6 will be monitoring the children and will be logging their results into the Golden Mile website. Certificates will be awarded in assembly when certain distances are achieved. All children will have to ensure they have their P.E. kit in school every day so that they can take part.

Note from Miss Heywood: Staff will be taking part too, to try and improve our fitness!

CLUBS: we have got off to a great start and children are enjoying the many new activities.

Parents: if you are not paying through School Gateway, please will you ensure any **money** is handed into the **school office**, in a **named envelope**, otherwise we **CANNOT** allocate or track your payments.

Other News / Reminders

Thanks to Jamie Oliver, school dinners had a radical overhaul. But what about the lunchboxes we pack for our children?



It is just as important to make sure the lunchbox your child takes to school provides a healthy and balanced lunch. Please click the links below to find out more:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/childhealth6-15/Pages/Lighterlunchboxes.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/Change4Life/Pages/healthy-lunchbox-picnic.aspx>

Underwear

We are in desperate need of small underwear. If you have any spare knickers, pants or socks we would greatly appreciate it.



Travelling Book Company

From 22 to 28 September the Travelling Book Company will be visiting the school. The children will be able to look at the books with their class in school time and you will be able to purchase books after school in the main hall if you wish.

Wellies - Year 1 have a lovely new outside area with a digging pit. As you can imagine things can get a little bit muddy, so if you could pass on any spare old wellies that would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

AUTUMN DATES

Half Term Monday 24 to 28 October 2016

Christmas Break 23 December- 6 January (Back on 9 January)