



9 September 2016

# Longmeadow Newsletter

## Message from the Headteacher

A very warm welcome back to the new school year. I hope you all enjoyed the summer holiday, and wasn't the weather fantastic for all of us who had a stay-cation!

You should have received a copy of our Ofsted report this week, which was published in September due to the school holiday. We are all so delighted that for the first time, the school has been graded Good. Whilst celebrating, we will continue our drive to constantly improve.

Our key focus for improvement this academic year is on Reading. We have a fabulous new reading scheme in school, and new books arriving all the time. Please enjoy books with your child, and ensure they are returned to school promptly and in good condition. Thank you.

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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

### \*\*\*\* Pupil Premium Grant - letters to Parents are on their way \*\*\*\*

If your child has ever been entitled to Free School Meals, we receive what is known as Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) from the Government. We use the funding to provide additional teaching and resources to ensure children make good progress. Our School Governors have agreed to allocate £100 of the funding to parents of those children entitled to PPG, so parents can choose to spend it on what will help their child. The £100 can be used to help with:

- Buying school uniform (Mrs Higham will order via school for you)
- Paying for school trips or swimming
- Paying for attending extra-curricular clubs
- School dinners
- Bitesize Breakfast and After School Club

This gives you even more reason to see if your child is entitled to Free School Meals, and to sign up. If you need help or have any questions, please contact Mrs Higham in the office who will be happy to assist.

## A Message from the Chair of Governors

Dear Parents

You will by now have received a copy of the Ofsted report that states we are a GOOD school. We are obviously delighted with this! We recognise, however, that there is still work to do and we are grateful for parental input on what we are trying to achieve and soon you will all receive a letter relating to the outcomes of the parent questionnaires last term.

Part of us all working more closely together will be Governors working with the Friends of Longmeadow, the Children's Centre and Playhouse Pre-School for the greater good and to support each other. We are looking forward to this new school year and I am excited about the possibilities of what we might achieve together. Do come and say hello to governors if you see us in the playground.

Yours sincerely  
Kathy Dunnett

# Sports News



On Tuesday the whole school took part in The Golden Mile to set their own bench mark. Pupils ran or walked around a grid for 4 minutes and the number of laps they completed was recorded. Pupils will be taking part in the Golden Mile each week to improve their health & fitness and hopefully increase the number of laps they are able to complete.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Can you work out the long word? How many smaller words can you make? Good luck with this week's puzzle!

Last week's word scramble: Heatwave

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## Other News / Reminders

### School uniform

We are delighted to inform you that Tesco Direct are now a stockist of our school uniform with the embroidered logo. Please see our website for the link.



#### Underwear

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



#### Medication

If any children require asthma medication, please make sure your child and the school has a pump on site as soon as possible, along with the signed Med 1A form. Also any Care Plans that were sent out in July must be returned to the main office.

**CURRICULUM LETTERS:** You should have received a copy of a Curriculum Overview for your child's class. These will also be available on our website shortly.

**TELEPHONES:** unfortunately we have had problems with our phone lines this week, that are proving tricky to correct. Please use email or School Gateway if you have difficulty getting through to us.

#### AUTUMN DATES

Half Term Monday 24 to 28 October 2016

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