



30 September 2016

Longmeadow Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher



An eternal issue for all parents and schools is ensuring that in our busy lives we all know (and remember!) what is going on. We publicise events as widely as possible, and to further help you we have purchased an App called School News that you can download for FREE. The App automatically sends you reminders for key events, as well as notifying you when something new is added to the school calendar! You should receive a sheet of instructions electronically today. Please contact the office if you would like a printed copy of the user instructions.

You should also receive a copy of the minutes from our Conversation meetings this week. Many thanks to those who attended and shared ideas.

To help improve the collection of children at the end of the day, we are going to trial marking an area around the Goodbye Gates for younger children that should be kept clear at home-time. So when you see a semi-circle painted on the ground, we would really appreciate if you stay out of this area, to ensure staff have a clear view of who is on the playground. 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

Parent Consultations	6 Oct
Year 5 Assembly @ 2.30pm	7 Oct
KS1 Halloween Disco 4.30pm - 6.00pm	21 Oct
KS2 Halloween Disco 6.30pm - 8.00pm	21 Oct

Collecting from Clubs on Thursday 6th October

On Thursday we are holding Parent Consultations. Children attending clubs will be dismissed from the dining room on that day, so please come through the Bitesize door to collect your child.

Governors supporting Longmeadow

Governors have been busy in Longmeadow, and it was fantastic to meet parents at the recent event to pull together the vision and values of the school. We also like meeting parents at the Head and parent meetings that are held regularly. We also want to set up a Parent Forum or Parent Council so we will be sending out more information about this soon.

We have also been visiting assemblies. I met the children to discuss with them their responses to the questionnaire we sent out at the end of last term. You should have received your letters by now giving you the parents responses, which were very positive, thank you. Gill Pick, the Vice Chair, visited the safeguarding assembly which was very informative and helpful.

We have had one meeting already this term and we do meet regularly to monitor the school progress. At some point this term all of our photographs will be in the reception area so you can recognise us.

In the meantime, do come and say hello if you see us in the playground. We are having lots of good feedback about the new clubs, so we are very pleased that these are being successful.

Kathy Dunnett, Chair of Governors

Attendance

Top class for attendance week ending 23rd September is Amber Class with

Amber

Sports News

Year 5/6 Boys FOOTBALL

29 September 2016

Longmeadow 0

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Ashtree 1

Well done to everyone who played.

Better Luck next time!

Year 5/6 FOOTBALL

Boys 5/6

Peartree

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Longmeadow

7 October 2016



Sporting Futures On Tour

Children from Years 3 and 5 were lucky enough to take part in the Sporting Futures on Tour program.

The children took part in a number of different sporting activities that focused on hand to eye control.

Their results will be entered into the town wide competition and we will find out the results in the summer term.

CLUBS: Can parents / pupils hand their club money into the class or office by the morning of the club.

Other News / Reminders

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS There have been several parental concerns raised about the number of sweets sent in to mark a child's birthday, due to allergies, dental health, and sugar consumption. We would like to encourage healthy lifestyles so would prefer you not to send in sweets. One idea is to send a book into your child's class, which the teacher can inscribe as being a gift from your child on their birthday. This is our Year of Reading, and it would be so wonderful to have a lasting gift that benefits everyone. *PS Birthdays are celebrated in school; please be assured this will continue.*

Parents Consultations

If you have not yet booked your Parent Consultation appointment, you can do so before and after school. This event will take place between 1:00pm and 6.50pm on Thursday 6 October

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2016

On Wednesday 12 October we are again inviting some of the elderly residents of Pitt Court to join us in school to listen to the younger children singing their Harvest songs.

As in past years, we hope to provide our guests with a 'Harvest box' to take home. This year we are particularly collecting tea bags, sugar, coffee and packets of biscuits or cakes. If every child could bring in one or two items we will be able to give some of our local elderly residents a great deal of pleasure and happy memories for the cold winter months. Thank you.

Travelling Book Company

Thank you to all the children and parents who bought books from the Travelling Book company. With the commission collected we have purchased books for the school.



AUTUMN DATES

Half Term Monday 24 to 28 October 2016

Christmas Break Thursday 22 December - Monday 6 January (Back on 9 January)

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Interim Headteacher

Mrs S. McDermott
Deputy Head