



21 October 2016

# Longmeadow Newsletter

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents — there is just enough space to wish you an enjoyable half-term holiday. Please ensure children have a suitable coat when we return on 31st October; it certainly feels as though Autumn has arrived this week.

Miss Heywood

### A Note from the Governors

I am looking forward to meeting the School Council this week. We had a good relationship with the last group and we want to introduce ourselves to the new council. We are supporting Longmeadow to undertake the Anti-Bullying Accreditation with Herts. for Learning this year and part of that will be talking to parents and pupils. Many parents have already completed a short questionnaire, so thank you for that. We have also given the children a questionnaire. Once we have collated these replies we can consider the next steps, but ultimately we want everyone at Longmeadow to understand what bullying is and how unacceptable it is. Mr Hetherington is the school link and I am the governor link. We have a busy year ahead of us. We have lots of plans, which we will involve you with as much as possible. Do keep a look out for our pictures which will be in the reception at some point this term, so that you know who we are! Anyway, have a lovely half term. When we get back it will be only 56 days to Christmas!

Kind regards, **Kathy Dunnett, Chair of Governors.**

## REMINDER for Year 6 : Secondary School Admissions 2017

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to secondary schools is fast approaching. Parents will need to make an application online or on paper by the closing date of **Monday 31st October 2016**. HCC recommend that parents complete it by Friday 28 October, as there will be limited support available over the weekend for anyone having trouble applying.

'Moving On' leaflets were sent home with Year 6 children in early September.

Parents should apply online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) or alternatively, if you cannot access the internet, you can request a printed version of the website information and application form from the Hertfordshire County Council Customer Service Centre by calling 0300 123 4043.

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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 1 Assembly	11 Nov @
Christmas Fayre	2 December @ 3.15pm
Year 6 Victorian	8 Dec
Year 3 & 4 Panto (Letter to follow)	15 Dec @ 11.00am
Year 5 & 6 Panto (Letter to follow)	15 Dec @ 1.30pm

Happy Retirement to Pete, the Lollipop Man, who has been keeping your children safe for very many years.



Road Crossing Patrol officers are employed by Herts. County Council. HCC is trying to recruit a new Road Crossing Patrol person to replace Pete. Unfortunately to date no-one has come forward for the post. HCC is continuing to try and recruit, but in the meantime please be aware the zebra crossing outside the main entrance will be unmanned.

## Attendance

Top class for attendance week ending 14th October is Turquoise Class

Well done !!

# Turquoise

# Sports News

## FOOTBALL

Girls Year 5/6

Football Tournament

Bedwell School

21 October

Boys Year 5/6

Longmeadow v Walkern

**Cancelled**



## Cross Country Championships

Year 5/6

Fairland's Valley - 20 October

12.30pm - 2.30pm

Well Done Team

Great Team Spirit

Miss Dyble was very Proud



## Tag Rugby

Year 5 / 6

Girls & Boys

2 November 2017

King George Playing Field



## Trampoline Club

Trampoline club will start back up after the half term every Wednesday from 2 November through to 2 December.

Year 1 & 2

12.15pm - 12.45pm

Cost £15.00

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

12.45pm - 1.15pm



## Other News / Reminders

**Safeguarding:** We regularly reinforce our message to children, particularly to older pupils who walk home alone: if they are at all worried about anything, to come straight back to school so we can look after them. Generally, walking home at the regular time is safe as there are so many people around. *Please note there have been no incidents causing concern.*

**Bug Busting:** There is a national Bug Busting Day on 31st October. It would be great if we all had a go at eliminating these pests once and for all. I recommend weekly use of a cheap conditioner and a bug comb.

**Smoking:** It has been brought to our attention that adults have been smoking e-cigarettes outside the Nursery. Please remember this is a non smoking school and we would be grateful if all parents could refrain from using these devices on school grounds.

Dinners - Friday 4 November



To Celebrate Bonfire Night there will be a Bonfire themed lunch.

Bangers (sausages)

Pizza Spins

Chips & BBQ Beans

Bonfire Cake or Jelly Sparkles

**The Friends of Longmeadow** would just like to say a big thank you to all the Nursery and Reception children, and parents, who came to our Welcome Party last week. They were all very well behaved and looked as though they enjoyed themselves!

We would also like to tell you that this year we will be making personalised Christmas cards which will be available to order in November – we are very excited to be able to do this. The children will be designing their cards after half term and we are looking forward to seeing what designs they come up with.

Look out for more information on our Facebook page after half term.

## AUTUMN DATES

Half Term Monday 24th to 28th October 2016

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

Miss A. Heywood  
Interim Headteacher

Mrs S. McDermott  
Deputy Head