



13 January 2017

Longmeadow Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher



A new term, a new Award! Following conversations with children as part of the Anti-Bullying Charter work, it was clear the children value kindness. We want to recognise and reward kindness. Kathy Dunnett and the Governors have provided us with this amazing trophy, which will be awarded to one deserving pupil each week. Children (and adults) are encouraged to acknowledge Random Acts of Kindness from each other. Each week, classes will decide who to put

forward for the Kindness Award. In Monday assembly, a name will be drawn from a hat and the winner will keep the trophy in their class for the week, as well as having their name in our newsletter. By celebrating kindness, we will help all children to develop their happiness and their consideration of other people.

Headteacher / Parent Conversations

You are invited to a meeting on Wednesday 18 January, at 9:00am or 6:00pm. No need to book, just turn up! Included on the Agenda will be information from Mr Hetherington on progress in our Anti-Bullying Charter work, and a discussion about a possible Parents Council. Please let me know if you would like any other item discussed.

Parking - Can parents who drive to school please be considerate when parking in the residential roads around school. We have been asked to bring this to your attention by residents in Elbow Lane and Park View as there have been instances when parents have parked over residents' driveways. The best place to park is in the car park at the shops as there are plenty of spaces. Thank you.

Attendance

Top class for attendance for the Autumn Term is Purple Class Well done !!

Purple

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Information

- ☺ Swimming - £3.45 per week
- ☺ Dinners Years 3-6 £2.30 per day
- ☺ Find us on Facebook - Official Longmeadow Primary School
- ☺ Recommended Phone apps - School Gateway & School News

Dates for your diary

Year 5 Swimming	17 Jan
Year 4 Assembly @ 2.30pm	27 Jan
Year 2 Assembly @ 2.30	3 February

Reading with your child Reception and KS1

Thank you to the Year 2 parents who attended the meeting on Wednesdays morning with our librarian Ms Storms. We hope you have lots more tips and strategies for making reading at home something to look forward to.

The next sessions will be with Reception parents on 25 January from 9.00 to 9.30.



Sports News

Change4Life Mini Olympics
Year 3 & 4
Stevenage Leisure Centre
18 January



Premier Sports After School Clubs

The Premier Sports Clubs will be restarting week commencing 16th January 2017.

Please take a look at the list of clubs available on the School Gateway as there are some new activities being offered.

NETBALL

Girls Year 5/6 A Team
Longmeadow v Roebuck
11 January



Girls 5/6 B Team
Longmeadow v Codicote
18 January

Other News / Reminders

IF WE NEED TO CLOSE SCHOOL

We use the HCC system to help notify parents of any school closure. HCC has recently changed the provider for notifying parents of school closures, and you will need to register to receive messages. This is recommended, as when every school is trying to get messages to parents, there can be connection difficulties due to the volume of "traffic" through the HCC internet firewall.

To sign up, follow this link:

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489#/signup>

The link will direct you to the "Sign Up" page where you should click on the "sign up" button located at the top right hand side of the page on the grey strip, and from there follow the instructions.

It should take no more than 5 minutes to register and you can edit your information at any time should you change your mobile number or email address. Each contact within the system can have 2 devices added for each communication type if you wish— this means that in addition to adding your own mobile number and email address, you could include the mobile number and email address of a partner, grandparent or childminder in your registration process. They too would then receive any messages in relation to the school's closure. Alternatively, interested parties could register themselves separately.

Headteacher Recruitment

As you will be aware, I am the Interim Headteacher at our school, which means I am in post for a set period of time to help move the school forward. Governors have begun the recruitment process for a permanent Headteacher and have had a good response so far. The process takes some time, as Governors want to be sure the right Headteacher is appointed. Kathy Dunnnett will provide updates when appropriate.

Swearing

May we ask that adults be mindful of the language they use whilst on the school premises. We have had complaints regarding this matter.

SPRING DATES

Parent / Headteacher Conversations	Wednesday 18 January @ 9.00am - 10.00am & 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Parent Consultation Evening	Thursday 9 February 1.00pm - 6.50pm
Nursery Consultation Evening	Thursday 9 February 3.50pm - 6.50pm
KS2 Valentine's Disco	Friday 10 February @ 6.30pm
Break Up for Half term	Friday 10 February @ 3.15pm
Return to School	Monday 20 February