



20 January 2017

Longmeadow Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Our **British Value** focus this half term is on **Individual Liberty**, and throughout the half term we will be discussing with the children how to recognise and balance our rights and responsibilities. It links very nicely with our PSHE focus on **Going for Goals**; the more we can achieve, the more choices we have in our lives.

Attendance Update:

Our overall pupil attendance for the Autumn term was 95.9%, which represents a further small improvement from last year. We are still aiming at crossing the required 96% mark - please keep supporting this aim. Mrs Higham has updated the **Every School Day Counts** chart on our website to show the impact of days out of school; do have a look at it, from the School Information / Attendance tabs. **Well done** and **thanks** to all parents who ensure their child attends school regularly and promptly; you are supporting your child's current and future achievement.

Head and Parent Conversation Meetings:

Thanks to all parents, and Governors Russell Knell and Helen Bridge, who attended. Minutes will go onto our website next week.

Mr Hetherington gave an interesting and detailed overview of the work to date on our **Anti-Bullying Charter**. He emphasised the importance of prevention, which is directing our teaching and recognition of fabulous behaviour. There will be a Parent Group convened next month to look at various changes; do let us know if you would like to be involved.

Helen Bridge is exploring interest in setting up a **Parents' Council**, and it sounds as if this will indeed go ahead. Again, do let us know if you would like to be involved.

Attendance

Top class for attendance for the week ending 13th January 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 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 Wednesday 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 session 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



Mini Olympics
On Wednesday 18 January a group of Year 3 & 4 children went to the Mini Olympics at Stevenage Leisure Centre.

Activities they took part in included: Curling, Skip to be Fit, Cycling, Gymnastics and Tri-Golf.



NETBALL

Girls 5/6 B Team
Longmeadow v Codicote
Well Done girls a good effort.



Other News / Reminders

Longmeadow Kindness Award



The first recipient of our Kindness Award was **Evie**, from Pink class. She has taken a certificate home, and keeps the trophy in her class for a week. Congratulations, Evie.

HALF PRICE CHILDREN'S BOOK SALE

FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2017

KS2 HALL @ 3.15PM - 4.00PM

If you are unable to attend the sale you can send the money in to school in the envelope provided. Most of the books are £3.00 or less.



Chinese New Year

30 January 2017

School Lunch Menu

Chicken Chow Mein

Sweet & Sour Quorn (V) with Rice

Cookie

SPRING DATES

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