



Longfields' Latest 12th May 2021

More Sunshine Please!

Dear All,

Welcome back. I hope that you all managed to get some sort of rest and break over the two weeks and that maybe some small outdoor family get-togethers happened too. Of course, the addition of sunshine does help with those gatherings and it was great to enjoy some beautiful sunny days over Easter. We are all looking forward to another good term and as restrictions continue to lift, I feel like we are finally getting nearer to pre-Covid routines.

Thank you for your continued support and generous words of encouragement.



Thank you for all your donations.

We raised £275 for some very good causes. Thank you again

Summer Cabin Club is Back!!

Summer Cabin Club will be open for the first 4 weeks of the school holidays - 26th July until 20th August, 8 am – 4 pm.

Day Session 9am-3pm £23

Early 8am-9am £3 (includes breakfast)

Late 3pm-4pm £3

Sessions are booking fast – limited places available

This is also open to everyone
Foundation to Year 6.

Booking forms are available via email:
cabinclub@longfields-primary.org

STREET TAG

Huge congratulations to everyone who has been playing Street Tag during Season 2. Thanks to your efforts, Longfields have secured a place on the Finals Leader board after our 2nd place finish. Having scored 2nd place, we have won £50 which will go towards the school PTA. The new season should be started on the 1st May so get your walking shoes ready! If you haven't already joined our school Street Tag team, you can scan the QR code below to join in on all the fun.



PARENT EVENINGS

Thank you to everyone who booked in to parent evenings in week 2 of this term. It was good to hear of the positive comments being shared throughout the school. Our next official communications regarding learning and progress will be our end of year reports due out in July.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Please note that our school photographs will be taking place next **Tuesday 18th May.**

These will be Class Photos, Leavers photos and all individual photos, together with sibling groups. We have included the individual portraits as these were postponed earlier in the year due to COVID.

Please note that there will be no PE on that day in any year group, so please come to school in full uniform.

Thank you



Everdon

On the 8th and 9th of May the children in Year 4 went on a day trip to Everdon. It was not quite the same as the residential but on the day we managed to fit in a huge amount of activities and an evening meal!

"It was really fun and enjoyable"

"Everdon is the most fun trip I have had at school so far"

"Rolling down the hill was fun, walking up it was tiring"

"Den building was awesome and very enjoyable"

"The cooked marshmallows were so tasty"



FAMILY FUN DAY

Please keep Saturday 17th July free in your calendar. This is the date for our first community event this year and we are hoping that the weather will be good to us.

We will let you know nearer the time if there are any COVID restrictions that will need to be followed, but the event will be outside and we can hopefully have a great day and raise some money for the school.

Look forward to seeing you there.

COVID GUIDELINES

There are many advantages to being on the gate morning and afternoon. Of course, greeting you all and staying in touch with what is going on, but also keeping an eye on how our COVID guidelines are working on a day-to-day basis.

Could I please remind you all of the following:

DROP OFF and PICK UP

Please do ensure you drop your children off at the correct time. Over half the school has a start time of 9:10a.m in the morning, yet by 9:10a.m I am normally standing on the gate alone with very few parents walking past. Equally, 3:15p.m sees very few parents left on site. There may well be a temptation to drop off early if you can, or pick up early if you can, but this should only be for those who have siblings with different start and finish times. If that is not the case for you, then please stick to the correct timings.

HIGH TEMPERATURES

As a school, one of the only guards we have against the spread of COVID is testing temperatures. If a child is feeling unwell at school then this is something we do as routine. The result of our temperature test, regardless of any test done at home, has consequences, in that we will ask for the child and other siblings to be collected from school and for the child with a temperature to book a PCR test (a LFT is not sufficient). In addition to this, the latest guidance asks that even if the PCR test comes back as negative, if the child retains the high temperature then they should be kept off school for a further 24 hours. If you are at all worried about whether your child has COVID symptoms then you should go ahead and book a test, but please also be aware that if you send your child to school with a high temperature this may ultimately be required.

I understand that it is so difficult as many of our children just have normal coughs and colds which result in a rise in temperature, but currently we have no alternatives to this process.

Safeguarding



Please can I remind all adults that the use of mobile phones on site is prohibited.

This is standard school safeguarding protocol. Please keep your phones in your pockets until leaving the school premises.

Thank you.

INTERNET SAFETY

Over the past year our children have been online far more than they would normally have been.

Nationally this has resulted in many issues around safety online.

We have on a number of occasions, had contact from the county safeguarding team, highlighting various new websites or Apps that are springing up and causing concern.

Please ensure:

- You know what your child is accessing online and that it is appropriate for their age.
- That you monitor their screen time.
- You set up Parental controls on your devices should you need to.
- That your child's behaviour online is appropriate and that they do not get drawn in to unkind or inappropriate conversations or comments (even with friends).
- That all school-based systems are used purely for school work and that on screen behaviour matches the behaviour we would expect when in school.

The links below offer a lot of support in this area:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<https://www.childnet.com/>

CAR PARK

A reminder that the school car park is for staff only.

Please do not use it to drop children off or wait for them at the end of the day. If you are spotted using the car park without permission please do not be offended when you are asked to leave. This is for the safety of staff and children attending school. Thank you.



SCHOOL WEBSITE

During the rest of this term we will be making some changes to our website. This may result in a few pages being moved around and a couple of 'UNDER CONSTRUCTION' signs being posted.

Please be patient with us as we make these changes. We are sure that the changes will lead to a better site. You do not need to do anything on the school App to access any changes.

School Life App

Some parents are not receiving updates from school via the School Life App because they are only seeing the public site. For safety, school messages are only available to those who have logged in. Parents should log into the app:-

just open the app, click the two houses at the top, select log in and enter your user name and password. If you don't have your username or password, just email-

office@longfields-primary.org

We can re-set this for you.

Thank you

REQUEST FROM OXFORDSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

ROAD SAFETY TEAM

We want to continue to improve the safety of child pedestrians and so we are reviewing the advice and guidance we provide.

If you are a parent / carer of primary school aged children, please provide us with your feedback by answering the questions in this survey. We would be grateful if you would encourage other parents / carers you know to complete the online questionnaire. The survey should take around 10 minutes to complete and the feedback we receive will guide our future Road Safety work.

To take part in the survey please visit

<https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/Footsteps/consultationHome>

The survey will remain open until 30th July 2021.

Thank you from the Road Safety Team.

Dates for your diary:

Please see School Life calendar for full dates

18 May - School Photographs (NO PE TODAY)

25 May - Y6 & Reception Height & weight

28 May - Last day before Half Term

8 June - **TUE First day back (Mon 7th INSET)**

17 July - Family Fun Day

22 July - (THURSDAY) Last day before Summer Holiday