

# Longfields Latest News

## October 2022

### Thank you!

Many thanks for working so hard to get to school for the new start time of 8:50. It has been great to see everyone arriving at school on time. Please don't forget that home time is 3.20 now.

### Volunteer Opportunities

Many thanks to all those who have expressed an interest in volunteering in school. We are currently checking the procedures for safeguarding regarding volunteers. These guidelines have changed and require us to carry out background checks on any one working with children in school. If you have put your name forward and are still happy to volunteer, we will be in contact regarding this.

### Message from Mrs Rughoobee

Hello everyone! I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has made my first few weeks as head teacher so welcoming. I have enjoyed being able to see everyone at the gate and welcome children to school. The first few weeks of term are a bit mad and hectic but I feel like it's settling down a bit now! People have been very supportive and I really appreciate everyone's positive comments. I have had my first afternoon teas with some pupils who had been nominated by their teachers.

### Who's new?

We are pleased to have welcomed Mr Gonzalez to year 2 and Miss Dolan to year 5.

### Woodlands Residential

Year 6 had a fabulous week away at Woodlands and took part in many exciting activities from canoeing to caving and climbing, all in the beautiful Welsh mountains.

### Homework

Striking the right balance for the amount of homework is very difficult, there is no doubt that it reinforces and extends the teaching and learning that occurs during the day. Homework encourages parental involvement in children's learning and helps to develop independence.

We use a topic based homework grid for each year group. In addition we suggest daily reading. TT Rockstars and Bug club are recommended to be completed at least once a week. House points will be awarded for effort.

### School values

We are working hard on our key values this term and the values tree has now got metallic leaves to go on when we catch the children demonstrating them. We hope to fill the tree with names and then pick out a winner at the end of term.

### Polite request

We politely ask parents not to sit on the wall belonging to the bungalow on the corner of Longfields and Withington Road. Many thanks

### Upcoming Events

21.10.22 – Last Day of School before Half Term & non uniform day

31.10.22 – First day back to school after Half Term

7 – 11 November 22 – Parents Evenings

15.12.22 – School Christmas Lunch

20.12.22 Last day of school before Christmas Holidays

4.1.22 – INSET DAY

5.1.22 – First day back to School after Christmas holidays