



Longfields' Latest 6th Feb 2020

Cold mornings and dark nights!

Dear All,

Well we are nearly at the end of another term and as always, they are flying by. There is always talk in the media about this time of year and how hard it is to get going on a cold morning and how disappointing it is to arrive at work and then get home when it is still dark. Thankfully, that doesn't affect the school curriculum and it has been great to see some fantastic work going on in school this term. Just this morning Mrs Rughoobee and I were on a monitoring walk around the school with two of our governing body members. It was fantastic to see the excellent behaviour displayed throughout the school, together with some superb work on display in books and throughout the school environment – from Nursery right through to Year 6. Well done every one and keep up the focus and hard work. As always, thank you for your continued support and contribution to the life of Longfields.

PARENT EVENINGS

Please note that our Parent Evenings are the second week back after half term (week beginning 2nd of March).

Please look out for the on-line booking system to go live. As always, this will be on the School Life app so ensure you are logged in an able to book your slot. Booking goes live next week on Friday 14th February.

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

Girl's Football Team

Well done to the Girl's football team who had an excellent start to the season with a 2 – 0 win against Kings Meadow last night. It was great to see a real team performance with all contributing and enjoying the game.

Social Media Age Restrictions

We occasionally have parents ask us about social media use and also about whether we talk to children on the use of social media and in particular 'appropriate use'. It is all too easy to write things on line without thinking about the impact of the words. We do cover internet safety and social media use through our curriculum, but to some extent there is some irony there.

Did you know that practically all social media platforms have an age restriction of 13 years old with WhatsApp going further and having a restriction of 16 years of age.

Please do ensure that you are fully aware of the content your children are viewing and of their presence and contributions to social media platforms.

There are some useful on-line safety links for parents on our website.

Search under: Useful Information/e-safety.
Please do have a look

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After school clubs will start again on the 3rd week back after half term (the week after parent evenings)
Booking for the clubs will be available when we return from the short break.

Please be aware that in our attempt to become less reliant on paper – this may well be completed electronically for the first time.
More details will follow

SCHOOL SPORT and PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Well done to all our staff and pupils for the dedication shown towards physical education and school sport. We received an external inspection last week from the Youth Sport Trust in regards to our school PE status.

I am very pleased to announce that once again we have reached the GOLD standard for the delivery and participation in school sport and curriculum PE. This is not an easy award to achieve or retain, so well done to all involved, particularly Mr Tyler who is currently leading this area.



Advance Notice of Events

**World Book Day
Thursday March 5th**

As usual, we will be celebrating World Book Day with a focus on reading and, of course, dressing up.

This year's theme is:



Mr Men and Little Miss



Friday 13th March

We will be raising money for Sport Relief again this year. Please be on the lookout for more information on how you can take part and what activities will be taking place around school on that day.



We Have Gone Cashless!

We have now launched into the world of cashless payment for school events and charges. Thank you to many of you who have obviously been waiting for ages for us to get this sorted, because you have logged on and used the system with consummate ease.

Scopay will continue to be rolled out for events and used throughout the school going forward.

Attendance and Lateness Reports

This term I will be running our attendance and lateness reports as usual. If your child's attendance is between 90-95% or below please do not be surprised if you receive a letter from myself as a reminder or to arrange a meeting with myself. Regular attendance is extremely important to our children's learning experience and overall attainment levels. Just 10 days off school over the whole year equates to an attendance level of 95% and an 85% attendance level equates to missing a whole term of school over the academic year.

I know that we all have an off day now and again due to illness and occasionally things happen that cause our schedules to change, but it is important that your child is in school and on time.

Please make every effort to get to school on time and allow your child to access their learning for the **whole day**

The Book People



Help us give **FREE** books to schools!

If you are planning on buying any books in the near future then why not visit The Book People. They are donating a £1 for every £10 spent. Just find the link and nominate Longfields

CABIN CLUB

Thank you for your ongoing support in regards to Cabin Club – This provision continues to be an invaluable facility for many at the school and I know is enjoyed by all who attend.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Please note that there will be no Cabin Club on the last day of the Summer Term – This is Friday 17th July – all pupils will need to be picked up from school at 3:15p.m. on that day.

SUMMER CABIN CLUB

Summer Cabin Club is back by popular request. We will be running Cabin Club for two weeks as a holiday provision this year.

This will be the first two weeks of the summer holiday (week beginning 20th July and 27th July). Please contact Mrs Pieton if you are interested and look out for further information.

MINDFULNESS at LONGFIELDS

At Longfields we are committed to promoting the well-being of all the children and the staff. To achieve this, we are developing our use of **Mindfulness** across the school. Practicing **Mindfulness** techniques can help children change their mindset from a FIXED mindset to a GROWTH mindset.

Mindfulness can help children feel empowered, so they can learn to try new things and take more risks, overcoming anxiety when they make mistakes.

Mindfulness means paying full attention to something. It means slowing down to really notice what you're doing. ... When you're **mindful**, you're taking your time. You're focusing in a relaxed, easy way. Across the school, every class takes part in a mindfulness activity for 10-15 minutes each day.

These activities may include

- Breathing exercises
- Listening to music
- Yoga
- Exercise
- Mindful colouring – focus on the shapes, pencil stroke
- Keeping a Feelings Journal
- Paper folding
- Weaving

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

Dates for your diary:

Please see School Life calendar for full dates

12 Feb – Woodlands meeting after school Y5
14 Feb - Last day before half term
24 Feb - First day back after half term
26 Feb - 3 march - School Book Fair
26 Feb - Y6 Junior Citizen
27 Feb - Y1 & Y2 - Toy Museum
27 Feb - Everdon Meeting after school Y3
2 Mar - Parents Evenings this week
4 Mar - Swimming starts-Mr Kellam & Mr Jenkinson's classes
5 Mar - World Book Day
16 Mar - Y5 & Y6 Cadburys World
24 Mar - Y6 & Reception Height & weight
31 Mar – Class Group photographs
3 Apr - Last day before Easter holiday
20 April - First day back after Easter
11 May - Y6 SATs this week
22 May - Last day before Half Term
2 June - **TUE First day back (Mon 1st INSET)**
17 July - Last day before Summer Holiday
3 Sept - First day back after Summer holidays