

NEWS Bulletin



Latest News from Longhill

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Dear parents and carers.

The new school year has started really well and your children have been fantastic as always! School life does feel back to 'normal' and the school has a really positive feel to it.

The latest Covid situation and what happens if there is a positive case in the school community?

The local picture continues to see higher than national cases of Covid but it has started to drop recently. If there is a positive case we will write to you to let you know that there has been a positive case and to keep an eye out for symptoms if your child has had close contact.

Just a reminder that the one way system on the playground will continue, all parents and children will enter the site from the main gate and leave from the far gate on the playground. Once you have dropped off your child please leave the site as soon as possible. This helps to keep a steady flow of people onto the school site.

Please let the school office know if you receive a positive LFT test and the outcome of a PCR test.

Attendance

Attendance rates are very low at the moment. Whole school attendance is 93% which is way below our usual 96%. We do understand that there are an increasing amount of non Covid illnesses going around but please make every effort to ensure your children attend school.

In October, any child managing 96% attendance or above will be placed in a draw to win a 'Love to Shop' voucher.

Reading Reading Reading

Reading continues to be our top priority. We want all children to become excellent readers at the earliest opportunity and for them to have a love of Reading. Over the past few years the school has created lots of areas around school where children can sit and read high quality books. Please make every effort to listen to your children read or read a story to them. To encourage reading we are going to open up the school library to parents so you can come into school with your child and choose a book to borrow and take home. Please see times below:

School Notices

School library times

The school library will be open between 3 – 3.30pm on the following days:

Tuesday – Years 1 and 6

Wednesday – Years 2 and 5

Thursday – Years 3 and 4

Foundation Stage have got their own system with books available to borrow from the classroom.

School trips

As we mentioned in the first newsletter of the year, we are trying to organise as many school trips as we can. We will try and fund the cost of trips as much as possible but will be asking for small contributions. Payments can be made via parent pay.

ParentPay

All school letters are now sent out through ParentPay. It is vital that all parents log into the system and create an account.

Christmas at Longhill so far

Christmas may seem a long way off but we are currently planning our Christmas events calendar. We have decided this year that Foundation Stage and year 1 will do a nativity to parents. There will be a morning performance each day in the week beginning Monday 13th December. This will allow all parents to see the play whilst keeping numbers down in the hall. We are going to plan music concerts for other year groups.

Other Christmas events:

Friday 10th December - Christmas jumper day

Monday 20th December - Christmas party day

Tuesday 21st December – Break for Christmas

New school nurse

As a school we buy into the NHS school nursing team. Our new school nurse is Helen Gormanly and she will be in school every Friday morning. She will be available to talk to parents and give advice on a range of things including health, behaviour, sleep and toileting. Helen will be available at drop off time for parents to speak to if they wish.

Bikes/scooters on the playground

It is great to see children back on their bikes and scooters but they are not to be ridden on the playground. The children have been told this. If any children are seen riding their bikes and scooters on the playground then they will no longer be allowed to bring them into school which would be a shame.

Conduct of parents on the school playground

We have recently had reports of a small minority of parents using threatening and abusive language towards other parents on the playground. This type of behaviour will not be tolerated on school premises. Anyone found to be acting in an abusive or threatening manner will be banned from accessing the school site. Please refer to the letter sent out on Wednesday.

School Notices

And finally...

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the first face to face parents evening on Wednesday 20th October between 3.30 – 6.45pm. Tea and coffee will be available to buy and there will be tasting session led by our HCAT catering team so you can sample some of the food on offer over lunch times.

Best wishes

Mr Batty and Mrs Pearce

School Notices

Leaving school

At the end of the school day there will continue to be staggered pick up times to help keep a steady flow of cars and people on the school site.

Please pick your children up between the following times:

Foundation Stage will begin to leave from 3pm from the normal school exit.

Year 1 and 2 will start going home at 3pm from the 2 doors leading onto the playground.

Year 3 and 4 will leave from 3.10pm from the 2 doors leading onto the playground

Year 5 and 6 will leave from 3.15pm from the 2 doors leading onto the playground.

School uniform

The school uniform is as follows:

White or light blue polo shirt

Navy blue jumper / cardigan

Black/grey trousers (short or long) / Black/grey skirt

Appropriate footwear

If a child is not wearing the correct uniform parents will be contacted by the phase leader to discuss how we can support you in any way.

If a child arrives in the wrong jumper they will be asked to remove it and put it on their peg.

PE kit

The PE kit is as follows:

White / Light blue T shirt

Blue / Black shorts or plain tracksuit bottoms

School jumper can be worn if they are outside.

If your child is not in the correct PE kit we will provide them with some spare kit that they will be asked to change in to.

Children may still come into school in PE kit when it is their PE day. The PE days are as follows:

Monday - Foundation 2 and Year 2

Tuesday - Year 3

Wednesday - Year 5 and Year 4

Thursday - Foundation 1 morning and Year 6

Friday - Year 1

Earrings

Earrings are not allowed at Longhill Primary School. Please ensure that your child has removed their earrings before coming to school. If they still have them in and we cannot contact you to remove them then unfortunately your child will not be allowed to take part in any physical activity - this includes going out at playtime. This falls under our health and safety policy.

School Notices

Online forms

Longhill Primary School is moving more and more to forms being filled out online. Any trip letters will now be emailed out and there will be an electronic form link for you to click on in order for you to give permission. We are promoting this as the main way of gaining permission for your child to attend or take part in anything. Please can you make sure that the office has the correct email address for all letters to be sent to.

School Photos

School photos are now booked in for the 12th November. We hope we will be able to offer sibling photos on this occasion. Further information will be sent out in early November.

Parent Pay

All payments, including school meals, must be paid in advance through our on-line payment system Parent Pay. If you do not have access to Parent Pay, please contact the office.

Online Safety Update

The best way to help keep your children safe online is by talking to them about what they do on the internet. The ThinkUKnow website is an excellent resource that provides plenty of resources to support this discussion between you and your children. The Jessie and Friends resources are brilliant for 4-7 year olds, while the Play, Like, Share resources are suitable for 8-11 year olds. Additionally, the websites www.parentinfo.org and <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/> are great websites that can help keep you up-to-date on the latest apps, games and websites that the children may be using. They also provide excellent guidelines for keeping safe while using the internet.

Mobile Phones

Reminder that children should not bring mobile phones to school. If a mobile phone is brought into school, it must be handed to the class teacher.

Year Group Emails

Each year group has an email address for you to contact your child's class teacher, they are as follows

longhillstaffeyfs@hcat.org.uk
foundationstage.longhill@hcat.org.uk
yearone.longhill.@hcat.org.uk
yeartwo.longhill@hcat.org.uk
yearthree.longhill@hcat.org.uk
yearfour.longhill@hcat.org.uk
yearfive.longhill@hcat.org.uk
yearsix.longhill@hcat.org.uk

Diary Dates

2021-22

- 5 October—FS1 Trip to The Deep
- 15 October— SEN Coffee Morning (further information to follow)
- 20 October—CLOSE FOR HALF-TERM
- 1 November—SCHOOL RE-OPENS
- 1 November—FS2 trip to The Deep
- 2 November—FS2 Trip to The Deep
- 5 November—Y4 Trip to York
- 12 November—School Photos
- 16 November—Year 6 Trip to Hornsea Museum
- 17 November—Year 6 Trip to Hornsea Museum
- 19 November— Children in Need
- 10 December—Christmas Jumper Day
- 20 December—Christmas Party Day
- 21 December—CLOSE FOR CHRISTMAS
- 5 January—SCHOOL RE-OPENS
- 17 February—CLOSE FOR HALF-TERM
- 1 March—SCHOOL RE-OPENS
- 18 March—Red Nose Day
- 7 April—CLOSE FOR EASTER
- 25 April—SCHOOL RE-OPENS
- 2 May— BANK HOLIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
- 26 May—CLOSE FOR HALF-TERM
- 8 June—SCHOOL RE-OPENS
- 22 July—CLOSE FOR SUMMER

