

NEWS Bulletin



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Dear Parents / Carers

We hope you had a lovely Easter break. This term promises to be a really busy one with lots to look forward too. We have a number of school trips planned for all of the children which is great to see and we have many activities planned in around the Queen's Jubilee. Please refer to the letter you received earlier this week which explains things in more detail.

School trips

As Covid rules are now relaxed we are now able to take the children on a wider variety of school trips. School trips are really important as they give children wider experiences that they can then refer to and use for their work in the classroom. This term children will visit places such as Sundown, Flamborough and Skiing in Castleford. Thank you to all of you who have given contributions towards the cost of the trips, this really does make a huge difference.

Events with parents

It was great to see so many parents attending parents evening before Easter and thanks to all of you who came in to find out how your children are doing.

This term there will be various events held where parents will have the opportunity to join us in school. Some of the events include Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 who will host a reading picnic, years 3 and 4 will be hosting music concerts and year 6 will of course be inviting parents in for their leavers service. There will be other events so please keep an eye out for further details. We will try and give you as much notice as possible.

Transition to new classes

Despite it being early in the Summer term, we are starting to make preparations for September. A letter will be sent out in the coming weeks which will tell you about how we will support the children in the move to their new classes.

And finally...

For the first time since 2019, year 6 will be sitting their official end of Key Stage SATS. The children have been working really hard to prepare for these, which will start on Monday 9th May. We would like to wish the children the very best of luck!

Best wishes

Mr Batty and Mrs Pearce

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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

We are constantly reminding the children about the standards we have for PE Kit. Please can you ensure your child comes in the correct kit on the day that they do PE.

The only jumpers / cardigans that should be worn on PE day are their school jumpers or cardigans, the same ones that they would wear during the week. These should be navy blue. Year six have the option of the normal navy blue jumper or the navy blue leavers hoodies that could be purchased by yourselves, but again this is what they would wear throughout the week.

The PE kit is as follows:

White / Light blue T shirt

Blue / Black shorts or 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.

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

SchoolPing

All messages, except for those relating to outstanding School Meal balances, will be sent via SchoolPing. Please contact the school office if you are not able to access SchoolPing.

Outstanding School Meal balances

We would appreciate it if parents/carers could please ensure that all outstanding school meal balances are cleared by half-term. All payments should be made through ParentPay.

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.

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.

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.

Bikes/scooters on school premises

Bikes and scooters are still not permitted on school grounds.

Water Bottles

Please remember to send your child with a water bottle, clearly named, on a daily basis. Bottles can be refilled in class throughout the day.

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.

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.

School Notices

Year Group Emails

Each year group as 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

2 May— BANK HOLIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED

26 May—Jubilee Party Day

26 May—CLOSE FOR HALF-TERM

8 June—SCHOOL RE-OPENS

4 July—HCAT Birthday

w/c 11 July—Year 6 Transition week for most pupils

12/13 July—Whole school transition days (further information to follow)

21 July—School reports to parents

22 July—CLOSE FOR SUMMER

2022-23

7 September—SCHOOL RE-OPENS

20 October—CLOSE FOR HALF-TERM

31 October—SCHOOL RE-OPENS

16 December—CLOSE FOR CHRISTMAS

4 January—SCHOOL RE-OPENS

10 February—CLOSE FOR HALF-TERM

21 February—SCHOOL RE-OPENS

31 March—CLOSE FOR EASTER

17 April—SCHOOL RE-OPENS

1 May—BANK HOLIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED

26 May—CLOSE FOR HALF-TERM

7 June—SCHOOLRE-OPENS

20 July –CLOSE FOR SUMMER

