

NEWS Bulletin



Latest News from Longhill

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Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back!

It is hard to believe that the Summer holidays are over and that we are now in the academic year of 2022 – 2023. For many of you this will be your first newsletter at Longhill Primary School and for many of you these will be the last ones this year that you will be receiving. We will try to send out a newsletter each half term which will have key points in them and dates for the year as they are added in.

Last year was a huge success at Longhill Primary School with us achieving the best results we have ever had, and we also went through a very successful OFSTED. We will be building on each of these as we progress through this year. We are reintroducing many things that had to stop over the COVID period, two of these being taking the children to the Pantomime (letters will be come out by the end of next week) at Hull New Theatre and taking our year 6 children on a residential (letter and payments have already been received). Both of these activities are thoroughly enjoyed by both staff and children.

Three main foci this year will be attendance, reading and behaviour.

Attendance

At Longhill Primary School we expect good attendance and punctuality from all members of the school community. Absence from school can affect attainment, wellbeing and wider outcomes for the children and we often use attendance figures to allow us to provide early intervention in supporting parents.

We expect parents to

- Treat staff with respect when they call about attendance.
- Actively support Longhill Primary School with their attendance vision.
- Call on staff for help when you need it.
- Communciate as early as possible circumstances which may affect absence or require support.

Our designated attendance leads within school are Miss Peskey and Miss Leonard who will ensure that we are proactive in addressing any absence issues. They will hold half termly meetings with parents if we feel that you may need support with attendance or lateness to school.

Any child who drops below 90% attendance will be classed as a persistence absentee. We will do all we can to support you so that your child does not fall into this category leading to an early intervention having to take place.

Children will be classed as late if they are not in their classroom for the register being taken at 8:50am. The school doors open between 8:30am and 8:45am so that children can calmly come into school over a 15 minute period.

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Holiday absence

The latest guidance says that Headteachers should not grant absence unless there are exceptional circumstances. The application must be made in advance and the head teacher must be satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances based on the individual facts. A leave of absence is granted entirely at the headteacher's discretion. At Longhill Primary School we work closely with the Education Welfare Officer who gives us advice on any holiday request that is sent into school. Any fines that are incurred are not paid to the school. All monies go to Hull City Council.

Exceptional Circumstances

- **If a parent is service personnel and is returning from a tour of duty abroad where it is evidenced the individual will not be in receipt of any leave in the near future that coincides with school holidays.**
- **Where an absence from school is recommended by a health professional as part of a parent or child's rehabilitation from a medical or emotional issue.**
- **The death or terminal illness of a close relative, only if Headteacher is satisfied that the circumstances are truly exceptional;**
- **Religious observance – The Education Act 1996 S444(3) (c), states "on any day exclusively set apart for religious observance by the religious body to which his/her parent belongs";**
- **To attend a wedding or funeral of a close relative if the Headteacher is satisfied that the circumstances are truly exceptional; Leave should only be authorised for this**
- **purpose when a Headteacher is satisfied that there is a persuasive reason for holding the wedding during term time and there WILL be an onus on parents to show clear**
- **evidence that this absence is absolutely an exceptional circumstance. In difficult**
- **family situations the Headteacher may use his/her discretion in granting leave and each case should be addressed on its individual merits, taking into account the overall welfare of the child.**

Reading

Reading will again be a key focus throughout all lessons at Longhill Primary School. The library will be open most lunch times for children to come and read to senior leaders if they so wish.

Our main ask for you as parents is to listen to your children read as much as possible throughout the week and if you can read them a story.

Early reading books are linked to the Little Wandle Phonic Scheme and have to be read in a certain order. These will be allocated on line and all parents can access these easily.

Once the children move away from the phonics scheme and the bridging books (which will be brought home to read) they will be selecting their own book from the library. The children are more than welcome to change these at different periods of the day within school. They may call this book their reading for pleasure book, as that is what it should be. The younger children will also bring home a reading for pleasure book that we would appreciate coming back into school so it can be changed. This book is for you to share with your children.

We strongly believe that reading is the be all and end all and the more your children can read to you and be read to by you the better.

Mrs Pearce
Mr Batty

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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.

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.

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

2022-23

7 September—SCHOOL RE-OPENS

20 October—CLOSE FOR HALF-TERM

31 October—SCHOOL RE-OPENS

31 October—Spooky day, more information to follow

14 November—School photographs, more information to follow

24 November—Parents' Evening (3.15pm—6.45pm), more information to follow

13 December—KS2 panto trip

14 December—FS2 and KS1 panto trip

15 December—Christmas Fayre

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—SCHOOL RE-OPENS

20 July —CLOSE FOR SUMMER

Film nights in school

Tuesday 18th October – KS1 Halloween movie after school

Wednesday 19th October – Year 3 and 4 Halloween movie after school

Thursday 20th October – Year 5 and 6 Halloween movie after school

More information will follow about film nights.

