



Longhill Primary School Newsletter Issue 3 Friday 21st April 2023



General news

Welcome back to the new term! We hope you had a lovely Easter holiday.

Thank you to all of you who attended parents evening last night. We had just over 70% of parents attend which is fantastic.

During the Easter holidays the school unfortunately suffered lots of damage through vandalism. This included the breaking of the children's picnic benches, damage to the shade canopy on the field, the breaking of Foundation Stage toys, attempts to start fires in storage sheds, damage to the school roof, two break in attempts where windows were broken and the destruction of trees. Can we please ask that if anyone sees anything like this happen outside of school hours that you contact the police which can be done anonymously.

On Friday 5th May we will be celebrating the coronation of King Charles III by having a whole school picnic. On this day children will be able to wear red, white and blue and there will be a special lunch of a picnic in a Union Jack box. Further information will be sent out shortly.

Thank you for your continued support – Mr Batty and Mrs Pearce

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Attendance

Whole school attendance currently stands at **93%**. National average is normally around **95.5%**.

If your child is not going to be in school then please let the school office know as soon as possible.

Just a reminder that holidays will be unauthorised and unauthorised attendance could well lead to a fine.

Key messages

Jewellery – This is a reminder that children are strictly **NOT TO WEAR** earrings to school. This is clearly stated on the school website and this is something that has been for place for at least 20 years. A link to the school uniform policy can be found here <https://longhillprimary.org.uk/uniform/>

Breakfast Club – A reminder that children must be booked into breakfast club the day before. We cannot accept bookings on the day as we need to ensure staffing is in place.

Lunch menu - The new menu for Summer can be found in the link below:

<https://longhillprimary.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/HCAT-Menu-Week-1-Summer-term.pdf>

Safeguarding corner – Vaping

Unfortunately, we are hearing of more and more primary aged children vaping and we do spend time talking to the older children about how dangerous this is for them.

What do parents need to know about vaping?

Legalities

Since 2015, the law has stated that you must be at least 18 years old to purchase e-cigarettes and other vaping products.

Shops caught selling these products to under-18s can face warnings, fines or prosecution. Similarly, if an adult is caught buying vaping products for a minor, they can also face prosecution.

Health Risks

There is a lot of misinformation about the health implications of vaping, particularly amongst young people. While many people see vaping as a healthier alternative to smoking cigarettes, many children think it poses little or no risk to their health, which is not the case.

E cigarettes contain an addictive substance called nicotine which can:

- Cause problems with addiction and withdrawal
- Worsen conditions like anxiety and depression
- Negatively affect memory and concentration
- Lead to sleep problems
- Bad oral health, bleeding gums and bad breath

How do I talk to my child about vaping?

The most important thing about opening and maintaining conversations about tricky subjects with your child is honesty, and this applies to talking to them about vaping. Creating an open and honest ongoing dialogue about it rather than one sit-down conversation about its dangers will be much more effective. If they ask you about it, be prepared not to react angrily, but instead talk to them about what you know about the health risks. You can also explain that even though it may seem like some of the vaping products they see are targeted at young people, the law is that it is illegal for them to buy, receive or use e-cigarettes before they are 18.

Dates for your diary

Monday 1st May – School closed for May bank holiday.

Friday 5th May – Celebrate the coronation day in school. Children can wear red/white/blue

Monday 8th May – School closed for the King's coronation.

Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May – Year 6 SATS week.

Tuesday 9th May – Year 4JK swimming for two weeks

Monday 15th May – Friday 19th May – Year 2 SAT tests

Friday 26th May – Finish for half term

Wednesday 7th June – Children return to school

Monday 12th June – Friday 23rd June – Year 6 swimming

Monday 26th June – Wednesday 28th June – Year 6 residential

Monday 3rd July – Friday 14th July – Year 4/5 swimming

Tuesday 4th July – Music concert for KS2

Monday 10th July – Friday 14th July – Year 6 transition week

Thursday 13th and Friday 14th July – transition days in school, children to spend time with their new teacher

Monday 17th July – Thursday 20th July – Sport week. Children to wear PE kit all week.

Tuesday 18th July – Year 6 play and leavers service

Thursday 20th July – Finish for Summer

Friday 21st July – Training day – Children not in school

Click below for a link to the term dates

<https://longhillprimary.org.uk/term-dates/>