



Longhill Primary School Newsletter Issue 1 Friday 24th March 2023



General news

Hello and welcome to our new look newsletter. This letter will be issued every Friday afternoon so please keep an eye out for it. Each newsletter will contain the latest updates from school with regular items such as attendance, safeguarding and those all important diary dates.

It has been a very busy term so far and Easter is just around the corner. A key date for the first week of the Summer term is parents evening on Thursday 20th April. You should have received a Ping message about signing up for an appointment with your child's/children's classteacher so please sign up if you haven't already done so.

We believe it's really important that you know exactly what your children are learning about in school. Classteachers will shortly be sending out information about the curriculum being delivered in each class so please have a look at this when it arrives. There are more detailed curriculum plans on the school website which can be found here <https://longhillprimary.org.uk/curriculum/> Talking to children about what they are learning about in school is really important so please make time to have a conversation with the children about this.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Batty and Mrs Pearce

Attendance

Attendance is the most important part of school. If a child is not in school regularly then their learning suffers. 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

Pick off and drop off times – The school site is incredibly busy between 8.30-9.00am and 3.00-3.30pm. Please take care when crossing the roads, stick to the paths and use the designated crossings. Please make every effort not to drive cars onto the site. If you do drive onto the site please keep the area in front of the school fence clear to improve safety.

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/>

Lunch menu – click below for the latest lunch menu

<https://longhillprimary.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/HCAT-Menu-2022-1.pdf>

Safeguarding corner - Cyber Bullying

In an ever changing world where we rely so heavily on the internet, we are mindful that our pupils may have more knowledge about social media than us, as parents. This week we would like to highlight some key tips if you are concerned about who your child may be speaking to on the internet and as a result, we would like to provide you with some key points around keeping your children safe online and ways to identify cyberbullying.

- Talk to your child about who they are talking to online and encourage them to think before talking to people they don't know in person.
- Try to understand and guide your children's online behaviour – establish boundaries.
- Familiarise yourself with the social networking sites and chat programmes that your child is using and find out more about the built in safety functions.
- Ask your child to block someone they do not know.
- Use parental controls on all devices.
- Think about any changes in your child's behaviour after they have been online. If your child is upset during or after using technology there may be an issue. If there is a change in time spent on line there may be an issue. If they hide their phone when you are around, there may be an issue.

Dates for your diary

Monday 27th March – Decorated eggs to be in school for the 'Easter Egg Showcase'

Wednesday 29th March FS I JT visit to Sandhill's Garden Centre

Thursday 30th March – Easter Bonnet Parade 10am.

Friday 31st March – Break for the Easter holidays.

Monday April 17th – children return to school

Thursday 20th April – Parents evening/Year 5 trip to Tropical World

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.

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/>