



# Longhill Primary School Newsletter Issue 17 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024



## General news

Dear parents/carers

Welcome back to the new term and Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely Christmas and look forward to working with you all this term.

Attendance is always a high priority in school and this term it will be even bigger. The government are running a campaign around the importance of children being in school.

### 'Moments matter, attendance counts.'

Regular school attendance can facilitate positive peer relationships, which is a positive factor for mental health and wellbeing.

Improving school attendance is everyone's business and we all need to work together. Everyday of school is important. We understand that there may be times when your child is ill and cannot, therefore, come to school, however what we would like you to do is have a look at the leaflet – via the link for advice we are given from the NHS as to whether your child can come to school or not. And if you are not sure at all then all you have to do is ring the school office.

Just a reminder that if children arrive after 9.15am then this will bring the child's attendance figure down.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Thank you for your continued support

Mr Batty and Mrs Pearce

## Attendance figure to date

The attendance figure to date for the whole school is 94.3% The current national figure is 93.7% so we are above national but still very low compared to Pre Covid days.

If your child's attendance during the school year was.....	Your child would have lost approximately .....	Or they would have missed approximately....
95%	9 days from school	50 lessons
90%	19 days from school	100 lessons
85%	29 days from school	150 lessons
80%	38 days from school	200 lessons
75%	48 days from school	250 lessons
Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity		



Lunch menu - The menu for this term can be found in the link below:

<https://longhillprimary.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Autumn-2023-menu.pdf>

### Dates for your diary

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January – Children return for the start of the Spring term

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January - Artist Day David Hockney

Week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> January – Year 6 mocks SATS

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Break for half term

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Children return from half term

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February - Year 5 trip to Magna

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Artist day Andy Warhole

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Break for Easter

Click below for a link to the term dates

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

