

Longman's Hill Community Primary School Newsletter



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Congratulations all round!

We would like to send our best wishes to Miss Thorpe who is expecting a baby in June. We are all delighted with her happy news and wish her well. As soon as I have more information about who will teach Y3 when she goes on maternity leave, I will write to parents of class 3.

Congratulations also go to Miss Nicholson who, having participated in a tough day of interview tasks last week, has been offered the role of permanent deputy head at the school. Again, we are delighted that she has accepted the role.

I am sure you will all join us in sharing our good wishes with both of these staff members.

Governor Update

I announced in the last newsletter that Mr Adamson was leaving the governing board and the role of Chair of Governors after many years. I can now announce that the former vice chair, Mrs Cheryl Roberts, will be taking on the role of Chair of Governors for an interim period until the Autumn when her own term of office ends. Two new people have also joined the governing board, Mrs Sue Porter and Mrs Lynne Gent, who currently teaches in Y2. Both have extensive experience in education and I am sure will have a lot to offer. We welcome them. We still have two vacancies on the board. If any of you know anyone (not parents or carers as we have no parent vacancies) who would potentially be interested in joining our board of governors, please pass their details to Mrs Richardson in the office. We are particularly looking for anyone with a H&S background.

Supervision of children before and after school

Both Miss Nicholson and I have had cause to speak with children, particularly in KS2, who are misbehaving on the school grounds before and after school. Can I please remind parents and carers that school staff are not responsible for the children before 8.50am or after 3.15pm unless they are attending a school organised activity / club? Whilst we appreciate many KS2 bring themselves to school, they still need to be safe and parents should ensure they do not arrive on site too early. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Break time snacks

Children in FS2 and KS1 are all offered a free piece of fruit each playtime, as part of the government scheme. Children in KS2 are also allowed to bring a **piece of fruit** as a morning playtime snack but we do not allow any other type of snack at school. Recently, children have been coming with pepperamis, biscuits, chocolate bars and bags of crisps! If you wish to send your child with a snack, can you please ensure only fruit is sent? Many thanks for your support with this matter.

COMIC RELIEF 24th March 2017- SECOND NOTIFICATION/ REMINDER

On the 24th March, we are inviting children to bring a donation and wear something red in return. The school council will also be having a bun sale during the day so children can bring an extra donation to buy buns or biscuits. Once again, we would welcome any donations of individual small buns or biscuits which we can sell to raise money for the charity, which can be brought into school in a named tub on the morning of the event. Many thanks in advance.

WORLD BOOK DAY- MARCH 2nd- SECOND NOTIFICATION/ REMINDER

This year, world book day takes place on Thursday 2nd March. We have arranged for the children in FS2/ Y1 and Y2 to celebrate this special day with a visit to The Rainbow Factory, an interactive storytelling wonderland which draws on the themes of well-known children's stories. I am sure they will have a fantastic time; please ensure these children wear school uniform on this day so we can easily identify them whilst out and about!

For the children in Y3 to Y6, we are inviting them to dress up as a book character of their choice. This is usually lots of fun but we do appreciate that not all children enjoy these events. Therefore dressing up as a book character is purely voluntary; however children will be expected to come in school uniform if they choose not to come in fancy dress as a character from a book.

Uniform Reminder

Just a quick reminder that hair accessories such as slides, ribbons, bobbles, hairbands must be dark in colour- brown, black or navy and simple in design! Over recent weeks we have seen accessories which are getting bigger and bigger (for example hair bows!) in all sorts of colours. These are not allowed for school. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

20-24th Feb- half term

27/2/17- school resumes

2/3/17- world book day- KS2 dress up as book character/ FS2 & KS1 trip to Rainbow factory

7/3/17- parents of YEAR ONE children - phonics workshop- 2.30pm

16/3/17- Class photos

24/3/17- Comic relief- wear something red, bring donation plus bun sale

27th and 30th March parents' evenings

30/3/17- maths parent drop in morning

7/4/17- last day of term before Easter

PLEASE REMEMBER THE ANNUAL LIST OF DATES CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE SCHOOL WEBSITE- Look under 'News, Events and Recruitment' - 'Term dates'- 'For parents school diary dates 16/17