

Longman's Hill Community Primary School Newsletter



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Happy New Year

Happy New Year to all of you. I hope that you all managed to have a peaceful and relaxing break with your children. Many thanks for the kind cards and gifts I received. We have had a fantastic start to the Spring term.

All of the children are looking very smart in their uniforms so thank you for supporting our drive to improve standards by ensuring your child is appropriately dressed.

We have a busy and exciting term ahead which we are looking forward to. If the children maintain the positive attitudes they have started the year with, we are sure to have a wonderful time.

Ofsted Update

The Ofsted report has now been sent into school for us to share with parents, carers, staff and governors. Your child should have brought home a copy on Wednesday this week. The report should be published on the Ofsted website next week.

As you will see, Ofsted have judged the school as 'securely good' with outstanding behavior and personal development of pupils. We could not be more delighted and feel we have been given the judgement we deserve; it is where we evaluated ourselves on our school self-assessment. I would like to thank all of the staff who have worked tirelessly since the last Ofsted to make further improvements at the school and the governors who have supported me in making changes in a number of key areas. We are so pleased that the two inspectors were able to see what a fantastic school Longman's Hill is. The children were an absolute credit to all of us and I could not be more proud of them. Finally my thanks go to all of you, the parents and carers, who have had faith and supported the journey of improvement. Of course the work is never over! Rest assured we will continue to work hard to make our school even better than it already is.

REMINDER Parent Workshop- keeping your children safe on the internet and using mobile technology

Just a reminder that on the 16th January we have arranged for a lady from the Local Authority to come and run an informative workshop for parents focused on internet safety. This will give you lots of information about the potential dangers of using the internet and social media and will explain how you can help to protect your children. With online gaming and apps directed at younger and younger children, this workshop will be appropriate for all parents, regardless of the age of your child and I would urge you to consider attending. To date less than 5 parents have expressed an interest. **The workshop is on 16th January at 6-7pm.**

Arrangements in the event of a short notice school closure due to bad weather

The British weather has been fairly kind to us so far in this area. Although temperatures have been relatively mild for the time of year, there are some warnings of a cold snap. We have not had to close the school due to snow for quite a few years but I feel it is important to inform you of the arrangements in the event that school does have to close at short notice for any reason.

If the decision is made to close school prior to the start of the school day, parents will be informed via text message as soon as possible. We will also put alerts out via BBC Radio York.

If school ever has to be closed, or partially closed, during the school day parents will be contacted via text message and then by phone if children are not collected.

All children would be fully supervised by staff until handed over to parents or carers.

It is vitally important that the school office has an up to date text number and also at least two phone numbers on which we can contact either yourself or another responsible adult you have nominated, in the event of an emergency. During the Autumn term we experienced great difficulty in some cases getting hold of parents in emergencies due to out of date contact information.

BAGS2SCHOOL

Collection bags for Bags2school will be sent out shortly. If you have any unwanted clothing items, you can fill the bags and return them to school on 24th January. School receives cash for the items from the company who collect them.

Many thanks.

Dates for your diary

13/01/17- Y6 trip to Sheffield university

16/01/17- 6-7pm- Parents workshop- online safeguarding

24/1/17 - Bags 2 School

25/1/16 - maths parent drop in morning

20-24th Feb- half term

27/2/17- school resumes

2/3/17- world book day

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

16/3/17- Class photos

24/3/17- Comic relief

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'