

Longman's Hill Community Primary School Newsletter



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A final thanks to the PTA

As many of you know, our small but long standing and hardworking PTA committee finally stepped down last summer after many years of dedication. There were only a few members and it had become increasingly hard to organize so many annual fundraising events. The staff at school have agreed to give even more of their time to try and continue as many of the PTA fundraising type events as possible, such as the disco which took place this week raising just over £260.

I wanted to take the opportunity to formally thank the parents involved in the PTA, particularly those long standing members who took on key roles such as Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The final PTA funds were donated to the school and we have used the money to purchase 3 additional curriculum I pads and 7 mini ipads for use in classes. Many thanks.

Rules about Earrings

Please can I remind parents that we do not allow children to wear earrings for PE, swimming or extra-curricular sport clubs. This is North Yorkshire policy, to prevent accidents which can occur if earrings are caught. Plasters are not allowed to be worn over earrings. If your child wears earrings (plain small studs only please) they must either be removed on the day of PE before school OR removed by the child themselves just prior to the lesson. We therefore strongly suggest that if you are considering allowing your child to get their ears pierced, you wait for the six week summer holiday so that they can be removed in September for PE sessions. Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Parking

This week I had a visit from an understandably very irate neighbour who had come to complain about not being able to access her own drive at 2.55pm due a car, belonging to one of our parents, being parked right across the end of her driveway. The car had completely blocked all access in and out and as a result the lady was unable to get onto her own drive, nor could her daughter get her car off the drive and was subsequently late for work. Whilst we were able to find the parent responsible on this occasion, it is certainly not within my remit to be checking the parking outside of the school gates. We wish to maintain good relations with local residents. Additionally, some of the parking is proving very dangerous for children walking to school and parents with prams as they are having to walk in the road as pavements cannot be accessed as they have been parked on. Can I please urge parents to park considerately? Many thanks.



New School Logo Update

As you know, last summer we introduced a new school motto (Growing Hearts and Minds Together) and 4 key school values (Ambition, Courage, Creativity, Respect). As part of this process, we decided to ask the children in school last year to design a new logo. We asked the children to use a tree as the central theme as this linked to the idea of growth from our motto and as a school we had already formed an association with trees through the Fab Family Trees we established two years ago. All of the children entered the competition and the judges were impressed with the level of detail, creative ideas and the thought and care which some children had put into their design. After much deliberation, a winner has been chosen. Prizes will be given out in assembly on Monday and the new logo will be revealed to the children and staff. I will contact parents next week to unveil our new school logo! The new logo will be put onto uniform but there is no need for parents to rush out and order uniform with the new logo. I will let you know once the new uniform is available online and uniform will just gradually change over as new cardigans/ sweatshirts are purchased to replace old, too small or lost ones! The colour of the uniform will remain the same- we still intend to have a navy jumper with a red logo and white PE t-shirt with a red logo. There are no changes to any other uniform.

Great Books to Read

As you know, we work hard to promote a love of reading in our children and thought you may be interested in the following websites, which have some book lists suggesting fantastic reads for children:

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/100-fiction-books-all-children-should-read-leaving-primary-school-%E2%80%93>

<https://www.clpe.org.uk/corebooks>

<http://www.booktrust.org.uk/books/children/100-best-books/>

Dates for your diary

7/11/16- Y5 and Y6 trip to Selby Abbey

8/11/16- Y1 and Y2 trip to The Deep

9/11/16- Y5 Athletics event at Selby High (afternoon in school hours). Kit needed.

11/11/16- Y6 attending Remembrance Service at Selby Cemetery.

14th-18th Nov- Y6 East Barnby residential

16/11/16- 6 pupils to Cross Country Final at Tadcaster grammar

18/11/16- Children in Need