

Longman's Hill Community Primary School Newsletter



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

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 book your place by returning the slip on the bottom of this newsletter by Friday 9th December. Parents from two other Selby primary schools are also being offered places.

The workshop is on 16th January at 6-7pm.

Christmas Jumper day for Save the Children

As in previous years, we will be participating in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper day to raise funds for the charity. This will take place on the last day of the Autumn term (16/12/16). Children may come to school wearing non uniform that day, including a jumper or top with a Christmas or Winter theme. If your child does not have a jumper, **please do NOT rush out and buy one especially-** it would be better to send in the cost of the jumper you would have purchased to benefit the charity rather than the clothing store! A homemade effort goes down just as well by sticking or sewing Christmas decorations etc onto an old top! This is entirely voluntary and children do not have to take part. However, if they choose not to, they should wear school uniform.

New School Logo Update

We hope you all received your letter last week unveiling our new school logo. Congratulations go to Eva Marshall who designed the winning logo, which can be seen at the top of our newsletter.

Children's University

Just a reminder that we are still part of the Children's University and children in Y3 to Y6 can collect stamps for extra curricular activities, both done at school and elsewhere if the clubs are approved by the Children's University. A lot of children are still collecting stamps in passports from last year but if you require new passports, please call into the school office to order one. They are £5 each and the proceeds from this pays for the graduation ceremony and hire of cap and gowns at the end of the year.



A message from the Salvation Army

Do you need help with providing toys for your children this Christmas? The Salvation Army recognises that many families struggle with the financial aspect of Christmas, for many different reasons. We can help you avoid going into debt by providing toys and gifts to help you through this time. The toys are all brand new, and have been donated to the Salvation Army for this purpose.

We can give you several gifts to wrap for your children, and will do our best to make them suitable for your child's preferences.

Please call Paula Haylett on 01757 702629, or email paula.haylett@salvationarmy.org.uk. All requests will be treated as strictly confidential.

POKEMON CARDS

It seems that this craze has once again returned! We have had several children bringing in cards (some in large folders) to play with but mainly to 'trade' whilst at school. This is creating a lot of issues and arguments. Children are swapping cards and then wanting them back, losing cards (some of which I understand can be quite valuable) and messing about with them in learning time.

Therefore may I remind you that children should not be bringing toys (apart from balls, skipping ropes) to school and this includes pokemon cards. Children who continue to bring them will have them confiscated and returned at the end of the school day. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Sporting Update

Well done to the football team who played so well against Barkston Ash last week, beating them 5-1. Also congratulations to the children who represented us in the cross country at Tadcaster Grammar. All of our children did very well but a special well done goes to Freya in Y4 who has secured a place at the county finals.

Operation Christmas Child

Many thanks to those who made a contribution towards the Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal. We have filled approximately 40 shoeboxes which will now wing their way to children in difficult circumstances around the world. Many thanks to Mrs Gent for organizing this.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Many thanks for all your generous contributions of money, cakes, biscuits and buns. The children have had a great day dressed in spots and eaten FAR too much cake! We have raised just over £280 with some more donations still trickling in. Many thanks.

COURAGE

Your child/ren may have told you that a couple of weeks ago we ran a special fab family event focused on one of our four school values- 'Courage'. The children all took part in a range of activities aimed at encouraging them to be courageous, get involved and try new things. Miss Nicholson has captured some of the moments and made a short video- you can view it on our website- go to 'School Information, 'Aims and Values' and click on the link under courage.

Brayton Council Christmas Light Competition

Brayton Council are asking local school children to enter a competition to design some new Christmas lights for the area. They ran a similar competition a few years ago and our school had some winning entries. The winning designs will be made into full size light displays in time for Christmas 2017. The top 3 entries will also win Argos vouchers. The designs should of course have a Christmas theme and be bright and colorful. Examples of previous entries can be seen below. Every child is bringing home an entry form tonight. If your child would like to design a light, they should draw directly onto the entry form and ensure they write their full name, teacher's name and school on the form. Entries should be posted into the special collection box which will be set up in the hall. The deadline for entries is Thursday 8th December.



Dates for your diary

- 2/12/16- Non Uniform day for Christmas Fayre- send in a tombola prize
- 6/12/16- 6pm- EYFS/ KS1 Performance
- 7/12/16- 10am- KS2 Performance/ 2pm EYFS/KS1 Performance/ 6pm- KS2 Performance
- 8/12/16- 6pm- KS2 Performance
- 9/12/16- 3.30-5.30- Christmas Fayre
- 12/12/16- Y5 Carol singing at The Grange Care Home
- 13/12/16- EYFS/KS1 Christmas Party
- 14/12/16- 2pm- carol Service at church- all welcome
- 15/12/16- morning- Y3/4 Christmas Party, afternoon - Y5/6 Christmas Party
- 16/12/16- save the Children Christmas Jumper day AND school Christmas dinner

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'

Online Safeguarding Parent Workshop 16th January 6-7pm

I would like to book _____ places on the workshop.

Name of child: _____ Class: _____

Parent Signature: _____