

Longman's Hill Community Primary School Newsletter



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We have already come to the end of the first busy half term at school. The children have been working hard both in and out of the classrooms. The majority of children participated in the trip to the Hindu temple. They have also seen a production of 'The Railway Children' presented by a travelling theatre company. Y5 have already braved the elements during their residential to Robinwood and many more children in Y2 and Y6 have started their Forest Schools experience. Some very lucky children in Y3 visited London as part of the Fiver Challenge and we have also visited church for the Harvest Festival Service. Our football teams have been playing their hearts out already this term, doing us proud both on and off the pitch. Parents have been invited into school already this year for phonic workshops, maths workshops, maths games mornings and parents' evening. It has been lovely to see so many of you in school, supporting your children and the school.

In fact, looking back through the last half term's diary of events, I am surprised the children and staff are still standing! I would like to thank my wonderful staff for their continued hard work and dedication. I am sure that the children are now ready for a well earned break and I hope that you all have a lovely half term holiday with your children. We look forward to welcoming them back on 2nd November.

Polite Request

As you will appreciate, sometimes the school grounds become quite congested especially when children are being dropped off and collected. On some of the paths, where they become quite narrow, bottlenecks sometimes form if parents stand in large groups on the paths. This is particularly the case on the narrow path which leads directly from the car park to the side of school near the Y6 classroom and also on the long path which runs alongside the field, especially on the corner near the Early Years' classroom. In these areas, it can be very difficult for parents with prams to get through to the playground. Please can parents be mindful of this and try to stand in areas which will still allow other parents access. I would also like to take the opportunity to remind parents that we would appreciate any interactions you have between yourselves on school property to remain civil and polite, particularly in front of children. We have had some reported incidents recently of parents being quite rude to one another and swearing loudly in front of children.

Finally can we politely request that parents closely supervise toddlers and younger siblings of school children in the mornings- we have a few regular escapees who end up in classrooms and up and down the slopes!

We do feel it is important to set a good example to our children. Many thanks for your cooperation in these matters.



After School Clubs

All of our clubs run for a full term and many are often over subscribed which means we sometimes unavoidably have disappointed children. If your child has secured a place in a club, we would ask that they are committed to it and come every week. Some children are dropping out or have quite erratic attendance, which is a shame since we could have allocated their place to another child. Thank you.

PTA

PTA have kindly given sweets to all the children today, as an apology for the disco being cancelled.

Uniform

All of the children continue to look very smart in their uniforms. If you are buying any new items over the holidays, please be mindful of our uniform policy. Just to remind you that jewellery is not to be worn other than a watch and plain small stud type earrings which must be removed on PE days.

Any hair accessories should be plain and simple- black, brown or navy blue please. We have seen some wonderful hair accessories over recent weeks but these should be saved for non school days.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Friday 13th Novemebr is BBC's Children in Need day and as usual we would like to support this charity.

This year the theme is 'Be a hero' so we are inviting children to dress as a hero of their choice- this may be a super hero, or someone they admire who is their own personal hero, maybe a sports personality, pop star or even a family member! Children may come to school on Friday 13th dressed up and we are asking for donations for Children in Need. If children do not want to particiapte by dressing up, that is absolutley fine as this is purely voluntary.

Dates for Diary

Please take a note of some up coming dates in the next fortnight for your diaries. A full year of main dates can be downloaded from the school website.

2nd November Back to school

4th November- Y5 to Brayton High for the day 'Schools of the future'

4th November - Y6 to Selby High afternoon for indoor sports

4th November - Football team play St Marys at home

9th to 13th November - Y6 to East Barnby

9th November - Y3 to Y5 taking part in cross country event (am) at Brayton High