

Longman's Hill Community Primary School Newsletter



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Collection of children at home time

We have had several incidents in recent weeks where someone other than the usual family member has come to collect children. If your child is going to be collected by someone different, please ensure you let a member of staff know at the start of the day. If the change is last minute due to unforeseeable circumstances, you **must** ring the school so that we can let staff know. It is our policy that we will not let children go home with someone different to usual without prior knowledge. This is for the safety of the children.

In FS2 this is particularly important. Please tell a member of Early Years' staff if someone different is collecting your child, even if this is a family member such as a grandparent. It helps the staff know who they are looking for to hand over children at the end of the school day. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Governor vacancies

We currently have 2 vacancies on our governing board. These are not parent governor vacancies. However, we are asking whether any of you may know relatives or community members who may be interested in becoming a governor at our school. We are seeking members with expertise in Finance or Health & Safety. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please ask them to contact the clerk to governors, Mrs Richardson, at the school. Many thanks.

Operation Christmas Child

Mrs Gent is arranging for our school to take part in Operation Christmas Child this year. Children will bring home a more detailed letter shortly but the idea is that we will fill shoe boxes with small gifts / toys and essentials such as toothpaste, soap, gloves and warm hats and then gift wrap to send as Christmas gifts for children abroad who are living in difficult circumstances, usually refugees. Keep an eye out for further information as we would like to fill as many boxes as we can. Please can I ask that if you have any shoe boxes which you no longer need, to hang onto them for us please? Many thanks.

Brayton Litter Pick

Brayton Parish Council are organising another litter pick. If you would like to take part in this community event, they are meeting on Brayton Village Green on 8th October at 10am. All are welcome and equipment will be provided.



Car Parking on nearby streets

Please be respectful and considerate when parking in Local Street. Be mindful of not blocking or restricting access to neighbours' driveways. Many thanks.

Request for Donations

Our Early Years class are asking for donations of the following to be used within school. If you are able to donate any of the following items please bring them to the school office, thank you in advance.

1. Plastic Toy Food
2. Dolls Prams or Pushchairs
3. Dolls Clothes (baby Annabelle size not Barbie size)

St Wilfrid's Autumn Fair

Come along and purchase your Christmas presents from the many stalls including craft, cake, books, cards and nearly new toys.

Refreshments in the Church Hall

Saturday 19th November 2016, 10.00am to 1.00pm

Macmillan Coffee Morning

May I say a huge thank you to the parents, friends and families who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning last week, either by baking, serving, eating or drinking! You all contributed generously, both your time and money, and as a result we have raised £257 which we shall send off to the charity.

Dates for your diary

PARENTS' EVENINGS- Mon 17th Oct and Thurs 20th Oct- see separate letter already sent.

11/10/16- KS2 parents' Maths workshop- 3.30pm- bring your child!

17/10/16- KS2 cross country event at Brayton Academy- all KS2 involved during afternoon.

19/10/16 - Parents' Maths drop in 9.00am - 10.00am

19/10/16- Harvest Festival Service at St Wilf's at church 2pm.

Home / School Planners

As you know, we introduced home / school planners last year and they are a great success. The main aim of these was to provide one location for children to keep information about homework and also to keep a record of reading done at home.

Whilst we provided an area for parents to write notes to teachers, I just wanted to clarify expectations around this. Staff will try to check planners on a regular basis; particularly in FS2 and Y1 where the children are younger and may forget to draw staff's attention to a note from a parent. From Y2 up we expect children to bring planners with notes from home to the teacher or TA. As you will appreciate, the school day is very busy with not a spare second to lose so it is impossible for teachers to look through 30 planners every single day. Teachers will respond in writing to notes in planners or if more appropriate will give parents a quick call. However, it is not the expectation that staff will put comments in planners regarding how well a child has coped with work at school or regarding behaviour issues; there simply is not sufficient time to do this. If staff have concerns they need to discuss with you, they will try to speak with you directly at the end of the day or when necessary contact you by phone. I hope that this clarifies the situation.

Harvest Festival

On Wednesday 19th October we shall be holding our Harvest Festival service at St Wilf's church. The service will start at approximately 2pm. If you are able to walk down to church with us, please let your child's class teacher know. We shall be leaving school at about 1.15pm and returning to school after the service, to be back in time for home time at 3.15pm. If you would like to send a donation of food, which will be sent to a homeless charity in York, please send it with your child on the morning of the 19th. Please only send dried goods or tins as fresh produce goes off too quickly. Children do not need to donate large parcels of food; just one or two items / tins would be gratefully received. Many thanks.

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.