

Longman's Hill Community Primary School Newsletter



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I would like to extend a warm welcome to parents and children as we begin the new school year at Longman's Hill. We have reached the end of our first week of the Autumn term and all of the children have settled in well and are back into the routines of daily school life. They all looked incredibly smart in their school uniforms on the first day of term. Thank you for supporting the school with our uniform policy. If you are unsure about the uniform policy, it can be viewed in the school prospectus which is available on the school website.

This term, we welcome 3 new members of staff to school. Mrs Gent has joined the team to teach Y2, Mrs Thoelen will be teaching Y1 with Mrs Hartley and Mrs Gash will be working as the TA in Y4. I'm sure they will enjoy working at our school and supporting your children in their learning journey. We also have 30 new children who have joined us in the Early Years FS2.

Welcome also to the parents and children of new starters in other classes across school.

We operate an open door policy here so if you have any concerns and would like to speak to a member of staff, please do come and see them. To avoid delays at the start of the school teaching day, we do request that parents pop to see teachers at the END of the day rather than the beginning. However, for urgent messages you can always call into the school office and Mrs Richardson or Mrs Crawford will more than happy to help. I am usually out and about on the school grounds every morning too if you would like to come and chat or you can arrange an appointment by ringing the school office. Since the school has two gates, I do spend time located so that I see as many parents and children as I can in the morning by moving 'spots'!

I thank you in advance for your support of the school.

Mrs J Elcock



Uniform

All of the children have returned to school looking extremely smart in their new uniforms.

Please can you ensure that all items of uniform are named as we have already had to do some hunting through the lost property basket for one or two items! Footwear should be plain black or brown. We do allow PLAIN black trainers but do not allow trainers with logos, bright soles or laces.

School uniform can be purchased online- details can be obtained from the school office. We do have a small amount of stock left for sale in school so it is always worth popping to the office to ask.

Can I also remind parents that earrings must be **removed** for PE?

Imam Workshops

Imran Kotwal, an Imam, will be visiting our school on Friday 23rd September and will be working with the children across school through short workshops. The purpose of this visit is for children to learn about the Islam faith through a practical, hands on approach. Children in KS1 will have a very practical half hour session, looking at a number of artefacts associated with the faith. They will be able to handle these objects and learn more about their significance. In KS2, the workshop (45 mins) involves: Listening to the call to prayer, learning how Muslims wash before prayer, wearing headscarves / religious caps (only if they wish), looking at prayer mats, listening to a recital of the Qur'an by the Imam in Arabic, watching a cartoon about two friends learning about the faith, and if there is time, story telling about Prayer. There is no actual worship, no bowing or prostrations by any one of the children. We are sure that this will be a valuable experience for our children.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Once again we have organized a coffee morning to raise funds for this charity. You are invited to join us for coffee and cakes in school on **30th September at 9.15am**. Please come and join us after you have dropped off your children - the more the merrier! Children may also bring a donation for the charity and they will receive a drink and biscuit during their morning break. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Medical Policy

Our school medical policy is available to view / download on the website. However, please be aware that staff in school are only allowed to administer medicine which has been prescribed by a doctor and which has the appropriate named label / dosage attached. A form must be completed by a parent at the school office.

All staff are first aid trained, with some having the paediatric first aid certificate. Cuts or grazes where the wound is open will always be cleaned with tap water and covered with hypoallergenic plasters, as advised on the first aid course. This is to prevent any infection in a busy, non sterile school environment.

Dates for your diary

Once again we have put key dates for the entire school year on the school website. These can be found under the 'News/ Events & Recruitment' tab, 'Term dates'. We will endeavor to stick to the dates listed although from time to time we have to make changes due to unforeseen circumstances. We will always inform parents of any changes at the earliest opportunity.

Upcoming events

14/9 (FS2) and 15/9 (KS1) Parent Phonic workshops 2.30pm- see separate letter for details

23/9/16 Imam visiting school and running workshops with every class

28/9/16-30/9/16- Y5 to Robinwood

30/9/16- MacMillan coffee morning 9.15am