

Longman's Hill Community Primary School Newsletter



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Reminder- dates for your diary

Just a reminder that this term our parents evenings take place on Tuesday 20th March and Thursday 22nd March. A letter will be sent out to book appointments with your child's class teacher nearer the time.

Mrs Thoelen's maternity leave

Mrs Thoelen is due to take maternity leave from Thursday 15th March. The initial few weeks of her maternity leave (to May half term) will be covered by Mrs Hartley. Mrs Hartley worked at our school until Easter last year; she taught these children in Y1 and so knows them and the school systems very well. Mrs Hartley will teach the children four afternoons per week and Jack will teach them PE on the fifth afternoon, as is the case now. Miss Nicholson will continue to teach in Y2 every morning.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Access to social media

It has come to our attention that a great number of our pupils, particularly in KS2, have social media accounts of their own. In upper KS2, approx. 75% of our children have at least one social media account on platforms including Facebook, Snapchat and WhatsApp. Some pupils have also set up their own YouTube accounts and are posting videos which include them and others within their class. **The minimum age in the UK for children to own their own social media account is 13 years old.** Whilst we cannot involve ourselves in the decisions parents make regarding this, we did want to flag this worrying situation to you as we are also aware that some of our pupils are creating accounts without their parents' knowledge.

We do a great deal of work in school educating the children about how to keep themselves safe on the internet; whilst the internet can be a very valuable educational resource, it is also fraught with potential danger for young, naïve users. Please take the time to chat with your children and find out what social media they access; there is a lot of information available to help parents navigate this difficult subject- see the links from our school website.

May I also draw your attention to two apps which have also been brought to our attention by NYCC safeguarding team; Musical.ly and Live.ly. These are live streaming apps which encourage young children (usually girls) to lip sync and dance whilst filming themselves doing so; this is all streamed live to an audience of hundreds of thousands! Viewers can post

comments in 'real time' and make requests for the children to do things whilst they sing and dance. Whilst many of the requests and comments are harmless; a great many are not and are posted by adults. Many of you will see the potential safeguarding issue here as the live streaming is not recorded and messages sent to children are not saved.

You can see a C4 news report by following this link:

<https://www.channel4.com/news/children-bombarded-with-sexually-explicit-chat-on-musical-ly-and-live-ly>

WEAR IT RED DAY- REMINDER

On Friday 2nd February, children may come to school dressed in red if they wish and bring a donation (we are suggesting £1). We are raising funds for the Children's Heart Surgery Fund at LGI.

SPORTING NEWS

The ESFA football cup final (the NY Schools FA county finals) recently took place at York Sports Village.

The team played really well although they had a tough first match which they lost. However, they came back with a great attitude for the next match which they won. They then had a draw in their final match. Although Longman's did not win the overall final, narrowly losing by one point, they maintained a positive sporting attitude throughout and got a lot out of playing such a high standard of football. They also looked very smart in their new football kits and represented the school extremely well.

Some children from Y5 and Y6 have also recently participated in a swimming and multi skills event at Selby Leisure Centre. Children really enjoyed doing something different; they gained 74 points and came 5th displaying a really good team effort. Behaviour was excellent and the staff said the children were a joy to take to this event. Our thanks go to Miss Nicholson and Mrs Hill for transporting children to the event.

POLITE REMINDER- SCHOOL DINNER PAYMENTS

Please can parents ensure that all school dinners are paid for IN ADVANCE of the meal being taken rather than after the fact, to prevent arrears building. School dinners can be paid for via Parent Pay. If you do not have Parent pay currently set up, please call into the school office and speak to Mrs Crawford who will be happy to help. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

School Trip

Following on from previous very successful school trips to a Mosque and a Sikh Temple, Mrs Kenny is in the process of arranging a trip for every class to the Madhyamaka Kadampa Buddhist Meditation Centre. The trips will take place in May and we are very much looking forward to giving the children the opportunity to learn about another world religion. More details will follow nearer to the time so watch this space!

POLITE REMINDER: LONGMAN'S HILL IS A NUT FREE SCHOOL

Dates for your diary**Upcoming events**

29th Jan - 2 Feb - Y6 at East Barnby

Friday 2nd Feb- Wear it red day to raise funds for Children's Heart Surgery Fund at LGI

12/2/18 - 16/2/18 - HALF TERM

19/2/18 - Children return to school after half term break

1/3/18- World Book Day- details will follow

7/3/18- phonic workshop for parents of children in Y1 regarding national test 2.30pm

15/3/18- class photos

20/3/18 and 22/3/18 - parents' evenings

22/3/18- Cross country finals at Dalby Forest

23/3/18- Comic Relief- details will follow

29/3/18- Easter Lunch at school and last day of term

30/3/18- 16/4/18 Easter holiday

Tuesday 17th April- Children return to school following Easter break

COMMENT SLIP

Name of Child _____

Comment:

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