

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, including of course all of our new starters in EYFS and some children who have joined us in other year groups across school. 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 staff to school. Miss Hill has joined the team to teach Y3, Miss Ramsay will be teaching Y1 and Mrs Perkins will be working as one of the TAs in Y3. I'm sure they will enjoy working at our school and supporting your children in their learning journey.

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 to see as many parents and children as I can in the morning by moving 'spots'!

Homework - as you will recall we consulted parents seeking their views on homework at the end of summer. The consultation period is now over. Over the next few weeks, the leadership team, along with teachers, will make a final decision about our new policy on homework but there are likely to be changes afoot! In the meantime, homework will remain as it always has been until the new changes are introduced. I shall keep you informed as the process moves forward.

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

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Uniform

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

Please 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, laces or logos. Children arriving with inappropriate footwear will be given black pumps to wear until they have the correct school shoes.

School uniform can be purchased online- details can be obtained from the school office and there is a link from our school website.

Can I also remind parents that earrings must be **removed** for PE? We do not allow children to cover earrings with plasters, in line with NYCC policy. Additionally, just a reminder that for safety reasons children can only participate in outdoor PE if wearing **trainers**.

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 **29th September at 9.15am**. Please come and join us after you have dropped off your children - the more the merrier! If you are able to help by either sending in some cakes, buns or biscuits OR helping to set up / serve at the coffee morning, please speak with staff in the office. Baked goods can be sent in to school on the morning of 29th September.

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. All staff have had up to date anaphylaxis training. 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.

Mindfulness workshops

One of the areas we are focusing on this year at our school is promoting positive mental health. As part of this work, the children in KS2 will be taking part in several mindfulness workshops. Y5 and Y6 will participate in these during the Autumn term.

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

13/9 (FS2) and 14/9 (KS1) Parent Phonic workshops 2.30pm- see separate letter for details

27/9/16-29/9/16- Y5 to Robinwood

29/9/16- MacMillan coffee morning 9.15am

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