

Longman's Hill Community Primary School Newsletter



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Happy New Year

Happy New Year to all of you. I hope that you all managed to have a peaceful and relaxing break with your children. Many thanks for the kind cards and gifts I received. We have had a fantastic start to the Spring term. We have a busy and exciting term ahead which we are looking forward to. If the children maintain the positive attitudes they have started the year with, we are sure to have a wonderful time.

Uniform Reminders

All of the children are looking very smart in their uniforms so thank you for supporting our continued effort to maintain our high standards by ensuring your child is appropriately dressed. Please ensure that all school footwear is either plain black, brown or navy. We do allow plain trainers to be worn but they must not have any colour, logos or brightly coloured soles or laces. There are one or two Nike ticks and Adidas stripes creeping in, which are not allowed! Additionally, may I remind all parents that the only jewellery allowed to be worn are plain stud earrings and/or a watch. Earrings **must** be removed for any PE, swimming or extra-curricular sporting clubs and cannot be covered with tape / plasters. This is in line with NYCC policy. Long hair should also be tied back for PE and swimming for health and safety.

For PE lessons AND SPORTS CLUBS children should wear school PE kit, not football kit or branded clothing. Many thanks.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION :

Arrangements in the event of a short notice school closure due to bad weather

The British weather has been fairly kind to us so far in this area, although there have been one or two warnings of a cold snap on the horizon. As many of you will recall, last year we had to close the school for a couple of days in particularly bad snow so I feel it is important to inform you of the arrangements in the event that school does have to close at short notice for any reason again.

If the decision is made to close school prior to the start of the school day, parents will be informed via text message as soon as possible. We will also put alerts out via BBC Radio York.

If school ever has to be closed, or partially closed, during the school day parents will be contacted via text message and then by phone if children are not collected.

All children would be fully supervised by staff until handed over to parents or carers.

It is vitally important that the school office has an up to date text number and also at least two phone numbers on which we can contact either yourself or another responsible adult you have nominated, in the event of an emergency. During the Autumn term we experienced great difficulty in some cases getting hold of parents in emergencies due to out of date contact information.

CLASS PHOTOS

The photographers will be in school on 14th March to take class photos. All children are included in the photo but there is no obligation to purchase it.

Mathletics- Reminder for parents

The school has recently invested in an online subscription for a maths program called Mathletics. This program enables individual children to access a range of maths games and quizzes which are bespoke to them. Children are able to play against one another in a safe, closed online environment and whilst doing so, boost their maths confidence and understanding. This software and its impact has been extensively researched by Oxford University and there is strong evidence to suggest that even if using the program for as little as 20 minutes per week, children can make significant improvements in maths. We have purchased a user licence for every child at Longman's Hill and will be giving children opportunities to access the program at school. However, the more children access the program, the more progress they are likely to make and so we strongly encourage you to support your child using this program at home. Every child in school has been given their own individual log on details so that that they can access the program at home.

SEN Funding Consultation

The county council have asked us to pass on the following information with regards to a consultation on SEN funding / spending.

The consultation on how North Yorkshire County Council should allocate years two and three of the Special Provision Capital Fund (SPCF) for SEND education is now live and can be found at www.northyorks.gov.uk/capitalphase2 or <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/current-consultations> .

The council is allocated capital money from the Department for Education (DfE) - this is a standalone pot of money which has to be spent to improve existing facilities, develop new facilities, or create additional places for special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) education provision.

The money can only be used in provision judged as good or outstanding by OFSTED to benefit young people with SEND who have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

The Council will receive a total of £616,279 over 3 years. They have already allocated the money for 2018/19 (£163,000) and now want to ask for views on their proposals for spending the remaining money (£453,279).

They have to publish their plan by 29 March 2019 to ensure they receive this money from the DfE.

The proposals for using this money are based on helping to achieve some of the outcomes outlined in the [strategic plan for SEND Education Provision](#). This plan - outlines how they will develop education provision for children and young people with SEND in North Yorkshire.

The proposals for years 2 and 3 of the SPCF are about:

- Work at Brooklands Community Special School in Skipton
- Work for the proposed satellite provision for Mowbray School in Ripon.

More information about this is included in the consultation documents, which are available online at the links above.

Please can parents and carers give feedback on the consultation through the online survey. This is available online at the link above.

The consultation started on 7 January 2019 and ends on 15 February 2019.

School Dinners- Polite reminder

With regards to the hot school meal system at Longman's Hill School, please be advised that school menus will be sent home on a Tuesday and we would ask that these are returned, completed with your child's name and class number, by Friday of the same week.

Payments for KS2 hot school meals should be made in advance of the hot school meal being eaten. It is very important that no debts are accumulated and that no child is eating a hot school meal that is not paid for.

Thank you

Dates for your diary- Spring term

15/1/19- Choir to young Voices - see separate letter with key information regarding event

22/2/19- End for half term

4/3/19- Term begins

7/3/19- World Book day - details will follow

14/3/19- Phonics workshop for parents of children in Y1 - afternoon- details will follow

15/3/19 - Comic Relief- details will follow

Week beginning 25/3/19- maths parent drop ins- each class to confirm own date and time

1/4/19 and 4/4/19 - Parents evenings (Mon 3.30-5.30pm / Thur 4-6.30pm)

12/4/19- Easter lunch and last day of term

15/4/19 - 28/4/19 Easter holidays