

Longman's Hill Community Primary School Newsletter



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SCHOOL CLOSURE REMINDER

School is closed on Monday 19th September; this date is now a Bank Holiday for the Queen's funeral.

WELCOME BACK!

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 our new starters in EYFS and some children who have joined us in other year groups across school. Additionally, I would like to welcome Chris, our new sports coach who replaces Jez, and Mrs Nelson who is providing some additional support in EY. We have reached the end of our first fortnight of the Autumn term and all 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. 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 be 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. All the Longman's Hill team look forward to working in partnership with you during the year.

Goodbye and Good Luck

Sadly, today we have said goodbye to Mrs Nicholson who has left to take up a new role. We will be sad to see her go but wish her well as she moves onto pastures new.

Tesco Community Grant Scheme 1st July- 30th September- FINAL REMINDER

Just a reminder that we are participating in the Tesco Community Grant Scheme which only has a fortnight left to run. Shoppers will be given blue tokens when they shop at either the big Tesco in town or the local Tesco in Brayton, from 01/07/22- 30/9/22. Please post your tokens in the section for Longman's Hill. We are saving to renovate the small indoor quad off our hall to make it a more pleasant and usable space. There will be 3 community projects to choose from and the one which collects the most tokens will be awarded a cash grant by Tesco. Thank you in advance for your support.

Reporting Absence from School

Please can parents ensure that they ring school by **9.30am at the latest** if their child is unwell/ not coming to school. For safeguarding purposes, we must account for every child that does not attend and a lot of office staff time is taken up every morning ringing parents to track down children's whereabouts. We would really appreciate your support in this matter.

Additionally, if your child is registered in a before or after school club, please let school know if they cannot attend, in advance of the session. This saves school staff having to contact parents to check that children are at home safe. Thank you.

Harvest Food Collection

On Monday 26th September, Rev Pete will be coming to school to deliver a Harvest themed assembly. We will be collecting food to donate to the Selby and District foodbank. With the rising financial pressures on families, the demand on the foodbank is greater than ever; I appreciate that this may mean that not all families are able to donate food this year, but if you are able to, the following items in particular are in short supply:

- tins of hot or cold meat/ tuna,
- tins of spaghetti,
- rice pudding
- tinned custard
- coffee / tea (80s packs)
- biscuits.

Selby High Open Evening

Selby High Open Evening will take place on Thursday 22nd September between 4pm and 8.30pm. Parents /pupils in Y6 are welcome to attend.

Application for School Places for academic year 2023/24

Parents of children in Y6 can apply for a secondary school place for their child from 12 September 2022; applications must be submitted by 31 October 2022.

Applications for Early Years places (for 23/24) must be submitted by January 2023, with outcomes in April.

Maths Parent Drop Ins

Next week, we will be hosting parent drop in sessions for maths. Weather permitting, we will be using our outdoor maths trails! Please see the separate letter sent out this week for further details. We look forward to welcoming you into school.

Data Information Sheets

In the next fortnight, every family will be sent a data information sheet to ensure that the details we have for you and your child/ren are correct. It is essential that these sheets are returned so that we have the correct contact details in case of an emergency. Please ensure your sheet is returned promptly to the office once you have completed it. Many thanks.

Nut Free School- Reminder

I would like to remind parents / carers that Longman's Hill is a **nut free school**. The reason for this is that we have several children in school with severe allergies to nuts. The children in question are allergic to a variety of nuts. We appreciate that asking parents to send 'nut free' packed lunches can be problematic for some. We therefore thought it might be useful to give you some more information about the most common nuts which may cause anaphylaxis and the type of 'pack up' products they may be found in.

The following are common nuts which may be an issue:

Walnuts, hazelnuts, almonds, pecans, brazil nuts, pine nuts, macadamia nuts, cashew nuts, coconut and peanuts.

This list is not exhaustive.

Nuts are often hidden in food products. Here are some which you may not expect and may have been putting in your child's packed lunch:

Chocolate spread (not just Nutella), bakewell tarts, battenburg cake, any sweet products containing marzipan, BBQ sauce, some cereal bars, seeded bread, seeded crackerbreads, fruit cakes, mince pies, Xmas cake.

The parents of the children affected, and we as a school, appreciate your support and vigilance when making a pack up for your child but accept it can be quite a minefield! We hope this information helps. If children bring a nut product into school as part of a packed lunch, we will remove it for safety but place a note in the pack up bag /box explaining what we have done. Our aim is to protect ALL our children in school; those with the allergies from a severe allergic reaction but also other children from seeing their friends going into anaphylactic shock, which can be very distressing to witness. Many thanks for all your support.

Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 30th September

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! If you can 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 (nut free please) can be sent in to school on the morning of 30th September. Children may also bring a donation for the charity and **all children** will receive a drink and biscuit or bun during their morning break. If you do not wish your child to have a drink and biscuit/bun, please let your child's class teacher know. We look forward to seeing you there.

Social media awareness and safety

Throughout the school year, we often experience issues arising from children accessing social media and being members of WhatsApp groups with their classmates. The minimum age for children to have WhatsApp is 13; however, it is parental choice whether children have access to accounts at a younger age. That said, school staff are often left to deal with the fallout from chats and messages which take place out of school. Many parents would be very shocked at some of the messages and images that are sent and circulated by our pupils. We would urge parents to regularly check children's phones to see what their own child is sending but also what content they are subject to in the groups. It is for individual parents to make decisions about what appropriate action to take in the event they find

content which is not acceptable or suitable. However, if you feel that a child's safety is at risk or there are safeguarding concerns, the school Safeguarding Lead (Mrs Elcock) can be contacted for advice and support.

North Yorkshire families magazine

Please follow the link [here](#) for the magazine.

School Diary Dates

The full year of diary dates is available on our school website. Go to 'News/Events/Recruitment' - 'Term Dates'-school diary dates for parents 22/23'. See below for the first term of events. Some activities/ dates may be subject to change but we will always contact parents to inform you of any changes.

Mon 19 th September	School closed- bank holiday- Queen's Funeral
From Tue 20 th September	Maths parent drop ins- Maths trails- see separate letter sent
Fri 30 th September	Macmillan cancer coffee morning
Wed 28 th - Fri 30 th September	Y5 Robinwood Residential
Mon 10 th Oct	Mental Health Day - wear yellow & bring donation for charity
Fri 21 st Oct	End for half term
Mon 24 th Oct - Sun 30 st Oct	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Mon 31 st Oct	Term Begins
Mon 31 st - Friday 4 th Nov	Year 6 Caythorpe Court residential
Tues 15 th Nov	Influenza Immunisation Programme
Fri 18 th Nov	Children in need - details will follow
Tue 22 nd and Thurs 24 th Nov	Parents evenings (Tue 4.00-6.30pm / Thur 3.30-5.30pm)
W/B 28 th Nov	Stay and Create week- letter nearer time. Parents welcome.
WB 5 th Dec	Xmas parties Mon 5 th - Yr 5/6 Wed 7 th - EY/KS1 Thurs 8 th - Yr 3/4
Fri 9 th Dec	Xmas jumper day (Save the children)
Fri 9 th Dec	School Xmas fair 3.30-5.00pm school hall
Tue 13 th Dec	Xmas performance KS1 and FS2 ONLY 5pm
Tue 13 th Dec	School Xmas Lunch
Wed 14 th Dec	Xmas performance KS1 and FS2 ONLY 10am Xmas performance KS2 ONLY 5pm
Thurs 15 th Dec	Xmas performance KS2 ONLY 10am Carol Service at church 2pm
Fri 16 th Dec	Finish for Christmas
19 th Dec-2 nd Jan	Christmas holidays