Longman's Hill Community Primary School Newsletter



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<u>Uniform</u>

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

Please ensure that all items of uniform are named. Footwear should be plain black or brown. We do allow PLAIN black trainers but do not allow trainers with bright soles, laces or logos.

School uniform can be purchased online- details can be obtained from the school office and there is a link from our school website. Children can also wear uniform from local retailers / supermarkets etc in school colours.

Jewellery is not allowed for school apart from small, plain studs in ears. 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. Finally, hair accessories should be small, plain and dark coloured please. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Unnamed uniform/ Lost property

There is already a LOT of unnamed uniform in the school lost property drawers. Mrs Crawford has gathered it together and it is currently in two large bags in the front entrance. If your child has lost something, please take time to come and look through the bags. They will be there until Friday 4th October and then will be disposed of. Any uniform with names on has been returned to their owners.

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.

Break time snacks

Children in EY and KS1 are all offered a piece of fruit at morning break which is provided free of charge to schools by the government. Children in KS2 are welcome to bring a morning snack to school for breaktime but it must only be fruit or raw vegetables. Children are not permitted to eat biscuits/cereal bars etc at break. Many thanks.

Non-uniform day for Candlelighters Charity - Thursday 20th October

Children may come to school in non-uniform on Thursday 20th October. The charity colour is pink so children can choose to wear pink that day, or if not, any non-uniform is fine. We are raising funds for the Candlelighters charity; this is a charity close to the hearts of one of our families who lost their very young son to cancer last year. This is a purely voluntary activity and children do not have to participate; they can come in uniform if they do not wish to participate.

School Meals

This academic year, we have taken the catering 'in-house'. We sent questionnaires out in the summer term seeking feedback and suggestions for menus. As a result, we put some changes in place which included designing completely new menus. Feedback this term, from both children and parents, has been extremely positive and it is clear that children are really enjoying the new meals on offer and the greater variety. We would encourage children to have a school lunch, remember all children in Early Years, Y1 and y2 are entitled to a FREE school lunch, but parents must still order these meals by completing a menu and sending it in to school.

Each week, we always have a number of children who have ordered school lunches and indicated this on the menus returned, but who do not then eat the lunch as they choose to bring a packed lunch in instead.

Unfortunately, this causes real issues for the kitchen who order in ingredients according to meal orders. Consequently, there is food wastage which we want to avoid as it is costly to environment and budgets. Although meals are free to parents of children in EY and KS1, the school still has to pay for the ordered meal, whether it is taken up or not. This means that vital school funds are lost due to funding ordered but uneaten meals in these year groups.

In order to avoid this, we changed our policy regarding ordering meals. Any KS2 meals ordered on the menus will still be charged for, even if your child changes their mind and brings a pack up to eat instead.

We are very flexible and allow parents to choose a mix of school meal and home pack up options to suit your child's tastes. If your child is absent due to illness, we will not charge for the meal ordered. Parents can also save the school some money by making payments in one transaction; we are charged a fee for every transaction by Parent Pay so by paying for your child's whole week's worth of meals in one go (rather than paying for each meal in separate transactions) we can reduce the fees school is charged.

We hope that you understand our decision and support us by ensuring all meals ordered are paid for in advance via ParentPay.

Harvest donations

Many thanks to parents and carers who kindly donated tinned items / dried foods for our Harvest collection. All the food has been donated to the Selby foodbank, who pass on their thanks for your generosity. The food will all be donated to families in our local area.

Musical instrument Lesson Opportunities

This week your child participated in an instrument demonstration and workshop with a team of musicians from North Yorkshire County Music Service. During this demonstration, they witnessed the following instruments being played:

- · Strings: Violin, Viola, Cello
- · Woodwind: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Oboe & Bassoon
- · Brass: Trumpet, Cornet, French Horn, Tenor Horn, Trombone, Euphonium
- · Piano, Keyboard
- Voice

The Music Service offers lessons on the above instruments as well as percussion, drums, guitar, double bass, oboe, bassoon, cornet, French horn and tuba. If your child is interested in continuing their musical journey by beginning lessons on any musical instrument, please email: newmusic.requests@northyorks.gov.uk.

Enjoy Cycling? Check out the information below!





FREE October Half term Activity- Bird Feeder Workshop



This course is FREE and is a great way for parents and children to spend time together, learning and designing.

We are running a family bird feeders workshop during October half term. Work together to create feeders for your garden and help the birds keep healthy this autumn.

Barlby Library
Tuesday 25th of October
1 to 2 pm

Spaces are limited and you must pre enrol. Parents must stay with their children at all times

To book onto this course or for more information, go to:

https://ebsontrackprospect.northyorks.gov.uk

or ring 01609 536066

or email adultlearningservice@northyorks.gov.uk

Wear it Yellow Day for Children's Mental Health awareness- 10th October

Monday 10^{th} October is World Mental Health Day and we will be doing our bit to raise both awareness and much needed funds for the Young Minds Charity. On 10^{th} October, children may come to school wearing yellow, in return for a small donation (we suggest a £1). This is purely voluntary and children who do not wish to take part can attend in uniform as usual.

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 10th Oct	Mental Health Day – wear yellow & bring donation for charity
Thurs 20 th Oct	Non-uniform day raising funds for Candlelighters charity
Fri 21st Oct	End for half term
Mon 24th Oct - Sun 30st	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Oct	
Mon 31st Oct	Term Begins
Mon 31st - Friday 4th Nov	Year 6 Caythorpe Court residential
Tue 15th Nov	Influenza Immunisation Programme

Fri 18th Nov	Children in need - details will follow
Tue 22nd and Thurs 24th	Parents evenings (Tue 4-6.30pm / Thur 3.30-5.30pm)
Nov	
W/B 28th Nov	Stay and Create week- letter nearer time. Parents welcome.
WB 5th Dec	Xmas parties
	Mon 5th- Yr 5/6
	Wed 7th- EY/KS1
	Thurs 8th- Yr 3/4
Fri 9th Dec	Xmas jumper day (Save the children)
Fri 9th Dec	School Xmas fair 3.30-5.00pm school hall
Tue 13th Dec	Xmas performance KS1 and FS2 ONLY 5pm
Wed 14th Dec	Xmas performance KS1 and FS2 ONLY 10am
	Xmas performance KS2 ONLY 5pm
Thurs 15th Dec	Xmas performance KS2 ONLY 10am
	Carol Service at church 2pm
Tues 13th Dec	School Xmas lunch
Fri 16th Dec	Finish for Christmas
19th Dec-2nd Jan	Christmas holidays











