# Longman's Hill Community Primary School Newsletter



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

Children may come to school in non-uniform on Thursday 20th October. We are raising funds for the Candlelighters charity; children who choose to come in non-uniform that day should bring a cash donation. The charity colour is pink so children can choose to wear pink that day, or if not, any non-uniform is fine. 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.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning Thanks

Thank you to everyone who baked and / or attended our coffee morning on Friday 30th September. We raised a fantastic £223.03 for the charity, who I am sure will put it to good use.

#### Hello Yellow

Many thanks to those of you who supported our Mental Health Awareness Day this week. The children looked fantastic in their yellow clothes; they really brightened up a dull, Autumnal day! We raised £129.75 for the Young Minds charity, which I am sure will be put to good use.

#### Initiatives to reduce vehicle congestion at the school gates.

Over the last several months, we have been taking proactive steps to try and reduce the number of vehicles at the school gate. Our aim is to make it safer for children walking to school and to reduce vehicle emissions in the environment.

During the summer, the council re-painted the yellow zig-zag lines at the front of school on Myrtle Avenue; it is illegal to park on these and parents are politely reminded not to do so.

We have also started to use cones and 'child-shaped' bollards to define no-parking zones. This has had a positive impact, eliminating cars parking in the school gateway.

This month, we have also launched our walk/ cycle or scoot to school initiative, which we are participating in through 'Living Streets', an organization that work to promote a more sustainable and healthy method of travel to school. This project will last throughout this entire academic year and we hope to see a drop in the numbers of children who travel to school by car. We appreciate that some children are unable to walk the distance to school; these pupils can still successfully participate in the scheme by adults parking a 10-minute walk away from school and walking the final part of the journey to school.

If travelling by bike or scooter, please make sure that you / your child DISMOUNT AT THE GATE and push bikes and scooters on the school premises. This will ensure that the school grounds remain safe for everyone.

Many thanks for your continued support.

#### School Meals- Update

This academic year, we have taken the catering 'in-house'. We have had fantastic feedback about the new school menus, which we designed taking parental views from questionnaires into account.

From 31/10/22, we will no longer be creating menus in a Word document / sending paper menus home. Instead, all the menus will be available to view on ParentPay. You will make your selection of meals and pay at the time of ordering. You will be able to order and pay for meals up to 4 weeks in advance. The new system does not allow for meals to be ordered on the day they are to be eaten; the latest time you can order and pay for a meal will be the day before.

As part of the transition from the current paper menu system to the online Parentpay version, we will be making paper versions available alongside the online version until Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October. From Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, only the online version will be available. If you are having difficulty ordering online, please ring the school office and ask to speak with Mrs Richardson or Mrs Crawford, who will be able to offer practical support.

### FREE Halloween Event at the Skylark Centre



# 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.

Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Non-uniform day raising funds for Candlelighters charity
Fri 21st Oct	End for half term
Mon 24th Oct - Sun 30th	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Oct	
Mon 31st Oct	Term Begins
Mon 31st - Fri 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 4.00-6.30pm / 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) & Xmas Lunch
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
Fri 16th Dec	Finish for Christmas
19th Dec -2nd Jan	Christmas holidays











