

Longman's Hill Community Primary School Newsletter



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Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the start of another busy term. Hopefully, you all had a lovely break with your families. The children have come back with enthusiasm, ready to take on any challenges which come their way, which is fantastic. This term, we are welcoming two new members of staff to Longman's Hill- Miss Davis and Mrs Dransfield, who will work as teaching assistants in Y3 and Y2 respectively.

Wraparound Provision

Last term Phazers announced, at incredibly short notice, that they would no longer be operating at our school. New wraparound care is now on offer- Sparkles Day Nursery, which is fully Ofsted registered, is able to offer before and after school care for children at our school. Children can be dropped off at their nursery, in town, from 7.30am and staff will drive the children to school. They can also collect children at 3.15pm, drive them back to the nursery, and can care for them until 5.30pm. Mandy Almond is the owner and also manages the facility on a day-to-day basis. All staff are DBS checked and Ofsted have registered the nursery, following visits to the site.

To make enquiries, or to book places, please call 07554864472

Reading Plus Programme - KS2

Children in KS2 have been set up with their own account on a reading programme we have bought licences for called Reading Plus. The children have been using the programme in school and will have brought home a letter last week with more details. The programme is expensive but we feel it is a good investment as there is an abundance of evidence that, when used at least 3 times per week for 15/20 minutes, children's reading attainment accelerates. The programme develops vocabulary, reading fluency and comprehension- all essential skills to be an effective and confident reader. We hope that parents can provide support by encouraging the children to log on at home as often as possible and complete reading challenges. The children will not need any support whilst using the programme because every child is provided with an individual library of books to read, at a level suitable for them, following an intensive baseline assessment which they completed before Christmas. Reading using Plus counts towards children 7 times reading weekly challenge- let's aim for a minimum of 3 sessions per week at home!

Y6 Booster Sessions

Miss Nicklin is running reading boosters (using Reading Plus) for children in Y6 between now and SATs in May. The sessions will run from 3.15-4.00pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, every week. A letter has already been sent out about this. Children can come to as many / few sessions as they like but we do need to know in advance which sessions children are signing up to. If you would like your child to be included in the booster sessions, and have not completed a consent form already, please contact school to get their name added to the club register. Thank you.

History quality mark

We are delighted to announce that once again, our school has been recognized for the superb quality of the curriculum we provide and have been awarded the History Quality Mark. This is a national accreditation and there is a lot of work that goes into getting it. Special thanks go to Miss Ramsay, our history lead, who worked very hard on the application process and setting up a school portfolio, showcasing what history looks like at Longman's Hill. The final stage of the process involved a full day inspection of history at the school- observing lessons, interviewing staff and children and scrutinizing work. Thanks to staff who were participants in the inspection day itself. We have been awarded the silver level; this is a fantastic achievement!

Magazine donations

Do your children have any unwanted magazines (in decent condition) that they have finished reading? If yes, we would welcome donations of any to school. In the spirit of re-using and re-cycling, we stopped purchasing new magazines for prizes a couple of years ago- many often came with plastic 'toys' which did not fit with our ethos of being as eco-friendly as possible. Any donations will be welcomed; please send in with your child or to the school office. Many thanks.

North Yorkshire Families newsletter

The latest edition of the North Yorkshire families magazine is now available online.

Click here [HERE](#)

Or follow this link:

<https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/familiesnorthyorkshirejanfeb23-digital?fr=sNzlmMjU2ODczOTE>

Maths Parent Drop-In Sessions

We are organizing maths parent drop-in sessions, week beginning 23rd January. A separate letter has been sent out with more details of dates and times for each class session. We always have very positive feedback from parents who join us so, if you haven't been before, why not give it a go! We look forward to welcoming you to school.

York City FC Shirt Design Competition- closing date 24th January



York City FC Foundation & York City FC have partnered up to launch an exciting competition for young people to design the front of York City FC warm up shirts that will be worn Pre-Game Saturday 25th Feb v Yeovil. During February, throughout the professional game, Clubs from across many leagues will be supporting Football v Homophobia. York City FC have chosen this fixture to celebrate and support our local LGBT+ Community, therefore we are looking for you to design

the pre match warm up shirts with this in mind. Blank templates are available on request from the school office to create the Front of the warm up shirt- the back will be left as seen on the competition page. We are looking for school pupils to join in and support the campaign. Please ensure that all entries are submitted to community@yorkcityfcfoundation.co.uk The Entry deadline is Midnight on Tuesday 24th January. Please include the following with your entry, Childs Name + Age, Parents/Carers Name, Contact Number & Email Address. Winners to receive a family ticket for the day of the game as well as the chance to have your photo taken with one of the shirts beside the pitch.

Selby Music Centre Saturday Morning Activities

Selby Music Centre is run by North Yorkshire County Music Service and meets at **Selby High School** on **Saturday mornings** from 9.30 am - 12.20pm. Currently, we have 4 different ensembles.



We can offer you a free half term of sessions to get you started!

'**Strings'n'things**' runs from 9.30 to 10.45 and is for complete beginners up to grade 1 on **violins, violas, cellos, guitars** and a few **keyboards**. If you don't yet learn an instrument, let me know and we can lend one to you!

Folk group runs from 9.30 - 10.45 and is for **guitar** players, from those who know a few chords up to more advanced musicians, plus **woodwind** players, **violinists** and **keyboard** players from about grade 1 upwards.

Selby Youth Choir is from 11.05 - 12.20 and is a great opportunity for anyone of primary school age to sing in a choir, led by an experienced choral conductor.

Senior Strings is from 11.05 - 12.20 and is for players of **violin, viola, cello and bass** from approximately grade 2 to grade 5.

During the break, our Friends group runs a tuck shop, and you can choose a **free** sweet treat on your first visit!

To book a place or get more information, get in touch with the organizer Helen Moulds

Helen.moulds@northyorks.gov.uk

Health & Safety Issue

Please make sure that bikes and scooters ARE NOT stored against the kitchen door which is located within the bike storage area. This door is a fire exit and it is essential that staff can open it freely, without it being blocked by bikes propped against it. We have spoken to the children in school about this too. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Diary Dates- Spring Term 2023

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.

W/B 23 th Jan	Maths parent drop ins
Thurs 9 th Feb	Young Voices trip with choir
Fri 10 th Feb	End for half term
Mon 13 th - Fri 17 th Feb	Half term holiday
Mon 20 th Feb	Term begins
Fri 24 th Feb	Y4 Mosque Visit - letter to follow
Mon 27 th Feb	EY & Y1 Mosque Visit - letter to follow
Thurs 2 nd March	World Book Day- details nearer the time
Fri 3 rd March	Y5 & Y6 Mosque Visit - letter to follow
Thu 9 th March	Class Photographs
Fri 10 th March	Y2 & Y3 Mosque Visit - letter to follow
Fri 17 th March	Red Nose Day- Comic Relief 2023- details nearer the time
W/B 20 th March	Stay & Create Week- classes to confirm own date and time
Tue 28 th and Thurs 30 th March	Parents evenings (Tue 3.30pm-5.30pm / Thur 4.00pm-6.30pm)
Fri 31 st March	Easter lunch & Last Day of Term
1/4/22- 19/4/22	Easter Holidays
Mon 17 th April	Training Day
Tues 18 th April	Term begins