

# Longman's Hill Community Primary School Newsletter



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## Health & Safety Issues/ Polite Reminders

Please can children and adults remember to dismount bikes and scooters at the school gates and then wheel / push their bike or scooter to the storage area. It is very busy on the school grounds at drop off/ pick up time, with lots of children milling about and it is not safe to have people riding on school grounds. Thank you.

**PARKING-** Please can I politely request again that parents park safely and considerately when dropping off / collecting children. Last week, we had a very near miss between a car and a child on a bike (on Parkways); although there were no injuries, things could have been a lot worse. Additionally, we have recently had two complaints from local residents about parents blocking their driveways (on Myrtle Ave). Please be mindful about where you park and ensure that the safety of all our children is paramount. Parents should not be parking on zig zag lines, which are now clearly marked near the entrances on both streets. Thank you.

## Medicines Policy

We appreciate that from time to time, children need some medicine during the school day. Our policy enables us to administer medicines, only if prescribed by a GP. We cannot give 'over the counter' medicines. If your child requires a member of staff to give prescribed medicine, please call in at the school office to sign a consent form. For 'over the counter' medicines, we are more than happy for you to arrange a time to come to school and give your child the medicine yourself. Again, please just speak to the office staff. Lip balms and throat sweets are not allowed in school.

## Fundraiser for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, we will be having a non-uniform day to raise funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. One of our parents, who has a pre-school aged child with the condition, is running in the London Marathon in April and is raising funds specifically for this charity. We would like to help by asking children to wear non-uniform in return for bringing a donation, which will all go directly to the charity. This is purely voluntary and children who do not wish to participate can come to school in uniform on that day. For children having PE that day, they can wear non-uniform PE kit.

### **PE Kit Reminder**

Just a reminder that children should come to school wearing their PE kit on PE days. We have a school uniform PE kit which should be worn consisting of:

#### **INDOOR**

White T-shirt with school logo OR plain white t-shirt

Plain Black shorts or black cycle shorts or black / dark blue leggings / jogging pants

Plimsolls/ trainers

#### **OUTDOOR**

White T-shirt with school logo OR plain white t-shirt

Plain Black shorts or black cycle shorts

Black/ Dark blue tracksuit/sweatshirt/ jogging pants

Trainers

**We do not allow brightly coloured sports clothing.** Trainers should not be worn on non-PE days, unless they are plain black with no logos/ colours.

Long hair should be tied up and earrings and jewellery are not allowed.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

### **Let's Get Reading!**

We have recently spoken to a selection of children across school to find out what their views on reading are. We had a great response and it is clear that children really enjoy choosing books from the wide range we have in school. Lots of children in KS2 were also very excited about our new Reading Plus programme, which is fantastic. Every child in Y3-6 has their own username and password to log onto this programme, giving them access to their own individual library of books, picked specifically for them and their reading ability. We strongly encourage children to access the programme often at home, but a minimum of 3 x 20 minutes is recommended.

Please also remember that we have some great books in our Longman's Little library, which is situated just outside the front office. Children can borrow books from here to read at home and then just return / swap them when ready.

Additionally, each class has a virtual library of books which they can access via the school website. Go to the children's zone- virtual libraries. Depending on the age of children within the class, children can access full books being read aloud to them or extracts of books / full texts they can read independently. If you have not already looked, give it a go!

### **World Book Day 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023**

Once again, we will be participating in World Book Day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Children will be able to participate in many activities during the day. We are inviting children to dress up as their favourite book character that day; this is purely voluntary and children who do not wish to join in may still wear school uniform as usual.

### 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.

Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	End for half term
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half term holiday
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Term begins
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y4 Mosque visit
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	EY & Y1 Mosque visit
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y5 and Y6 Mosque visit
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Photographs
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 & Y3 Mosque visit
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day- Comic Relief 2023- details nearer the time
WB 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Stay & create - classes to confirm own date and time
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> and Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents evenings (Tue 3.30-5.30pm / Thurs 4.00-6.30pm)
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter lunch & Last Day of Term
1/4/22- 17/4/22	Easter Holidays
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Training Day
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Term begins

