Longman's Hill Community Primary School Newsletter



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> Summer Term 2023 21/7/23

Summer holiday

Reaching the end of the year means we are sadly saying farewell to our Y6 leavers; although they will be missed, we know that they are all more than ready to move onto the next stage of their education. We wish them lots of luck as they move onto their chosen high schools.

We also say farewell to Mr Sylvester today who is leaving us to take on a new venture. I would like to thank him and wish him well for the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the fantastic staff and governors for their continued hard work and commitment to our school. May I also take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their support of the school once again this year. The impact of this support cannot be underestimated and it is very much appreciated. I hope that you all have a wonderful summer break with your families. We look forward to welcoming children back on <u>Tuesday 5th September</u>.

** HIGH IMPORTANCE **Changes to Hours of School Day from September 2023 REMINDER.

From September times, the NEW school times are as follows:

Doors open: 8.45am (was 8.50am) Register: 8.50am (was 9am) End of day: 3.20pm (was 3.15pm)

The first lesson will start at 8.55am and it is essential that children are in school by 8.50am so that they do not miss any learning time.

Attendance Updates

Mrs Crawford has asked me to express her thanks to parents. Following her appointment as Attendance Officer, she/we have seen a great improvement is our pupil's attendance. Mrs Crawford and I check our attendance figures each half term and send texts/letters at the end of each term, to pupils whose attendance is being more closely monitored. Your child's attendance at school is a very important part of their learning to ensure they avoid any missing gaps in their education.

Summer Fair Thanks

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of our summer fair. We raised just short of £1500 which is incredible! Particular thanks go to Mrs Richardson and Mrs Crawford in the school office who took on the lion's share of organisation as well as school staff who ran stalls. Thanks too to parents and other family members who helped set up the fair. Finally, thanks go to the local businesses who kindly donated prizes for our raffle:

Hamper- school staff / £30 voucher - Taylored Flower Company / £25 Voucher - The Forum Health & Beauty / £20 voucher - Dawsons Butchers & Bakers / $3 \times £20$ Nando voucher - Gough & Kelly / £15 voucher from Beauty by Lauren / $2 \times £10$ Fish & Chip Voucher - Mr Laws (The Crossings Fish & Chip Shop) / Voucher for 4 Extra Value or Happy meals - McDonalds / Football - Fit4Fun / Bottle of Prosecco - Work with Schools / 3×80 Bottles of red wine (Los Pastos Merlot) - David Millers / Bottle of wine and biscuits - Morrisons / Goodie bag - Boots the Chemist / Box of 12 wine glasses - PPS / 6-month Individual Ultimate Membership - Twinkl / One month free membership - Selby Leisure Centre / $2 \times 80 \times 60$ Dairy Box chocolates - Turner Price / Tumbling Tower - Academics / 2×80 Paint your own ceramic money box - Thornes Coaches / Perfume - FM Products / Voucher 1 month membership Serendipity Health & Fitness / Voucher £50 - Hilton Aesthetics / Voucher £30 - Beauty by Claire / Voucher £40 Kysher at Aesthetics



Get active with the Summer Reading Challenge 2023!

Children can once again sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at their local library during the holidays. This year the theme is Ready Set Read! and is all about the power of play, sport, games and physical activity.

The challenge for children is to read 6 library books of their choice and collect special stickers and other prizes along the way – everyone who finishes will receive a limited-edition Ready Set Read! medal and a certificate. Any child aged 4 to 11 can join in and the challenge runs from Sat 15^{th} July until Sat 9^{th} Sept.

There will also be a fantastic programme of activities in libraries all summer, many of them free, to go with the challenge – look out for flyers with more details which have been sent to schools for children to bring home.

Summer Activities

MATHS TREASURE TRAIL COMPETITION!







More Information 01904 890 122 | ian@valeofyork.org





NATURE RANGERS DAYS

Wednesday 26 July

Plants and Growing

Thursday 31st August

The Creatures in our Environment.

Monday 30th October

10am – 3pm

Seed Dispersal and Nocturnal Animals

Indoor and outdoor activities to explore the arboretum and learn about the creatures we share it with. Bring a bag to take creations home. Packed lunch recommended or lunch money for the Arboretum Café.

£15 per child – must be accompanied by an adult (Adult admission free)

Booking essential. Suitable for age 5 years & above.

POND DIPPING

Tuesday 1st August 10am, 11am, 1pm & 2pm

Come and dip for creatures/invertebrates in our pond with our education team. Look for the creatures that hide in the water plants at the edge of our lake.

Drop in session – Booking not required.

MINI-BEASTS

Monday 15th August 10am, 11am, 1pm and 2pm

Look for and identify mini beasts with our education team. Look for the creatures that hide under logs and stones

For more information & to book, visit yorkshirearboretum.org/events

Drop in session – Booking not required.

NETTLE AND DOCK WORKSHOPS

Mon 21st, Wed 23rd & Fri 25th August

Fun workshop with songs and stories.

Drop in sessions - Suitable for age 5 years & above .

BAT FEST DAY

Saturday 19th August 10am – 4pm

Visit the local bat group's stand during the day to chat all things bats along with for bat crafts and colouring.

Saturday 19th August 6.30pm – 10pm

The arboretum will be going batty about bats to celebrate 'International Bat Night'. Bat talks, bat activities and an evening BBQ and bat walk—with bat detectors and infrared camera over our lake.

£25 per child £35 per adult

For all ages - Booking essential for evening

GROW YOUR OWN OAK

Sunday 29th October 10am, 11am and 1pm

Wednesday 1st November

10am, 11am and 1pm

Drop in sessions - Booking not required.





Yorkshire Arboretum have a number of summer activities on offer for children over the summer. Check out the leaflet here or go to:

Yorkshirearboretum.org/events

School Diary Dates - Autumn 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 23/24'. Some activities/ dates may be subject to change but we will always contact parents to inform you of any changes.

The first day of the academic year 23/24 for the children will be on Tuesday 5th September.

Mon 4th September	Staff Development Day
Tues 5 th September	Children in (new EY transition 5 th -7 th staggered start)
Thurs 14 th September	Individual school photographs
W/B 18 th September	Maths parent drop ins- Maths trail- each class confirm own
	date and time
Thurs 28 th Sept	Macmillan cancer coffee morning 9.15am
Wed 27th - Fri 29 th	Y5 Robinwood
September	
Mon 9 th Oct	Mental Health Day – wear yellow & bring donation for charity
Fri 27 th Oct	End for half term
Mon 30 th Oct - Sun 5 th Nov	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Mon 6 th Nov	Term Begins
Mon 6 th Nov - Fri 10 th Nov	Year 6 Caythorpe Court
Fri 17 th Nov	Children in need - details will follow
Tue 21st and Thurs 23rd Nov	Parents evenings (Tue 4.00-6.30pm / Thurs 3.30-5.30pm)
W/B 27 th Nov	Stay and create - each class confirm own date and time
Fri 8 th Dec	Xmas jumper day (Save the children)
Fri 8 th Dec	School Xmas fair 3.30-5.00pm school hall
WB 11 th Dec	Xmas parties
	Mon 11 th - Yr 5/6
	Wed 13th - EY/KS1
	Thurs 14 th - Yr 3/4
Fri 15 th Dec	Carol Service at church 2pm
Tue 19 th Dec	Xmas performance KS1 and FS2 ONLY 5pm
Wed 20 th Dec	Xmas performance KS1 and FS2 ONLY 10am
	Xmas performance KS2 ONLY 5pm
Thurs 21st Dec	Xmas performance KS2 ONLY 10am
Tues 19 th Dec	School Xmas lunch
Thurs 21st Dec	Finish for Christmas
Fri 22nd Dec - Mon 8th Jan	Christmas holidays