Longman's Hill Community Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to the start of what I am sure will be yet another busy school year! We would like to welcome all our new children, both in Early Years and across school. We also welcome Miss Mills, teaching in Y1 and Mrs Huggins, our new midday supervisor.



Summer is almost over and Autumn is on the way!

At a loose end next Wednesday 10th September?

Come and join us for this month's Littlies session all about 'apples and Autumn' and bring your friends along, too!

We will have all our usual activities as well as themed areas including:

- Apple printing craft
- Taste-safe apple crumble messy play
- Autumn tuff tray play
- Autumn animal dress up and role play

We will end with an Autumn song and story.

Whether you have a baby, a toddler or a preschooler, come and join in the fun; we'd love to see you!

Uniform

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 (navy blue sweatshirts or cardigans, black or grey skirts/ trousers/ shorts and white polo t-shirts).
We also have a pre-loved uniform collection in school- if you are interested in any, please ask to speak with Mrs Hickling.
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. Children are NOT allowed to wear any smart watches / technology that has internet capability or the ability to take photographs. 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.

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 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.

Hours of School day - REMINDER.

The school times are as follows:

Doors open : 8.45am
Doors close: 8.50am
Register : 8.50am
Register closes : 8.55am (arrivals after 8.55am are classed as LATE)
Lessons begin: 8.55am
End of day : 3.20pm

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.

Contacting School

You can send emails to school on one of two admin emails as below:

admin@longmanshill.n-yorks.sch.uk
theoffice@longmanshill.n-yorks.sch.uk

We are currently recruiting a new admin assistant to replace Miss Hardcastle, who left at the end of the summer term. Therefore theoffice@ email is not always monitored. Urgent emails should be sent to the admin@ email. Thank you.

Class Dojo

Class Dojo is now available to parents. We have sent several letters last term, explaining how to join up, and also texted the link to join again this week. Please note, staff cannot receive or see content in messages sent by parents on Dojo. Please do not use dojo messaging to contact staff as they will not see messages. Our preferred methods remain as they have always been- email, telephone or notes in planners.

Moving forward, as more parents sign up, we will be using Dojo to replace the text message service in most cases so it would be fantastic to get as many sign ups as possible! You will be able to see when your child is awarded dojos so that you can support them from home with positive encouragement!

Collecting Children from School

Our priority is to ensure that children are safe. **Children in Early Years, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 MUST be collected by an adult over the age of 18.** If you wish for someone under the age of 18 to collect your child in these classes, please contact the school office to discuss the matter.

If someone different to usual is collecting your child, please ensure you inform school. Many thanks.

PE Days for Autumn Term 2025

Classes will have their PE days as below from September to December 2025. Please ensure your child wears school PE kit on these days. Long hair should be tied back and **earrings cannot be worn** for health and safety reasons. Swimming does not start until after Xmas.

Children who attend sports clubs before / after school should wear school PE kit.

Class	PE days
EYFS	Tuesdays / Fridays
Y1	Wednesdays / Fridays
Y2	Mondays / Fridays
Y3	Tuesdays/ Wednesdays
Y4	Mondays / Tuesdays
Y5	Mondays / Tuesdays
Y6	Mondays / Fridays

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Once again we will be supporting this fantastic charity by organising a coffee morning at school on Friday 26th September. The coffee morning will begin at 9.15am in the school hall. Please come along to support us! We would welcome donations of cakes, buns and cookies for this event. We will also be giving each child a bun for a voluntary donation of 50p to raise funds so donations of baked goods (no nuts please!) are most welcome. Baked goods can be dropped off at the office or brought to class in the morning. Thank you in advance for your support

Nut Allergies- Polite Reminder

We have a number of children in school with allergies to nuts which are severe and potentially life-threatening. When affected, the child would require an epipen to bring any adverse allergic reaction under control. Diagnosis of allergies requiring an epipen should not be taken lightly; in very serious circumstances where a severe reaction is triggered, the outcome can be fatal.

We hope that you will join us in making the school as safe an environment as possible for these

children. We understand that we cannot ask parents to avoid using all of the food products these children are allergic to. However, we respectfully request that you refrain from sending any nuts/ peanuts / products clearly containing nuts into school, in children's pack ups or when other food items are sent into school, for example for Christmas parties or to celebrate birthdays.

In circumstances where such products are sent in packed lunches, we will remove the item and pop a reminder slip into the pack up. Thank you all for helping us keep school safe for these children.

Fundraising at our school

With school budgets being ever stretched, we are always looking for ways we can boost our school funds. We would therefore like to draw your attention to the things below and ask for your help!

Clothes/ Shoe/ Bric-a-brac bank on school site

Just a reminder that we now have a clothes collection bin on site near the car park entrance. We will earn £200 for school funds for every ton of clothing collected so please consider dropping unwanted items off here.

If you have any unwanted items from the list below, now or in the future, please consider dropping them off in our new school collection bin. It is convenient and saves time-consuming trips to the charity shops or throwing items away which end up in landfill.
Items we **can** collect are as follows:

- Clean reusable clothes (adults or children)
- **Paired shoes (adults or children)**
- Clean Bedding / towels/ curtains
- Accessories / belts/ handbags
- Bric-a-brac
- Toys

We cannot collect:
Single shoes, carpet, rugs, duvets, pillows, glass, metal, paper. THANK YOU!

Easy Fund Raising

We've also registered Longman's Hill Community Primary School with #easyfundraising, which means over 7,500 brands will now donate to us for FREE every time you use easyfundraising to shop with them. These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – it's completely FREE and doesn't take long. Sign up here: https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/longmans-hill-community-primary-school/az3l1c/ca/1yUpvjwa/A2303/facebook

We will also be organizing all sorts of fundraising events this year and will sent out details in due course!

School Diary Dates- Autumn Term 2025

Whilst we endeavor to adhere to these dates, there may be occasion when dates change due to unforeseen circumstances, but we will attempt to inform you in good time.

The dates for the whole academic year 25/26 can be found on the school website - https://www.longmanshill.co.uk/news-events-recruitment/term-dates/

Mon 1st September	Staff Development Day
Tues 2nd September	Children in (new EY transition 2nd-4th staggered start)
Thurs 11th Sept	Individual school photographs
Thurs 18th Sept	KS2 Drax Trip
WB 22nd September	Maths parent drop ins- each class confirm own date and time
Fri 26th sept	Macmillan cancer coffee morning 9.00am
Wed 1st- Fri 3rd	Y5/6 Robinwood Trip
Thurs 2nd Oct	KS1 Drax Trip
Wed 8th Oct	Open Day 1 for Sept 2026 starters (10am)
Fri 10th Oct	Mental Health Day – wear yellow & bring donation for charity
Thurs 16th Oct	Open Day 2 for Sept 2026 starters (1.30pm)
Fri 24th Oct	End for half term
Mon 27th Oct – Fri 31st Oct	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Mon 3rd Nov	Term Begins
W/B 10th November	Anti-bullying Week
Fri 14th Nov	Children in need – details will follow
Tue 18th and Thurs 20th Nov	Parents evenings (Tue 4-6.30pm / Thurs 3.30-5.30pm)
W/B 24th Nov	Stay and Create
Fri 5th Dec	Xmas jumper day (Save the children)
Fri 5th Dec	School Xmas fair 3.30-5.00pm school hall
WB 8th Dec	Xmas parties Mon 8th- Yr 5/6 (coach and Y5 teacher in Y6 ppa slot) Wed 10th- EY/KS1 (coach and EY/Y2 class teachers in Y1 PPA slot) Thurs 11th- Yr 3/4
Tues 16th Dec	Carol Service at church 10am
Tue 16th Dec	Xmas **performance** KS1 and FS2 ONLY 5pm
Tues 16th Dec	School Xmas lunch
Wed 17th Dec	Xmas **performance** KS1 and FS2 ONLY 10am
Thursday 18th Dec	Finish for Christmas (Not in school Friday 19th- Training Day)
Mon 23rd Dec –Mon 6th Jan	Christmas holidays