

# Longshaw Primary School Newsletter

**Tuesday 12th March 2019**

## Message from Mrs Woods

Thank you to all parents that responded to our parent questionnaire—we had a total of 97 responses.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree %	Don't know
My child likes coming to this school	45	51	4	0	0
My child is kept safe at school	43	49	4	1	3
Behaviour is good—most children behave well	19	66	7	1	7
School deals with any behaviour issues or cases of bullying effectively	14	45	6	4	31
My child's class teacher is approachable & effective in dealing with any concerns I have.	32	50	9	0	9
The Senior Leadership Team (HT / AHT) are approachable and effective if I have any concerns.	44	38	1	1	16
My child is making good progress.	31	57	11	1	2
I am kept informed about how my child is getting on.	23	54	16	5	2
The school communicates effectively about school events & activities	34	54	8	0	4
School seeks the views of parents & takes account of their suggestions	23	56	13	0	8
I feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions or a problem or a complaint	29	60	6	0	5
Staff expect my child to work hard and do his / her best	27	67	2	0	4
Staff encourage my child to become mature and independent	28	55	3	0	14
The school provides appropriate homework	24	52	14	3	7

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There is a good range of activities that my child finds interesting & enjoyable	16	58	20	2	4
I feel welcome in the school and am encouraged to take part in school activities & events	30	53	9	1	7
The school is well led and managed	26	62	7	0	5
I would recommend this school to another family <b>(Not all parents responded)</b>	22	48	8	5	17
<b>NURESRY PARENTS ONLY:</b> The arrangements for my child to settle in to their class were good.	23	62	0	0	15

<p><b>What has improved about Longshaw since September 2018:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication</li> <li>• School is safer</li> <li>• School day—loss of enrichment / changes to timings</li> <li>• Teachers / stability of staffing</li> <li>• Stronger leadership</li> <li>• Head listens to views and proactive / is visible &amp; approachable / wants the best for the school / out on school gate every day</li> <li>• Reading club</li> <li>• Issues dealt with effectively</li> <li>• School feels more stable &amp; a happier place—less negative / happier staff / improved morale / sense of community / trust</li> <li>• New Head teacher shows care</li> <li>• Everything</li> <li>• Parents invited to assemblies</li> <li>• Children's pantomime</li> <li>• Activities more inclusive for working parents</li> <li>• Advanced warning about events</li> <li>• Gates opening on time</li> <li>• Homework has improved / age appropriate</li> <li>• Children given more leadership roles</li> <li>• Head teacher &amp; team more approachable &amp; signs of improvement</li> <li>• Daily assemblies</li> </ul>	<p><b>What you would like us to do better:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More structured Art / Music lessons (work with artist)</li> <li>• More activities: sports / after school clubs / competitions / chess</li> <li>• More PE equipment / involvement in Waltham Forest school sports programme</li> <li>• Homework—marking</li> <li>• Consistency in handwriting style</li> <li>• Remain a local school for the local community</li> <li>• Playground supervision / lunchtime activities / Teacher on the playground before school.</li> <li>• Unlock the gates at the right time</li> <li>• Better school lunches / improve quality of food / Gluten free options</li> <li>• Infant playground—more stimulating</li> <li>• More trips for the children / Residential trip for Y5/6</li> <li>• More book sales</li> <li>• Termly meetings with the SENCO / extra support for children with different abilities (including more able)</li> <li>• Communication with teachers—not just on parents evening</li> <li>• More volunteers</li> <li>• More rewards for consistently good behaviour / more discipline</li> <li>• Keep website up to date</li> <li>• More affordable breakfast / after school club</li> <li>• Office—improve admin</li> </ul>
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# WORLD BOOK DAY

Thank you to all the children and staff that took part in World Book Day 2019!

It's such an important day and a good reminder to us all that reading should be fun. We saw a whole range of bedtime characters on the day including Willie Wonka, Harry Potter; Cinderella and many others as well as those ready for bedtime reading in their pyjamas.



Pupils in Year 4 enjoyed Viking Day last week when they dressed as Vikings and took part in a day long workshop. The children got a great deal from the day and were able to tell me lots of interesting facts that they learnt. Well done everyone.



Well done to our Year 3 explorers who also took part in an exciting Roman Workshop on Monday 25th February.

The children's costumes looked great and they all thoroughly enjoyed learning / being a Roman Soldier on the day!



On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, we will be taking part in Red Nose Day and are inviting all our children to come to school dressed with 'Crazy Hair' in return for a £1 donation.

We are also selling Red Noses – if you would like to purchase one, please come to the school office either before or after school. Noses will be available to buy for £1.25.

All of the money raised will be donated to Red Nose Day/Comic Relief.

Also on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March there will be KS1 Film Night! This is to raise money for some upcoming KS1 events.

KS1 Film Night will be from 3.20pm – 5.30pm. Any children staying for film night should be picked up at 5.30pm from the infant hall (the infant gate will be opened from 5.20pm – 5.40pm for collection purposes). Siblings of KS1 children will also be able to attend.

Tickets cost £3 and the price includes a drink and a snack. The film being shown is 'Small Foot' which was only released on DVD recently.



# Reminders & Calendar Events

## School Meals

### School meals cost £2.20 a day / £11 a week

Meals should be paid for online using **Parentmail**. If any parent is having difficulty accessing their account, then a cash or cheque payment may be made at the school office. Cheques are made payable to **Longshaw Primary Academy**.

School dinners need to be paid in advance. If you owe over £20 we will be unable to give your child any further school meals until the debt has been settled. You will need to provide a home packed lunch instead. If you have any problems with payment then please speak to one of our office staff.

## ParentMail Reminder

Longshaw Primary Academy is a cashless school. We have recently had a number of events/trips being paid for last minute by cash. Please log in to your ParentMail account to make future payments. Please bear in mind that if you miss the payment due date you will not be able to find the item on ParentMail as the item expires when the deadline has passed. In some cases if you are having difficulty making payment though ParentMail then we will accept cash but only if it is the correct amount as we do not have change on site. Below is a reminder of how to pay using ParentMail.

#### How to pay using ParentMail

- Log-in to your ParentMail account.
- Select 'Payments'
- Once in 'Payments' you can select either:
  - 'To Pay' – you can view outstanding or partly paid items
  - 'Shop' – you can view new items for you to purchase
- Under 'Shop' select items to purchase and click 'Add to Basket'
- Click 'Pay Now' and follow payment instructions.

## PARKING REMINDER

Please can I remind all parents, friends and families to park safely and considerately when dropping off / collecting children from school.

Thank you!



14.3.19	Y4O Class Assembly—Parents invited 9am
15.3.19	Red Nose Day—Ks1 Film Night 3.20pm-5.30pm
18.3.19	Mayan Day for year 6
19.3.19	9-10am School Nurse Drop in session for parents
20.3.19	Year 5 Trip to Lee Valley
21.3.19	Y4A Class Assembly—Parents invited 9am
28.3.19	Y3A Class Assembly—Parents invited 9am
3.4.19	LAF Easter Cupcake Competition & Cake Sale
4.4.19	EASTER ASSEMBLY - Times tbc
5.4.19	CHILDREN BREAK UP FOR EASTER BREAK
8.4.19—22.4.19	EASTER HOLIDAYS
23.4.19	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
26.4.19	Kittle Photographers (Class photos)
30.4.19	2-3pm School Nurse Drop in session for parents
2.5.19	Y3H Class Assembly—Parents invited 9am
6.5.19	BANK HOLIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
9.5.19	1H Assembly
13th—16th May	KEY STAGE 2 SAT ASSESSMENT WEEK
16.5.19	Governor Meeting—6pm
21.5.19	9-10am School Nurse Drop in session for parents
27.5.19—31.5.19	HALF TERM
3.6.19	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
18.6.19	Steve McQueen Y3 Art Project 2-3pm School Nurse Drop in Session for parents
11.7.19	Governor meeting—6pm 9-10am School Nurse Drop In Session for parents
19.7.19	CHILDREN BREAK UP FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Save the Date Thursday 4th April 2019

### EASTER ASSEMBLY

We will be holding an Easter celebration in school which all children will take part in at the end of the Spring term. All parents are invited to attend.

### PARENT CONTACT DETAILS

Please can we remind all parents to ensure that you inform us of any changes to your contact details. This also includes email addresses.

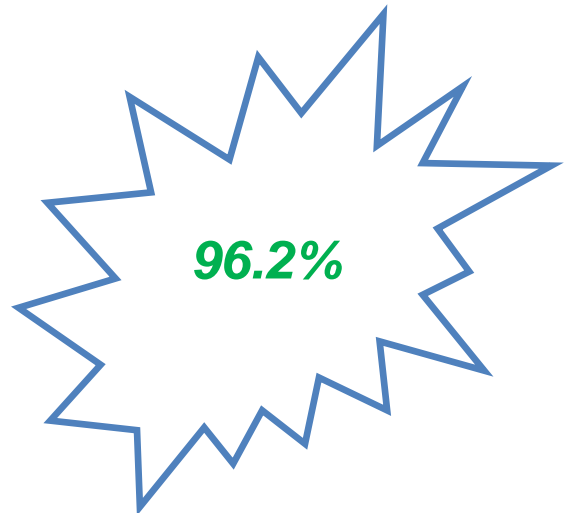
In order for us to keep you up to date with letters, regular updates and information etc, please make sure that you are signed to Parentmail. Thank you.

# Attendance & Punctuality

## EVERY LESSON COUNTS!

Our current whole school attendance is:

Class	Week ending 1.3.19	Week ending 8.3.19
Reception	98.7	93.3
Y1P	99.1	90.0
Y1H	98.3	98.3
Y2W	97.5	97.1
Y2C	98.6	97.6
Y3A	96.8	99.2
Y3H	98.4	99.2
Y4O	100	97.1
Y4A	100	96.2
Y5P	97.5	92.9
Y5L	96.5	93.1
Y6H	98.0	97.0
Y6M	92.6	94.2
Overall	98.0	95.8



## HERE'S A REMINDER ABOUT SOME OF THE COMMON ILLNESSES AND THE ADVICE GIVEN

Illness	Going to	Treatment	More Advice
Chicken Pox	Yellow	Pharmacy	Back to school in 5 days after the onset of the rash
Common cold	Green	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand washing.
Flu	Yellow	Pharmacy	Ensure good hygiene
Hand, foot & mouth disease	Green	GP	Only need to stay off school if feeling too ill.
Tonsillitis	Green	Pharmacy	See GP if temperature lasts more than 48 hours or cannot swallow
Conjunctivitis	Green	Pharmacy	Try not to touch eyes to avoid spreading
Head Lice	Green	Pharmacy	Please treat and regularly check your child's hair.
Sickness bug / diarrhoea	Yellow	Pharmacy	Back to school after 48hours—See GP if symptoms persist after this.
Measles / Impetigo / German measles & Whooping Cough	Red	GP	Take your child to the GP and follow recommended advice.

Don't go to school—see the GP

Can be catching. Some restrictions for school attendance

Go to school—if needed get treatment as shown