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Newsletter

1st November 2019

Message from Mrs Woods

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend our Parent Information sessions on 31st October. We felt it was a helpful opportunity for us to take you through some of the work that is underway to support school improvement and what we'll be continuing to put in place over the coming year.

One of the key things that I have been reflecting on is how we can communicate even more clearly and often with you. Alongside United Learning and our local governing board (LGB), we very much recognise the positive role you already play in Longshaw life. However, it was clear from some of your feedback that there is even more we can do to together.

I will be writing in the next couple of weeks to set up and invite you to a series of Parent Forums. This time together can be used to:

- Give parents first hand updates about what is going well in the school. For example, asking pupils to share some work and talk about their current learning.
- Focus on one or two key topics that we discuss and explore in some depth; for example, how can we use social media better to communicate with parents.

These Forums will obviously sit alongside the invaluable work of the Longshaw Academy Friends (LAF) and our LGB, but will be very much distinct from that. I look forward to sharing more details over the coming weeks and hope many of you will choose to join us for them.

Harvest Festival

Thank you for the generous donations to what became a very respectable Harvest collection, just before half term. The Pastor who runs the local food bank at South Chingford Congregational Church was delighted and extends his thanks to you too.

Schools often support charities that undertake valuable work nationwide and internationally and remembering to support local causes is equally important - after all 'charity begins at home'.

If you would like to know more about the local food bank, visit their website: <http://chingfordcong.org.uk/whatson/activities/food-bank/>



Verse Speaking Contest

The verse speaking contest was run for a second year and saw the bar raised by all the children.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the event on a number of levels—captivated by the performances in the class rounds and during the voting stages. They listened spellbound, clearly loving every minute of it. In class rounds they coached and gave positive ideas for improving performances.

Right from the beginning, when the children heard that the competition was happening many were excited and eager to let new members of staff know what a special annual event it was for the school. Staff members have reported that they feel the poetry event has boosted the confidence of children both as performers, in their critical thinking and in delivering feedback and encouraging each other.



Fire Fire!

Year 2 have really loved exploring 'The Great Fire of London' Topic and have learned so much about this important event in history. To finish off their topic, the children enjoyed a visit from the local fire brigade this week, who talked about how fires can be prevented. The children loved getting up close to the fire engine and setting off the siren!



Happy Halloween everyone!

Thank you to all LAF members who hosted such a great night of Halloween Discos for our pupils.

The children across the school really dressed up for the occasion in their best Halloween outfits and would have fitted in well at Hotel Transylvania!

The children (and staff) had a great night—Thank you for your support.

Staffing News



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We sadly have to say goodbye to one of our teaching assistants, Mrs Surry, who is leaving Longshaw after six and a half years of working here. Mrs Surry has been a huge asset to the Longshaw team and we will all be sad to see her leave.

On behalf of all the parents, staff, pupils and governors, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Surry for all her hard work and support for the pupils she has worked with over the years. We wish her lots of happiness for the future.

We will also say goodbye to Miss Bansal at the end of the autumn term as she moves on to a new Deputy Head Teacher role in a new school in January 2020. Miss Bansal joined Longshaw in January 2018 and as well as being a member of the Senior Leadership Team, has taught pupils in Year 6 and more recently, our Nursery. We will be sad to see her leave but look forward to making the most of the final few weeks she has left with us.

Congratulations!

As many parents will already be aware, we have a small number of teachers due to go on maternity leave during this school year. Mrs Gibbs will be the first of these teachers and will be starting her leave at the end of this term (December 2019).

We are already taking steps to ensure that, during this time, suitable replacements are found. We will be communicating with parents about any changes to their child's class teacher nearer the time, but please do let me know if you have any particular questions. Our priority is always making sure there is as much continuity and consistency as possible for pupils and our wider team will be providing close support during any periods of maternity cover.

Reminders & Calendar Events

Children In Need 2019

This year to help raise money for Children in Need we will be holding a non-school uniform day on

Friday 15th November

Children can come to school dressed in their own clothes for a small donation of £1



Christmas Fete

13.12.19

As the festive season fast approaches, please can I take this opportunity to let you know that LAF are already starting to make preparations for our school Christmas fete which was a huge success last year.

If you are willing and available to help with the preparations, then please do let us know—you can speak directly to one of our LAF members or let our office staff know.



4.11.19–	Bikeability Year 3 & 4
4.11.1– 8.11.19	Traveling book fair
5.11.19– 7.11.19	Nursery parent consultation meetings 1.30-3.00pm
6.11.19	Parent Consultation Evening
11.11.19	KS2 Reading workshop
15.11.19	Year 6 cinema trip Children in Need– non uniform day
25.11.19	Year 5 IWM Trip
28.11.19	Year 3-6 Coppelia Theatre trip
29.11.19	EYFS & KS1 Panto
7.11.19	1P Assembly 9am
14.11.19	3H Assembly 9am
19.11.19	School Nurse Drop In 9-10am
21.11.19	5L Assembly 9am
27.11.19– 28.11.19	Reception & year 6 Height/Weight
5.12.19	6H Assembly 9am
12.12.19	EYFS Production (details to follow)
13.12.19	FLU Nasal Spray- Reception-Year 6 Christmas Fete
17.12.19	School Nurse Drop In 2-3 pm
20.12.19	CHILDREN BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
7.1.20	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
14.1.20	School Nurse Drop In 9-10am
11.2.20	School Nurse Drop In 2-3pm
13.2.20	CHILDREN BREAK UP FOR FEBRUARY HALF TERM
24.2.20	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
10.3.20	School Nurse Drop In 9-10am
3.4.20	CHILDREN BREAK UP FOR EASTER HALF TERM
21.4.20	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL School Nurse Drop In 2-3pm
8.5.20	MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY (FRIDAY)
12.5.20	School Nurse Drop In 9-10am
22.5.20	CHILDREN BREAK UP FOR MAY HALF TERM
16.6.20	School Nurse Drop In 2-3pm
2.6.20	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
7.7.20	School Nurse Drop In 9-10am
17.7.20	CHILDREN BREAK UP FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS

#LEYTONPLAYSTRONG



Sister Club
Arsenal
Female Only
FOOTBALL
Player Development Centre
AFC LEYTON

Girls aged 3 to 6 years (Infants)
Wednesdays 5pm to 6pm
Saturdays 9am to 10am
All sessions are free

Girls aged 7 to 11 years (Juniors)
Saturdays 10am to 1130am
First 2 sessions are free

Girls aged 11 to 16 years (Seniors)
Saturdays 10am to 1130am
First 2 sessions are free

Book online:
afcleyton.co.uk/join

AFC Leyton Home Ground, Walthamstow, E4 8ST
White gates behind Sainsbury's Low Hall (off Billet)

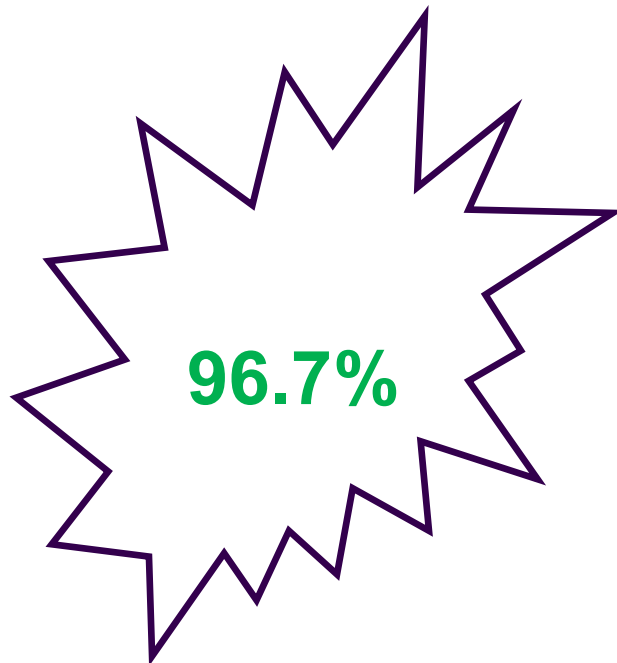


Attendance & Punctuality

Please help us achieve our 96% whole school attendance target by sending your child in to school every day and on time.

Class	Week ending 11.10.19	Week ending 18.10.19
RRP	98.8	95.3
RH	90.8	90.0
Y1P	98.0	93.3
Y2C	99.5	98.0
Y2W	96.2	95.2
Y3A	96.1	92.6
Y3H	98.2	97.3
Y4O	97.6	96.4
Y4A	98.1	96.2
Y5P	97.0	95.6
Y5L	98.6	97.9
Y6H	97.2	99.0
Y6M	97.2	97.6
Overall	97.2	95.7

Our overall whole school attendance figure is



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

Illness	Going to school	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	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

Go to school—if needed get treatment as shown