



Longshaw Primary Academy

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Part of United Learning

Newsletter

15th November 2019

Message from Mrs Woods

The last couple of weeks have been very busy with lots happening in school.

Thank you to all parents that were able to attend Parents Evening on 6 November. I hope that you found the opportunity to speak to teachers and look in children's books helpful in seeing the progress your children are making. Hopefully you will have also noticed the changes in classrooms with the introduction of new learning walls and new displays along the corridors which celebrate children's work from Nursery to Year 6.

Thank you to parents that spoke to me individually on the evening - it's really warming to hear you say such positive things about the school, and the changes you can see taking place.

Parent Questionnaires

Hopefully you have all been able to access the United Learning parent questionnaire and have taken the opportunity to provide us with some feedback. Your voice in the school is so important to the improvement of the school. If you cannot find the link to the questionnaire or think that you have not been sent it, then please check your junk email first. If you are still not able to find the link, then please speak to Mrs Turner in the school office who will be able to assist.

United Learning

Subject advisers from United learning have been in to school and worked with members of staff to support planning and teaching in English and Maths. Some of our teachers have also visited Langford school to observe teaching and learning and look at standards of pupils work in books.

Mark Cole (Regional Director) also came in to school on 5 November and completed a learning walk with myself and Seamus Gibbons. Whilst we know there's still much to do, it is important to acknowledge the positives in what we have achieved so far. Here's what Mark fed back to staff:

"It was great to see a new curriculum in place. Older pupils could talk with me about their learning, including the new facts and vocabulary they have been learning. Whilst it is early days, it is clear to see how pupils are responding positively to the raised bar in subjects that are not Maths and English.

It was most pleasing to see a more coherent and inclusive education offer for pupils with SEND. I know that all staff and leaders have been working hard on this. Whilst there is always more that can be done, I can see a clear sea of change in this work and this is what I will be reporting back to the national director and trustees."

Y6 trip to the Cinema

Pupils in Year 6 enjoyed a trip to the cinema on Friday 15 November. As always the children's behaviour and manners were impeccable and we received positive feedback on this—Well done Year 6!

Parent Forum

What is a Parent Forum?

Parent Forums are meetings between parents and the school with agendas for discussion and action.

Meetings:

- Enable parents to meet, share ideas and feed back to the school.
- Give parents a voice and enables them to contribute to school decision making.
- Help develop a partnership between parents and school.
- Consult with parents and advises the governing body of parents' views.

Please note that we do not discuss items relating to specific pupils, specific parents or individual school staff. These matters should be discussed one to one with the relevant teacher or phase leader initially and referred to SLT if appropriate.

Why are we introducing a Parent Forum?

In my last newsletter I talked about the school introducing a new Parent Forum. This followed the feedback from parents during the United Learning meeting on 31 October.

How often will Parent Forum meetings take place?

We will aim to hold a meeting once every half term.

Who can become a member of the Parent Forum?

It would be useful to have up to ten parents who represent a cross section of pupils, including different age groups, genders, EAL, SEN and Extended day users. If you can commit to attending our meetings and are interested in becoming a member of our Parent Forum, then please email the school office:

office@longshawprimaryacademy.org.uk . Names will be selected on a first come first served basis.

FIRST MEETING

We will be holding the first of our **Parent Forum** meetings **on Monday 2 December at 9.15am.**

As a way of introduction, Mrs Ormerod will introduce parents to the school's new Curriculum, giving you an insight to the topics being taught, Pop Quizzes, Thinking Squares and Topic Organisers we have introduced. We will bring along a sample of pupils books for you to have a look at and give you the chance to hear first hand from pupils what it all looks like in practice!

It will be a good opportunity to receive some feedback.

Reminders & Calendar Events

Children In Need 2019

Thank you to everyone that came in to school wearing non-school uniform to support Children in Need 2019 on Friday 15 November.

Collectively we managed to raise £200.97



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.

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.

Do not park on yellow lines or across resident driveways.

Thank you!



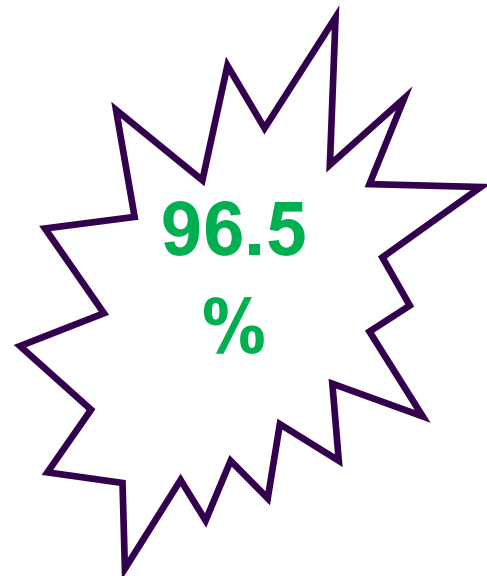
14.11.19	3H Assembly 9am
15.11.19	Year 6 Cinema Trip Children in Need– non uniform day
19.11.19	School Nurse Drop In 9-10am
20.11.2019	LAF Meeting Re: Christmas Fete
21.11.19	5L Assembly 9am
25.11.19	Year 5 IWM Trip
27.11.19 – 28.11.19	Reception & Year 6 Height/Weight Checks
28.11.19	Year 3-6 Coppelia Theatre Trip
29.11.19	EYFS & KS1 Panto LAF Non -Uniform Day—donation for Christmas Fete
4.12.19	KS1 Christmas Production (details to follow)
5.12.19	6H Assembly 9am
6.12.19	Christmas Jumper Day
9.12.19	Christmas Carol Service Rehearsal
10.12.19	Christmas Carol Service 9.30am
11.12.19	EYFS Christmas Production (details to follow)
12.12.19	Polling Station for General Election (School open as usual) Christmas Lunch
13.12.19	FLU Nasal Spray- Reception-Year 6 Christmas Fete
17.12.19	School Nurse Drop In 2-3 pm
19.12.19	4O Assembly 9am KS1 & KS2 Class Christmas Parties
20.12.19	CHILDREN BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS- NORMAL SCHOOL FINISHING TIME
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

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 1/11/19	Week ending 8/11/19	Week ending 15/11/19
RRP	91.2	94.9	99.2
RH	86.1	88.1	90.3
Y1P	97.9	94.3	93.3
Y2C	98.8	95.5	95.8
Y2W	89.3	96.7	95.2
Y3A	92.9	95.7	96.5
Y3H	98.3	95.5	98.2
Y4O	95.0	99.6	97.2
Y4A	99.0	98.1	97.7
Y5P	97.2	100.0	97.0
Y5L	97.3	97.5	95
Y6H	93.1	100.0	93.8
Y6M	96.6	97.9	97.6
Overall	94.9	96.5	95.9

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 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