



Longshaw Primary Academy

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Newsletter

27th January 2020

Message from Mrs Woods

Maths Times Tables Meeting

A number of our parents attended a Times Tables meeting on Tuesday 14th January, led by UL Maths specialist teacher—Mark Stephenson. It was really good to hear how informative parents felt the session was and how it's really helped them to understand the schools approach to teaching times tables.

Staffing Update

Congratulations!

On behalf of the whole school community I'd like to say a huge congratulations to Mrs Gibbs who gave birth to a healthy baby boy on 8th January and to Miss Parker who gave birth to a healthy baby girl on 22nd January.

Both mothers and their babies are doing well - we look forward to meeting them soon.



Maternity Leave

Mrs Coyne is looking forward to her imminent maternity leave and is excited about welcoming her new baby in to the world very soon. Mrs Coyne's last day in school will be Friday 31st January.

On behalf of everyone, I'd like to thank Mrs Coyne for her commitment and dedication to Longshaw. We wish her and her family all the very best as three become four!

Goodbye and Good Luck

It is with sadness that Miss Bond has decided not return to Longshaw at the end of her maternity leave in April as she will focus all her attention on her young family. I'd therefore like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Bond for all her work as SENCO last year and wish her and her family lots of happiness in the future.

Other News

UL—SEND Review

John Keech—National SEND lead for UL primary schools visited our school on Wednesday 22nd January.

John visited our school in April 2019 when Longshaw first joined United Learning and conducted an audit of Special Educational Needs provision across the school.

Since then, all school staff have been working hard to implement recommendations with the support of myself (SENCO in the absence of Miss Bond), Mr Richards, Hannah Morgan (Inclusion Manager at Windrush) and Kim Cooper (Langford).

Nina Hallouma (SEND Governor) joined myself and John at the end of the day to receive feedback on progress so far which was really positive.

'Overall there have been improvements to the SEND provision at Longshaw—classrooms are inclusive to all children and teachers pedagogy (knowledge and teaching) around SEND is stronger.

New assessment systems enable greater clarity around pupils next steps and there is a more joined up way of working between TAs and teachers.'

There is a really positive feel within the school as we continue on our journey of improvement and we are proud of everyone's efforts and support.

Parent & Pupil Surveys

Thank you to everyone that took the time to complete the Parent Survey last term. Your feedback is important to us and I can now share some of the headlines. Senior leaders will use this information to plan next steps and work with parents through our Parent Forum to open discussion around some of the areas.

Parent Surveys

Initial analysis of parent surveys – top 3 scoring questions (average score out of 5):

- **It is important to me that my child attends school every day (4.8)**
- **I believe that working hard at school is important for my child's future (4.7)**
- **My child's teacher treats me with respect (4.3)**

Lowest 3 scoring questions:

- **The school makes it easy for me to find out what my child is learning so that I can support their learning at home (2.7)**
- **Provision for SEND (2.5)**
- **I would recommend the school to family and friends (2.0)**

Pupil Survey

Top 3 scoring questions:

- **It's important that I come to school every day (4.7)**
- **My teacher often presents new information clearly and in small steps (4.7)**
- **My teacher always knows what I need to work on in Maths (4.6)**

Lowest 3 scoring questions:

- **I read to an adult at school (3.3)**
- **I often write at home e.g. stories, letters, emails (2.9)**
- **An adult at home reads to me (2.5)**

Message from Longshaw Chair of Governors

Following our recent election I can announce that James Cain and Francesca Crimp were successful in being elected to the Longshaw Local Governing Body (LGB). The election was extremely close, and I would like to offer my thanks and commiserations to Nicola Lainchbury.

Both new parent governors were inducted onto the LGB at our meeting on Thursday evening (23.1.20), along with another two new governors. The minutes of the meeting will be available on the school website soon, along with some more information about the LGB.

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 payment may be made at the school office.

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.

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!



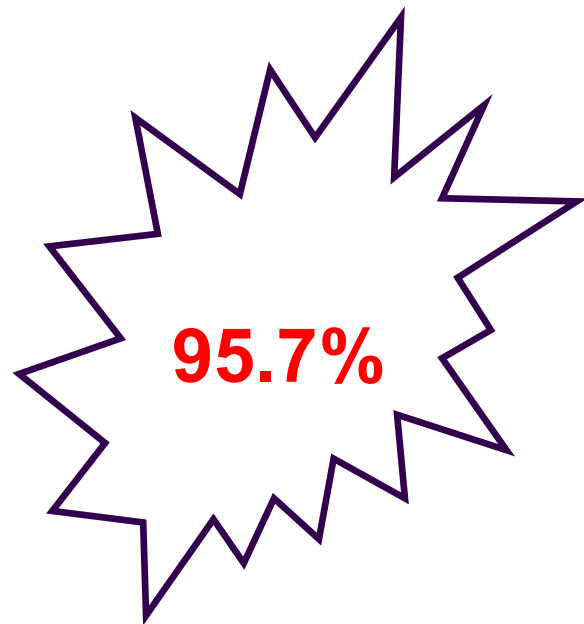
27.1.20-31.1.20	Year 6 Mock SATS week
30.1.20	Reception class assembly RH & RR 9am
4.2.20	Final story slam year 5/6 selected pupils
6.2.20	1P Class Assembly 9am
11.2.20	School Nurse Drop In 2-3pm
12.2.20	Year 5 trip to the Tower of London
13.2.20	40 Class Assembly 9am CHILDREN BREAK UP FOR FEBRUARY HALF TERM - (normal time)
14.2.20	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET DAY
24.2.20	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
25.2.20	Year 6 parents meeting –SAT's and France trip -9am and 5pm
26.2.20-27.2.20	School Nurses Team visiting –Reception (height and weight, vision and hearing)
4.3.20	John Kirk story teller visiting school
5.3.20	World Book Day 2020- (Books at bed time theme) 3H Class Assembly 9am
10.3.20	School Nurse Drop In 9-10am Birdman Workshop/Assembly
11.3.20	Parent Consultation Evening & Book Fair
12.3.20	5P Class Assembly 9am
15.3.20	Red Nose Day 2020
16.3.20	Year 6 trip to the British Museum
19.3.20	6H Class Assembly 9am
26.3.20	4A Class Assembly 9am
2.4.20	6M Class Assembly (Easter) 9am
3.4.20	CHILDREN BREAK UP FOR EASTER HALF TERM (normal time)
21.4.20	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL School Nurse Drop In 2-3pm
24.4.20	School class group photos (Kittle Photography)
8.5.20	MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY (FRIDAY)
12.5.20	School Nurse Drop In 9-10am
18.5.20-22.5.20	Year 6 Residential trip to France
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
2.7.20	Spanish Day KS1
3.7.20	Spanish Day KS2
7.7.20	School Nurse Drop In 9-10am
14.7.20	Year 6 Leavers Disco 5-7pm
17.7.20	Year 6 leavers assembly 9am 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 17 January	Week ending 24 January
RRP	99.2	94.3
RH	96.4	94
Y1P	94.3	94.3
Y2C	96.9	98.5
Y2W	94.3	92.9
Y3A	92.2	92.2
Y3H	99	94
Y4O	99.2	98.4
Y4A	97.3	96.7
Y5P	98.1	97.4
Y5L	99.6	94.3
Y6H	99.3	95.9
Y6M	92.8	97.9
Overall	96.8	95.5

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