



Longfields' Latest

13th May 2022

Welcome Back!

Dear All,

Thank you for your ongoing support this term. I cannot tell you how much I am going to miss the whole community here at Longfields. Thank you so much for the lovely comments as you walk past in the morning and afternoon. I am looking forward to a wonderful summer term and I am determined to make the most of my time left at Longfields. For those that have asked, I couldn't possibly go to another school – that would be treachery! I have renovated a few houses in my time so will be entering the building game – let me know if you need anything doing!!!

Thank you again for your continued positive comments and messages of support. Please do make sure that you chat with teachers if you have any worries or concerns and equally if you want to share positive moments from home or school.

School Values

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our questionnaire regarding school values. We have had suggestions from all stakeholders (staff, parents, governors and pupils). We are pleased to say that there were 3 clear leaders in the results and we have now adopted these as our key values for the school.

They are:

RESPECT
HONESTY
PERSEVERANCE

We have now established key behaviours that embody these values and they will become the basis of our revamped 'Values Tree' and reward system. They are the following.

RESPECT

- ✚ Follow the 5 STEPS to good manners
- ✚ Show you are listening to others
- ✚ Take pride in your work

SMILE

THANKYOU

EXCUSE ME

PLEASE

SORRY

HONESTY

- ✚ Apologise if you have done something wrong
- ✚ Always ask for help when you need it
- ✚ Tell the truth

PERSEVERANCE

- ✚ Always give 100% effort
- ✚ Use mistakes as a learning opportunity
- ✚ Be Resilient

Volunteers Needed

As part of this focus on reading we would like to ask if you have any spare time and could come in to school to listen to children read. If this is something, you might like to do then please talk to your child's teacher. As part of our safeguarding procedures, you will be asked to fill out a short application form with character references and have a DBS check, but once completed we would be glad to have your help.

We look forward to hearing from you

CONGRATULATIONS

I am delighted to be able to let you all know that Mr and Mrs Davies welcomed little Luke into their family last Sunday morning. Both mum and baby are doing well. We wish them all the very best in this next chapter of their lives.

Boy's Football



Well done to the boy's football team who had a great victory over Langford Village School during the first week back after Easter.

The score was 4-1 with a superb performance from the whole team.

STAFF NEWS

I hope you will join us in congratulating Mr Kellam on his new job. He will unfortunately be leaving us at the end of the school year to be Assistant Head at a Primary school in Buckinghamshire. This will be a big loss to Longfields as he has been with us for nearly 15 years and has been an integral part of our leadership team, but will be a positive move for him as he moves on in school leadership. There will be many of you who will miss him and we wish him all the very best in his new position.

As you will know, Mrs Wood has now retired and we are pleased to announce that Mrs Juggins has moved from her role as a Teaching Assistant to join Mrs Hynes in the office. I am sure you will all make her feel most welcome.

Year 6 SATS

Well done to all of our Year 6 children who have been working so hard in preparation for their SATs. Yesterday saw the last test and we could not be prouder of the work they have put in. For me, at the end of Primary school, a love of learning is the most important value to have instilled in our children. For them to be ready to move on to the next part of their education as rounded individuals, ready to tackle the challenges ahead and enjoy them. We have watched them work through a most difficult few years and yet they continue to apply themselves, develop as individuals and make us laugh almost every day.

Well Done to you all for representing yourselves and Longfields to the highest of commitment levels.

Queen's Jubilee Lunch Poster

Please have a look on the website for the poster from Fresh Start lunch company about school dinner options on the Queen's Jubilee

SUMMER FAIR Friday 10th June 3:15p.m. – 7:00p.m.

Please do join us after school on Friday 10th June for our school summer fair. We are trying a different format this year by running it after school. It would be great to see as many of you as possible for the event and to raise money for those little extras at school

SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS

As part of the Summer Fair we will be having a second-hand school uniform sale. If you are having a clear out and have any good quality uniform that you are able to donate we would be very grateful. Please bring any donations into the school office.

Thank You

Breakfast Club (Cabin Club)

One of the huge successes here at Longfields has been our thriving wrap around care offer. Cabin Club has been running for over 5 years and has gone from strength to strength. Although after school places are still at a premium and are not always available, we do currently have places at

Breakfast Club, which starts at 8a.m. each morning. If using breakfast club would help you in the mornings, in terms of your working day, then please do get in contact with Mrs Pieton by email cabinclub@longfields-primary.org

Breakfast sessions cost £4 per day and breakfast is served until 8:30a.m.

School Sports Days

This year it will be great to invite you back to school and enjoy our Sports Days. To give you some advance notice the dates are as follows:

- 4th July – Reception and Nursery
- 6th July – Year 1 and 2
- 11th July – Year 3 and 4
- 12th July – Year 5 and 6

We look forward to seeing you all there. Look out for more details nearer the time

PARKING IN THE COMMUNITY

You may have noticed that parking enforcement officers have been outside school on a regular basis. Please do not risk a fine by parking illegally. Please also respect our local community and neighbours by parking responsibly. Please do not park on the grass verges or over the driveways of local residents. This really is just common decency.

Safeguarding



Please can I remind all adults that the use of mobile phones on site is prohibited. This is standard school safeguarding protocol. Please keep your phones in your pockets until leaving the school premises.

Thank you

CAR PARK

A reminder that the school car park is for staff only. Please do not use it to drop children off or wait for them at the end of the day. If you are spotted using the car park without permission please do not be offended when you are asked to leave. This is for the safety of staff and children attending school. Thank you

School Life App

Some parents are not receiving updates from school via the School Life App because they are only seeing the public site. For safety, school messages are only available to those who have logged in. Parents should log into the app :- just open the app, click the two houses at the top, select log in and enter your user name and password. If you don't have your username or password, just email- office@longfields-primary.org

We can re-set this for you.

Thank you

Attendance and Lateness

This may be strange to talk about attendance when there has been so much absence due to COVID but it is something that as a school we monitor on a regular basis.

As we enter term 3 we will be looking a little closer at absence patterns. We will obviously take in to account any absences due to COVID but this attendance analysis will highlight those children whose attendance is low or whose lateness is high. **Please note that school starts at 8:55a.m and that we no longer operate a staggered start to the day.** As attendance was highlighted as an issue for some groups of children during our last Ofsted inspection, we are expected, more so than normal, to ensure this issue is addressed.

Please do not be offended if you are contacted in regards to your child's attendance. This may happen if your child's attendance is below 90% without good reason. In some instances where improvement in attendance is not noted, attendance contracts may need to be agreed with support from the County attendance team if needed.

Please help us to ensure all our children are in school as often as they possibly can be.

Dates for your diary:

Please see School Life calendar for full dates

23-27 May – Year 4 Everdon
27 May – Last day before half term
6 June – INSET DAY
7 June – First day back to school after half term
10 June – Summer Fair
4 July – Reception & Nursery Sports Day
5 July – Move up day
6 July – Year 1 & 2 Sports Day
11 July – Year 3 & 4 Sports Day
12 July – Year 5 & 6 Sports Day
19 July – Leavers Assembly
20 July – Last day before summer holidays
2 Sept – INSET DAY
5 Sept – INSET DAY
6 Sept – INSET DAY
7 Sept – First day back after summer holidays