

Longfields Latest News

March 2023

Message from Mrs Rughoobee

Well, we have had a busy few weeks! Key stage two have had some fencing sessions and KS1 and Foundation were taught archery. We are going to be working on further sports over the coming weeks and also buying the equipment to enable us to continue to offer these sports.

You may have noticed two new buildings taking shape. One is a new shelter for forest school, so that we can carry on learning but escape the elements a bit! The other is a purpose-built outdoor classroom, which will have seating and a blackboard. We are excited thinking about how we can use these to enrich our learning and to make the most of the school grounds. The building work is being carried out by Boss Homes which is a company run by one of our parents, Anthony Durkin. He has been very helpful as we have been able to adapt the build or ask for specific things as it has gone up.

There are teambuilding sessions taking place in April when we return after Easter for the whole school, and we will be able to store our equipment in our new outdoor classroom and forest school shelters.

World book day was a great success and we managed to raise £461.67 from the book fair, which enabled us to choose lots of books for the school.

Please let me know if there are any other things you would like to see on the newsletter as the aim is to make it as informative as possible.

Thanks once again for your continued support. Wishing everyone a cracking Easter holiday!

Clubs

As it was a short term, we have only had a few weeks of clubs running, but we are intending to run more next term, also to offer lunchtime clubs. There will be some sports clubs to look out for which will be for particular year groups, which will change across the term.

Coronation Day

To celebrate the coronation of King Charles, we are going to be holding a whole school picnic on May 5th. Details to follow on the arrangements. Don't forget that there is an additional bank holiday on the 8th May.

Staff changes

We would like to wish Mrs Franklin all the best as she will be starting her maternity leave on March 31st. We welcome Mrs Davies back from her maternity leave and she will be teaching Mrs Franklin's class for the remainder of the school year. We would also like to welcome two new midday supervisors, Cami Lewis and Carolyn Darby who are joining our team.

Attendance and punctuality

As a school we are required to monitor attendance. Our school target is 95% and we are currently around 94%, although this may not seem a big difference it does represent a large number of pupils who have attendance below 85%. If your child's attendance becomes a concern, we will contact you to offer support. Please remember to contact school by telephone or email (office@longfields-primary.org) to inform us of your child's absence. We want to work together to try to meet our target.

Please can we remind you that the school day starts at 8:50, so children should be at their classroom just before this time, so they can get settled to start learning.

A letter from the King!

Year 4 received an exciting letter through the post a couple of weeks ago. They had written to the King offering their condolences following the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth. The King replied! He sent a card thanking them for their letter and on the card was a picture of The King with his mother when he was younger. Miss Palmer has displayed the card in her window and I am pretty sure she will frame it!

PTA

The PTA have been busy organising events. The money raised will go towards a number of projects in school and we will let you know what we are raising the money for.

There are some eggciting events planned before Easter!

Scooting/cycling

Please remind your children to walk with their scooters once they are within the school grounds, we have had a few near misses on the paths in and out of school. It can get quite busy particularly as everyone is leaving, we want you all to stay safe and by walking with scooters and not riding them or running everyone is safe.

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

Dates for your diary

28/03/23—Year 4 production to parents 2pm

29/03/23—Year 4 production to parents 9.30am

PTA Easter Competition—entries to be in school on 31/03/23—please see posters displayed around school

31/03/23—Last day before Easter Holidays

17/04/23—First day back after Easter holidays

05/05/23— Coronation picnic

08/05/23—Bank Holiday

09/05/23—Year 6 SATS week

Parent Governor Vacancies

We will be looking for parent governors to join our governing board. I will be sending out a letter inviting anyone interested to apply.