



Longfields' Latest 24th June 2021

Super Science Week!

Dear All,

I can't quite believe where this year is going to – just three and a half weeks to go until the end of term. Things at school remain very busy as usual and I hope that over the past couple of weeks you have been hearing a lot about our Science and Technology week. It has been absolutely fantastic moving around school, seeing and hearing about all the amazing experiments and projects that have taken place. There will be a small taste of what went on in this newsletter but will be more on the school website in due course. We obviously had the disappointment of restrictions not being lifted and being put back a month – this has had an impact on some of our planned dates and activities so please do look through the newsletter carefully for that information.

Thank you for your continued support and generous words of encouragement.

Sports Days

Unfortunately, this year we will be unable to undertake Sports Days that are attended by parents, as the current guidance was not lifted on the 21st June.

I know that this decision will be popular with some and unpopular with others but it is the decision we have taken. We have been one of the only schools in Bicester that has managed to negotiate the last 16 months without having to close a single bubble and I do not want us to jeopardise this. Also, gatherings of over 30 people outside are still not permitted under current guidance.

We will be running single year group in-house events and your class teacher will let you know which day these will be in order that the children come to school in PE kit.

FAMILY FUN DAY

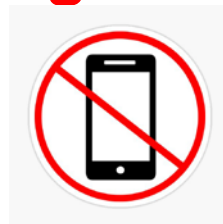
Unfortunately, we have had to postpone the Family Fun Day due to the delay in lifting restrictions.

This has been rearranged for

Saturday 11th September.

Let's hope that some sort of normality has returned by then and that we can have a great community event at the beginning of term.

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

Summer Cabin Club is Back!! And filling up fast!!

Summer Cabin Club will be open for the first 4 weeks of the school holidays - 26th July until 20th August 8 am – 4 pm.

Day Session 9am-3pm £23
Early 8am-9am £3 includes breakfast
Late 3pm-4pm £3
Sessions are booking fast – limited places available

This is also open to everyone Foundation to Year 6.

Booking forms are available via email:
cabinclub@longfields-primary.org



SCHOOL WEBSITE

The school website has now started its transformation with our home page and menu system having changed. We will be continuing the changes over the next few weeks.

We are sure that the changes will lead to a better site. You do not need to do anything on the school App to access any changes

Year 6 Hill End visit



It was fantastic to see our Year 6s get out for a couple of days to Hill End outdoor centre. They unfortunately missed their residential trip back in September due to COVID restrictions and after a lot of organisation we finally managed to get some kind of outdoor adventurous experience organised for them. It was a great couple of days and enjoyed by all who attended.

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Dear Parents of Year 6 pupils,

We are intending to hold a fun day for our Year 6s which will include all kinds of activities and if government guidance allows, we are intending to invite parents for the morning.

The date for the event is **Tuesday 20th July** and we will only be able to let you know if you are allowed to attend when we have the government guidance. This could be quite late in the day, so apologies if you hold the day and then are not allowed to attend. I am sure we are all hopeful that restrictions will finally be lifted on July 19th.

We tentatively look forward to seeing you there.

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

STREET TAG

After our 2nd place finish last term we are now in the Street Tag county league and are currently 6th place. Keep up the good work and join our school Street Tag team, you can scan the QR code below to join in on all the fun.



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

Class Photos

Class Photos have extended the date for free delivery on photo orders until 30th June. If you are planning to order then please take advantage of this extension.

PSHE and RSE curriculum

We are required by the DfE to publish our PSHE and RSE policy online. We will be doing this at the end of next week and it will be available to view in the curriculum section of our website. Our policy is in line with statutory guidance and gives the option for parents to remove pupils from certain RSE sessions in Year 5 and 6.

Science Week



Year 6 KEX engineering



Q and A with Dr Trivedi



Chromatography with Year 4



Making Rainbows in Year Three



Butter making with Year One



Year 5 Mentos experiments



Shadows with Foundation Stage

More Science Week pictures and information will appear on the website soon

COVID GUIDELINES

Could I please remind you all of the following:

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Please ensure that whilst following the one way system around school that you try as much as possible to give space between you. 1 meter + is the current guidance. Please also try to keep your children with you rather than letting them go ahead – this causes a jam when they stop to wait for you.

DROP OFF and PICK UP

Please do ensure you drop your children off at the correct time. Over half the school has a start time of 9:10a.m in the morning, yet by 9:10a.m I am normally standing on the gate alone with very few parents walking past. Equally, 3:15p.m sees very few parents left on site. There may well be a temptation to drop off early if you can, or pick up early if you can, but this should only be for those who have siblings with different start and finish times. If that is not the case for you, then please stick to the correct timings.

HIGH TEMPERATURES

As a school, one of the only guards we have against the spread of COVID is testing temperatures. If a child is feeling unwell at school then this is something we do as routine. The result of our temperature test, regardless of any test done at home, has consequences, in that we will ask for the child and other siblings to be collected from school and for the child with a temperature to book a PCR test (a LFT is not sufficient). In addition to this, the latest guidance asks that even if the PCR test comes back as negative, if the child retains the high temperature then they should be kept off school for a further 24 hours. If you are at all worried about whether your child has COVID symptoms then you should go ahead and book a test, but please also be aware that if you send your child to school with a high temperature this may ultimately be required.

I understand that it is so difficult as many of our children just have normal coughs and colds which result in a rise in temperature, but currently we have no alternatives to this process.

Dates for your diary:

Please see School Life calendar for full dates

22 July - (Thursday) Last day before Summer Holiday
3 September (Friday) - First day back after Summer
13-17 Sept Year 6 Woodlands Trip
21 Oct - Last day before Half Term (Thursday)
1 Nov - First Day back after Half Term
17 Dec - Last day before Christmas Break
5 Jan - First day back at school (Wednesday)