

Longparish Church of England Primary School ~ Information letter to Parents



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Our Christian values – Excellence, Friendship, Respect. Our learning powers - Resourcefulness, Reciprocity, Reflectiveness, Resilience.

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Dear Parents,

Leadership and management

We said we would ask for your views of our school, please use the following link and find a few moments to give us your feedback. It is much appreciated. <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment

Mental Health Week – 5th February - 9th February – Mrs Jordan and I will be presenting to the children during worship about this important issue.

Dyslexia Awareness Week – thank you to Mrs Graham Evans for leading our Dyslexia Awareness week activities. It has had a real impact on our general knowledge and overall behaviour and how we treat and respect one another. We had ten winners of the school competitions. The pictures are on our website.

New Lockers – the KS2 lockers are now in situ and have reduced the risk of the children tripping as they move around the school. The standard school rucksacks (or similar) fit into the lockers so please do continue to use these. However, please do not bring in large rucksacks / bags as these do not easily fit into the lockers and will break the hinges over time. I am sorry if my recent email caused any confusion about this and I hope this is now clear. Of course, if you have any further questions, please do ask me.

Circus Skills – Jake the Juggler came to see us all today – this was a wonderful chance to learn about the athletic side of movement and dance as well as children learning new skills associated with the circus. Thank you for your kind voluntary contributions, without which we would struggle to afford such exciting days.

Sports Personality – CHANGE OF DATE – please note that Cassie Patten <http://www.cassiepatten.co.uk/> is now coming into our school on **Monday 5th March** for the day to do a sponsored sport activity. Please do look at her online profile and learn about her. More details will follow from Mrs Brewer. The change of date was beyond our control, sorry for any inconvenience.

Personal development, behaviour, and welfare/safety

Behaviour – this has improved and children are playing well together at playtimes. We have been reinforcing the 'Thumper Rule' – see right – which has had a positive impact on behaviour throughout the school.



Safety – here are some reminders about important health and safety issues

- What you need to do if your child is absent** - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-42612997> - following this recent news item, I have a responsibility to remind you that **you need to inform us when your child is absent from school by 9am on the first day of absence**. If we do not hear from you by 9am, we will ring all your priority contact numbers. If you still cannot be reached, we will make a home visit to check that you are well. After trying every option and if we do not have a satisfactory outcome, we will call the police.
 - Please continue to inform us of subsequent absent days and give us an update of your child's health.
 - We check your priority contact numbers at the beginning of each school year. **If these change, please inform us as soon as possible.**
- Pick-up** - if you are going to be late at pick-up, please inform us by email by 2pm if possible. Please give us as much warning as possible so we can action any of your wishes, for example, changing the person who is collecting your child. If you are stuck in traffic please let us know. In both such incidences, your child/ren will be looked after and cared for by school.
- Coming into school in the mornings** – the side gate is opened at 8.45 am, please do not leave your child unattended before that time and ensure that your child goes through the side gate and onto the playground before you leave. When the bell is rung at 8.55 am, please leave promptly via the side gate which is then locked when all the parents have left. We would like

to remind parents, for safeguarding reasons, that they should not enter the school building at drop-off time other than via the reception area where you will be asked to sign in.

4. **Visiting the school during the day** – please always sign in if you come into school, even if this is just for a short time.
5. **Driving onto school grounds** – please can I remind parents that you cannot drive onto the school grounds at pick-up or after school clubs. Also, please do not park on the bend in the front of the school.

Communicating with our teachers - if you would like to speak to a teacher, please can we ask you to send a quick email to us at adminoffice@longparish.hants.sch.uk and we can make an appointment for you at a mutually convenient time, usually after school. In the mornings, teachers are busy preparing for the day ahead so I try to make sure that I am available if you need to speak to someone more urgently. Of course, I am very happy to pass messages onto the teachers if that is helpful.

Social media

We have received a complaint about the fact that a parent has taken photographs and videos of children inside our school and posted them on a social networking site. Please do not do this and please take down the posting. We do not have every parent's permission to post their child on any site. Thank you.

Help us to keep your children safe. Thank you for your co-operation.

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education, including worship

“Prayer meetings – If anyone would like to meet to pray for the school please get in touch. Times and dates TBC depending on best availability for most people. My idea would be after school drop off in school once a term or once every half term depending on availability or this could happen in the evenings. Anyone who is interested please get in touch with Jo and James Macmillan, parents of children at the school on 01264 738804 - “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them.” Matt 18v20.”

*In an attempt to look after our planet, **we are participating in the Big Battery Hunt***

<https://natonalschoolspartnership.com/initiatives/bigbatteryhunt/>

and we have become a battery collection point. Please encourage your child to collect as many used batteries as possible and bring them into school. Your child will be given an information leaflet and a box.



Thought for the week – “One can never consent to creep when one feels an impulse to soar!” Helen Keller 1880-1968

Website of the week -

https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMly6CK9eX_2AIVTb7tCh1DaQQPEAAAYASAAEgKvOvD_BwE

Kind regards,

Trudie Cawthra

Head Teacher

Safeguarding Children at Longparish C of E Primary School

<http://www.hampshiresafeguardingchildrenboard.org.uk/professionals/>

Longparish Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This means that we have a Child Protection Policy and procedures in place which we refer to in our prospectus. All staff, including supply staff, volunteers and governors, must ensure that they are aware of these procedures. Parents and carers are welcome to read the Policy on request. Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about our pupils are discussed with his/her parents/carers first unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are: Safeguarding Governor is: Sarah Jarman

Our Chair of Governors is: Nick Marsden

Head Teacher is Trudie Cawthra

If you are concerned about a child's welfare, please record your concern, and any observations or conversation heard, and report to one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads as soon as possible on the same day.


DO NOT conduct your own investigation.

If your concerns relate to the actions or behaviour of a member of staff (which could suggest that he/she is unsuitable to work with children) then you should report this to the head teacher in confidence. If the concern relates to the Head Teacher you contact the Local Authority Designated Officers, LADO, on 01962 876364, who will consider what action to take.

Dates for your diary – *please place on your fridge!*

Please regularly check our school information board for exact details as they sometimes have to change. Thank you.

Thursday 1 st February	Circus Skills day with Juggling Jake
Friday 2 nd February	Rev Terry Hemming's last day– all parents welcome at 10.00am for worship and coffee afterwards 1pm Hand washing workshop by the school Nurse
Sunday 4.2.18	Rev Hemming's last day and final service in St Nicholas' church at 5pm - all welcome
Tuesday 6.2.18	Languages day for yr. 6 at Testbourne School Internet safety day https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018
Thursday 8.2.18	KS 2 Cross Country event
5-9 th February	Children's Mental health Week
Friday 9.2.18	Pancake day and St Valentine 'love' worship Mrs Deacon will be serving pancakes and ice cream for dessert with school meals.
12 th – 16 th February	Half term – KS 1 lockers to be fitted
19.2.18 -2.3.18	School Internet Safety Fortnight in school
21.2.18	Phonics Information Evening –KS1 Parents -3.20 pm
22.2.18	School council members to have a free lunch with Hampshire caterers
26.2.18	Parents' Internet Safety evening 7pm-8pm
27.2.18	Health and Safety External audit in school all day KS 1 SATs information session for parents – 3.20 pm
1.3.18	World Book day – Dress up with a 'hint of a character' – wear something small and simple to hint at a character in a book i.e. a hat or a pair of socks! (Not full dressing up!)
Saturday 3.3.18	FoLS disco in the hall for adults – details to follow
5.3.18	Cassie Patten - Olympic champion visiting school
6.3.18	'Giant Sing' for KS 1 Herons class at The Anvil in Basingstoke
9.3.18	All Mothers are warmly invited into school from 10.20am worship to celebrate Mother's day - NOTE CHANGE OF TIME
13.3.18	Year 1 /2 visit to Winchester
15.3.18	English and Maths information evening for KS1 and KS2 Parents 3.30 – 4.30 pm– <i>NB. No netball club this evening.</i>
19th and 21st March 2018	Parents' evenings - 19 th 3.30pm to 6.30pm and 21 st 4.30pm to 7.30pm
23.3.18	Red Nose day – red noses only please
25.3.18	Easter Egg Hunt and duck race in River at Lower Mill at 11am NOTE CHANGE OF TIME
26.3.18	RE week in school "Celebrating Easter and New Life"
27.3.18	'Listen2me' concert for parents – Kingfisher Class – 1.30 pm
28.3.18	Easter Service at Hurstbourne Priors Church for all families. 6pm-7pm
29.3.18	Celebration of achievement in school hall at 2pm- St Nicholas Church Last day of Spring term
Friday 30.3.18 -17.4.18	Easter Holidays
Monday 16.4.18	First day back of summer term
Monday 23 rd April	(Rehearsal on Sunday 22 nd April at the Anvil in Basingstoke) Yr. 5 and 6 to the Royal Albert Hall "Our World" concert

Monday 7 th May	Bank Holiday - No school today
Saturday 12 th May	FoLS – May Fayre
Monday 14 th May to Thursday 17 th May	SATs week – Yr. 6 children involved - PLEASE DO NOT BOOK A HOLIDAY THIS WEEK. Thank you ☺
Monday 14 th May to Thursday 17 th May 	Miss Bailey, Mrs Jordan, Mrs Cawthra and Mrs Leach warmly invite all yr. 6 children to <u>SATs breakfast</u> from 8am to 8.40am

Confirmation of our day closures for 2017-18 and agendas

Date	Agenda
4.Monday 4.6.18	Spiritual moral social and cultural and behaviour management – staff training by Sue Bowen from Winchester and Portsmouth Diocese
5.Monday 23.7.18	Preparing for the new school year 2018-19