

Longparish Church of England Primary School



Information letter to Parents

Tuesday 16th January 2018

Dear Parents,

Here is my latest newsletter, updating you on school events and forthcoming dates. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. Thank you for all your many gifts and cards. **Happy New Year to you all.**

Leadership and management

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

We have many interesting and exciting activities booked for the children. We are really excited about this term and feel confident that it will be a super one for all the children.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment

As part of my new head teachers induction, we will be arranging a few days when local authority inspectors will work with me, monitoring lessons and looking at work books, marking of work, assessing work and recording outcomes on our new tracking system. These sessions will help us all improve our practice and strengthen our skills.

It is lovely to see the Herons dressed up in their fairy tale costumes – children love this event and all adults I have noticed enjoy a touch of ‘make believe’ too!

Library books – Our stock is somewhat depleted so please return all borrowed library books as soon as possible.

Reading helper - If you would like to be a reading helper please pop into the office and we can make arrangements for you to help us! We look forward to seeing you!

Dyslexia awareness week – 22nd January -26th January – we will be learning about Dyslexia during worship next week.

New Lockers – we have been able to purchase lockers for all the children. This will clear our corridors of belongings and make our school look so much tidier. Please can I respectfully ask that you do NOT send children in with large back packs as these once forced into lockers break the doors, the magnetic catches and hinges. Thank you.

Circus skills – Jake the juggler is coming to see us all on Thursday 1st February – this is 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 – Kathy Patterson is coming into our school on Monday 5th February 2018 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.

Personal development, behaviour, and welfare/safety

We had a successful fire evacuation this week and we walked to the church so the children could learn about their special place of safety. The children behaved impeccably as usual.

Reminders:

Please send your children into school with a coat and sensible shoes. The days may be damp but we do like to allow the children to get some fresh air!

Please also can the children have their PE kits in school EVERY DAY including a cheap track suit so that we can go outside even if it is cold!

Please re-label all of your children’s items of clothes—over time a pen label will fade in the wash—so trying to reunite a jumper with its owner can be somewhat tricky!

Please make sure all long hair is tied up as this helps to keep the spread of nits to a minimum.

Just a reminder that if we do have heavy snowfall, please listen to Andover Breeze, check the school website or check Hampshire's main website for updates on our school. We will always endeavour to open if possible but as many of the staff live a distance from the school this is not always possible. Thank you for your patience.

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 if evenings were better at our home. We are hoping to get a date for the first meeting in January. 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.”

Our new Worship theme this term is **Hope**. The church personnel and I work together to provide us with a thought provoking words and hymns.

Thought for the week - ‘Everything you want is on the other side of fear.’ - Jack Canfield.

Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand'. Isaiah 41:10


Website of the week - <http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/fundraising/dyslexia-awareness-week>

Kind regards,

Trudie Cawthra
Head Teacher

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.

Tues 8.1.18	Raymond Brown recycling worship and Kingfishers talk about recycling
Thursday 18.1.18	Kingfisher's visit to Basing House
Friday 19.1.18	Worship at 9am Celebrating the birth of new babies /sibling to children born, within the last year
22.1.18	Yr. R and Yr. 6 School Nurse Checks
Sunday 28.1.18	FoLS disco Yr. R – 6
Thursday 1 st February	Circus Skills day with Juggling Jake
Friday 2 nd February	Rev Terry Hemming's last day– all parents welcome at 10.20am for worship and coffee afterwards
Sunday 4.2.18	Rev Hemming's last day and final service in St Nicholas' church
Monday 5.2.18	Special sporting visitor coming into school – more details to follow
Friday 9.2.18	Pancake day and St Valentine 'love' worship
12 th – 16 th February	Half term
19.2.18 -2.3.18	Internet Safety Fortnight Parents' Internet Safety evening – date to follow
3.3.18	FoLS disco in the hall for adults
6.3.18	'Big Sing' for KS 1 Herons class at The Anvil in Basingstoke
9.3.18	All Mothers are warmly invited into school from 9am to 11am to celebrate Mother's day
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 2pm
28.3.18	Easter service at Hurstbourne Priors Church. 6-7pm
29.3.18	Celebration of achievement in school hall at 2pm Last day of Spring term
30.3.18 -17.4.18	Easter Holidays
Monday 16.4.18	First day back of summer term
Monday 23 rd April	Yr. 5 and 6 to the Royal Albert Hall "Our World" concert – see separate letter
Monday 7 th May	Bank Holiday - No school today
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 Cawthra and Mrs Leach warmly invite all yr. 6 children to SATs breakfast 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
5.Monday 23.7.18	Preparing for the new school year 2018-19