

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 from Nick Marsden

“Your views of our school are very important to us to help us improve. Please use the following link and find a few moments to give us your feedback. It is much appreciated. <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> to date, there are only a very few responses!

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment

Sports Personality Cassie Patten came and all the whole school had a wonderful day. We have raised a staggeringly £1,200 for school. Thank you all so much for a brilliant amount raised. We will be purchasing new sports equipment that we can use throughout the school year.



Sporting achievements – FANTASTIC NEWS!!! Our Yr 5 /6 Girls won the Sparkling Rugby tournament. Not only is this a superb display of teamwork, it is an outstanding achievement for such a small school. Our team rose to the challenge of organising themselves, taking care of one another and setting a fine example with impeccable behaviour. I would like to congratulate our girls. Very well done everyone!



Heron class went to the Anvil in Basingstoke for the Big Sing and had a wonderful time – the children loved taking the class Owl with them!

PLEASE NOTE - There will be a short meeting on Tuesday 17th April at 3.30 in Chaffinch classroom about the trip to the Royal Albert Hall. This is to discuss all final arrangements and answer any questions. Please remember your child must be at the rehearsal at The Anvil on Sunday 22nd April if they are going to Royal Albert Hall on Monday 23rd April. Thank You. Mrs Brewer

World Book Day

Our judges:- Dr Stack, a poet friend of mine , Mrs Morrison and Revd. Craig Marshal (both governors) came to judge our poetry competition.

Many Congratulations to the overall winners! Their performances were breathtaking!

They were :-

Robins – Billy Reynolds 1 st	Hal Hatto 2 nd	Finley Ashford 3 rd
Hérons – Isla Beal 1 st	Will Bryant 2 nd	Araydia Plumb 3 rd
Kingfishers –Amelia Smith 1 st	Arthur Hibbert 2 nd	Alice Dawson 3 rd
Chaffinch – Angus Dawson 1 st	Thea Biddlecombe 2 nd	Elysia Blocksidge 3 rd

My special thanks must go to Mrs Jordan who organised the whole poetry event. This has been absolutely amazing. We have seen the competitors in a completely new and exciting light. All the children were amazing! Well done everyone!



Personal development and welfare/safety

Please may I respectfully remind you that our policy is NO DOGS ON SITE! Please can dogs be tied up before you enter the premises.

Parking and driving – Thank you for adhering to our parking signs! Parking off site has been a lot safer recently; so I'd like to say a huge thank you to you all. Since my last newsletter we have not had any complaints from our near neighbours either. Thank you everyone! We have only had one complaint about parking on the bend and opening car doors out onto the road. Please be careful and keep your children safe.

Behaviour – The children's behaviour has been consistently outstanding most of the time. Where we do have issues, parents have come to see me and things have been ironed out that day. Please do come and see me if you have any concerns and I will deal with all of these most promptly. Happy children learn unhappy children don't.

Driving to and from School events – new/important information

We are so very grateful to all the wonderful parents who offer to drive children to and from sporting and other school events /visits etc. Following new updated guidance from Hampshire County Council audit office we must from now on ensure that all our drivers have a clear DBS certificate, be able to provide the appropriate licence, an MOT certificate for their car and Business Insurance- this may restrict who can help us in the future however these are the new guidelines that we must follow.

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education, including worship

Design a dragon over the Easter holidays!

Mr Hatto, a parent, brought one of the Dragons from Kew Gardens in to show us! All the children held a very old ancient golden dragon from China!! Over the Easter Holidays please encourage your children to design a dragon, a colourful magical dragon; the winner will win a fantastic prize! Get Dragon creating! We look forward to your fantastic creations!



Easter garden competition – We have had a number of beautiful Easter gardens into school this week. Well done to those who have entered our competition – those who participated will receive a bubble wand!

Our Special Prayer Space is up and the children have enjoyed entering it and participating in the calm, reflective activities inside. A special thank you to Mrs Morrison, (a governor) and Mrs Macmillan, (a parent) for their help and providing materials to support this special event. Many Children have also written about the Easter Story!

We held a wonderful Easter service last night in St Andrew’s Church, Hurstborne Priors. The children and staff were made so welcome by the church. The children were amazing, their singing, acting and dancing were a delight to see.



Many thanks to all the parents and families who came. It was a very special time together. Thank you.

Sight Impairment workshop/worship

– Today we had two Sight Impairment Specialists in school to teach us all about sight impairment and how hard it can sometimes be for people who have diminished sight. The children responded superbly well to all the various activities on offer and learned to appreciate other people’s difficulties by experiencing first hand, doing every days tasks, with either blindfolded/sleep masks or with impaired vision glasses. The children were excellent yet again; they enjoyed finding out what it was like to “walk a mile on someone else’s shoes!” Afterwards the children all agreed that this had



helped them understand and be more helpful in future.
Thank you!

Thought for the week – “Life is a great big canvas; throw all the paint on it you can!” Danny Kaye 1913-1987

Bible verse of the week - I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow--not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. Romans 8 v 38

Website of the week – <http://www.dltk-holidays.com/easter/>

Have a wonderful Easter holiday; may you find peace and rest over this special spring time festival

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.

N.B. SOME DATES HAVE BEEN POSTPONED because of the snow days – please check them all again!

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.

Friday 30.3.18 -17.4.18	Easter Holidays
Monday 16.4.18	First day back of summer term
Tuesday 17 4 18	3.30pm Royal Albert Hall Briefing
Friday 20 th April ***	Non – uniform day in aid of School May Fair ***
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 Please do come and support this special day!
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 SATs breakfast from 8am to 8.40am
Friday 18 th May 2018	Celebrating the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Megan – all parents welcome at 10.20am
Tuesday 22 nd May 2018	“Ready Steady Cook!” run by Hampshire Caterers. A Wonderful day culminating in a ‘cook off’ between two staff members – All parents welcome!
Monday 28 th May to Friday 1 st June 2018	School closed for Half term holidays
Tuesday 5 th June 2018	All parents are invited to hear the Governors and My Vision for Longparish CE Primary School 7pm to 8pm All Parents are welcome
Friday 15 th June 2018	Fathers in School morning to celebrate Father’s day 10.20am to 11am.
Friday 22 nd June 2018	Life of Christ at Godalming, Surrey for some Yr. 5 /6 children (optional)
Week beg 2.7.18	KS 2 Production evenings – more details to follow
Friday 20 th July 2018	Final celebration of achievement in church 2pm all parents welcome

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 Rob Saunders from Winchester and Portsmouth Diocese
5. Monday 23.7.18	Preparing for the new school year 2018-19