

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!

We have had considerable staff shortages due to sickness recently which have impacted on our work capacity. We have tried to ensure everyone gets everything they should have i.e. lost items of clothes etc., but with staff shortages it has been difficult at times to maintain our high standards. We thank you for your patience and now we have a full complement of staff we will revert to our usual selves.”

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment

Sports Personality Cassie Patten came and all the whole school had a wonderful day. Thank you for your sponsorship forms. Please do send these in to school with your sponsorship money. Many grateful thanks for all your hard work - children and all your generosity - Parents and Friends! THANK YOU!

Heron Class sang beautifully at the Big Sing in the Anvil in Basingstoke – we are so proud of the whole class, who behaved impeccably and sang brilliantly! Well done, everyone.

Chaffinch class did very well in their Mock SATs!! Well done everyone!

World Book Day

We had a wonderful day yesterday when all classes got to show their special items in worship. A special visitor who is a poet, a scientist and a lady (because we were also celebrating International Women’s day) came and read to the children her poems and taught them that poetry can be free and creative! Thank you Dr Stack!



Personal development and welfare/safety

Please provide your child with a warm coat during this bitterly cold snap of icy snowy weather- we do remind children to do up their zips/fastenings to keep warm. If it’s snowing /icy/windy I keep the children inside at playtimes in order to keep them all safe; if it’s sunny but cold we let the children out to play! Warm coats are essential! Please also name gloves /scarfs/ hats.

Parking and driving - if you are one of the 98% of parents who drive respectfully and park considerably, please do not read any further! Thank you for all you do to help and support our parking policy! 😊

If you are not, please take note – We have had complaints from local residents and the village hall association complaining that parents have parked badly and are very rude when asked to move. Please can I ask yet again that you park considerably and respectfully!!! Please help us by being thoughtful when parking dropping and collecting your child!

The Hampshire caterers did a delightful lunch for the school council and the children gave their views about new ideas for improved menus in the future. It was a hugely successful event.

Next week it is ‘Health, nutrition and hydration’ week. We will be showing a short video clip during worship on how to eat sensibly and to drink plenty to remain as healthy as possible.

Behaviour

The children behave beautifully during worship and we love playtimes together.

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education, including worship

Our theme this half term has been HOPE. During this term we have also made children aware of 'Dyslexia week', asking all children to be kind and thoughtful those of us who struggle with reading and writing.

We also celebrated Positive Mental Health week wherein we all learned to be 'kind to ourselves', 'be ourselves' and not compare ourselves with others. This was a delightful and thought provoking week.

We have also had internet safety fortnight whereby we have given children hints and tips of how to keep safe on-line. I hope you found the NSPCC booklet helpful.

We have suggested to the children that they might like to look at Christian art and paint colour draw favourite bible stories. Our entries so far have been lovely. These are displayed on our [Christian Art display board](#) in the KS1 corridor. Some of the art work produced by the children is very reflective and beautiful.



Easter garden completion – we will be holding an EASTER GARDEN competition in the time before the Easter week of the 24th March. If you would like to, please make an Easter garden and bring it into school the week of the 24th March. These will be displayed round school to remind us all of the Easter events. We will look forward to receiving the children's gardens that week.

For the first time, we are holding a [Special Prayer Space](#) that the children will help design and decorate in the last week of the Spring term. This will be a special place where children and adults can reflect on the important things in life and say, write or draw prayers - More on that later!

We had lots of Mothers in school today to celebrate Mothering Sunday, this weekend. The children recited their class poems and sang beautifully and they have made lovely cards and messages for you. I hope you like the bookmark written by all the children in school.

Thought for the week – 'Mother: the most beautiful word on the lips of mankind.' Kahlil Gibran

Website of the week - <http://mothersathomematter.co.uk/>

Kind regards and wishing all Mums a wonderful Mothering Sunday,

Trudie Cawthra

Head Teacher

A message from Little School

- Longparish Little School Quiz - 23rd March at 7pm at the Cricketers - £5 per ticket
- Longparish Little School Jumble Sale - 3pm on the 28th March, outside Little School
- Claire (from Little school) will print out the flyers for the book bags

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.

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
21.3.18 all day	County Inspector into school to monitor teaching, learning and safeguarding
22.3.18	Hérons 'Listen2Me Concert' at 2.30pm to 3.00pm
23.3.18	Poetry recital in school worship at 10.20am – all welcome 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" Easter gardens in this week please
27.3.18	'Listen2me' concert for parents – Kingfisher Class – 1.30 pm all welcome
28.3.18	Easter Service at Hurstbourne Priors Church for all families. 6pm-7pm All welcome
29.3.18	Celebration of achievement in school hall at 2pm- St Nicholas Church – all welcome 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 14th May to Thursday 17th May 	Miss Bailey, Mrs Jordan, 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 – staff training by Sue Bowen from Winchester and Portsmouth Diocese
5. Monday 23.7.18	Preparing for the new school year 2018-19