

# Long Whatton C of E Primary School

Newsletter 30.10.2023

*Live, Learn, Grow and Be Thankful*



Welcome back to a very busy 9 week half term to Christmas. I hope you all had a lovely half term. This is our busiest half term in school so please ensure you pop the dates below into your diaries before the Christmas rush begins.

We are looking forward to welcoming you into school for assemblies, performances, lunch and exhibitions. Please remember you can always catch up with class teachers at the start of each day or book in with the office for a longer appointment.



## HONOURS ASSEMBLY

This term we will continue to celebrate our children's achievements fortnightly in our Honours assemblies. We would love our families to join us again for these assemblies. These assemblies will start at 2.45pm.

We would also like to invite our families back to Reading Buddies. These sessions will start at 2.30pm and will be held before our Honour assemblies. The children will be split into their house groups and will be reading with a partner. You are more than welcome to come into school and join us for these sessions.

### Dates for these sessions

Thursday 2nd November:

2.30pm-2.45pm - Reading Buddies

2.45pm-3.10pm - Honours Assembly

Thursday 16th November:

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Thursday 30th November:

2.30pm-2.45pm - Reading Buddies

2.45pm-3.10pm - Honours Assembly

01.11.23 - Bag2School collection - Please bring in any old clothes and shoes ready for collection at drop-off

02.11.23 - Bonfire Special Lunch

07.11.23 - Nasal Flu Vaccinations

14.11.23 - Anti Bullying Day - **Please can children wear odd socks for the day.**

17.11.23 - Children in Need - **Children can come to school dressed in something yellow for the day for a £1.00 donation (this will be added to SchoolMoney). Please can children bring in cakes ready for a bake sale at lunchtime and after school. Can children please bring a small amount of money as we will be selling the cakes for around 50p each.**

04.12.23 - Whole School Pantomime at Loughborough Town Hall

07.12.23 - History Museum afternoon (further details to follow)

12.12.23 - 6.00pm Carols by Candlelight for Key Stage 2

13.12.23 - 2.00pm-3.00pm - Key Stage 1 & EYFS Nativity- (tickets will be released closer to the time)

13.12.23 - 5.30pm-6.30pm - Key Stage 1 & EYFS Nativity- (tickets will be released closer to the time)

14.12.23 - Art exhibition afternoon (further details to follow)

18.12.23 - Owls Forest School day

18.12.23 - Key Stage 1 & EYFS Christmas Party

20.12.23 - Robins Forest School day

21.12.23 - Christmas dinner and jumper day

21.12.23 - Squirrels Forest School day

21.12.23 - PTA Christmas Gift sale

22.12.23 - Break up for Christmas

**Tuesday 8th January 2024 - Children return to school**

## PE Kit

Please can you make sure that your child has their P.E kit in school for the whole of the half term. This should be the school uniform including:

- P.E T shirt / sweatshirt in their house colour.
- Blue shorts
- Trainers



At Long Whatton, we are committed to preparing our children for life in the diverse society, which is modern Britain today. We are proud to be an inclusive school that embraces equality and diversity - something that is strongly reflected in our core vision, values and ethos. Therefore, in order to enable us to further promote an ethos of inclusion and tolerance, we are now incorporating the Local Authority's 'Everyone's Welcome' programme into our PSHE lessons.

### What is 'Everyone's Welcome'?

'Everyone's Welcome' is a whole school approach that uses the 'No Outsiders' resources and framework to teach children about equality and diversity, in line with British Values, Ofsted guidelines and the Equality Act (2010).

'No Outsiders', a scheme that provides teachers with a curriculum that promotes equality for all sections of the community, was written originally in 2015 by practising Deputy Headteacher, Andrew Moffat. His work to promote equality has been globally celebrated. Further information about the No Outsiders approach can be found at <https://no-outsiders.com/about-us>.

On Thursday 2nd November in Reading Buddies we will be putting some of the books used in the sessions into the classrooms, so that you can have the opportunity to have a look and see the topics that will be covered throughout the scheme.



A huge thank you to our families for your donations for Shephed Foodbank. I know how grateful they are to have received the very generous donations.

A huge well done to the children for their beautiful performances and offering us the opportunity to reflect on how fortunate we all are.

Thank you for coming to the church to join us for this special time of the year.



We are really looking forward to working with you all again over the next half term.

Best wishes, Mrs Gray and the Long Whatton Team