

# Long Whatton C of E Primary School



Newsletter 12.10.21

*'Live, Learn, Grow and Be Thankful'*

*'Continue to live our lives in God, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught and overflowing with thankfulness': Colossians 2*

I can't believe that we are nearly at the end of our first half term already, it has flown by so quickly! We are so looking forward to seeing you all in school this week for parents evening.

## School Governors



Over this half term there has been some changes to our school governing body. These changes have arisen due to a number of parent governors reaching the end of their 4 year term.

I would like to thank Mrs Lynsey Simpkin, who has been chair of our governing body for four years, for all of her hard work, dedication and support she has given to the school and staff. Lynsey has worked tirelessly to drive forward changes and supported us as we navigated through two Ofsted inspections and a pandemic. None of these have been easy tasks and all of her time given to the school was voluntary.

Mr Ian Gaskell has now been elected as the new Chair of Governors. Ian is an experienced governor and is looking forward to driving the school forward over the next few years. Ian has a child at the school and is clear about the vision we have for the school going forward.

Mrs Sarah Williamson has stood down as Vice Chair of Governors as she completes the last few weeks of her term on the board. Sarah has been chair of our Behaviour, Safety and Wellbeing committee for the past four years and has driven significant change in health and safety and safeguarding, ensuring that our children are safe and happy at our school. I would like to thank Sarah so much for all of her hard work over the years.

Mr Chris Fearn has now been elected as the new Vice Chair of Governors. Chris is new to the team and brings with him significant financial experience which will again continue to drive the school forward.

Mr Ben Lincoln has now joined the Governing Body after a successful parent election yesterday. We are looking forward to working with Ben soon.

I'm sure you will agree that we have a strong team to take us on the next part of our school journey.



The children had a lovely afternoon at our harvest service at the church. There was lots of singing, prayers, poems and facts about harvest around the world. Our collective worship group also told us all about the foodbank. Thank you so much for all of your generous donations for Shephed Food Bank.

## Prayer Garden



Thank you to our parents who kindly volunteered their time on Friday to begin the work on our prayer garden. Mrs Conway has planned the prayer garden for some time but due to the pandemic it has taken time for it to come to fruition. The plan is then to add pots with herbs inside and a bird bath. It will be a lovely place for the children to sit and reflect in peace.



On Wednesday 13.10.21 and Thursday 14.10.21 you are welcome to drop off your donations for our bags2school collection. You should have received your bag to fill already but if you haven't don't worry you can use any bag. It's a perfect chance to clear out those wardrobes before winter.



Save the date for the Halloween disco. It is going to be so lovely to have all of our children back together again enjoying themselves. You can purchase your tickets from:

<https://long-whatton-primary-school-pta.sumup.link/products>

LONG WHATTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA



# Halloween Disco

We would love to invite the children for a well overdue school disco. Apologies that we were unable to host one last year.

During the disco, we will have snacks and drinks available to purchase from our tuck shop. We will also have glitter tattoos and neon face paints to purchase should the children want them.

We appreciate that some children haven't attended a disco before and although parents can't stay due to COVID arrangements, we would like to reassure you that we have both teachers and PTA members available to look after them and to help assist with any of their purchases. If you have any concerns please contact any member of the PTA or speak to any parents who have attended prior events.

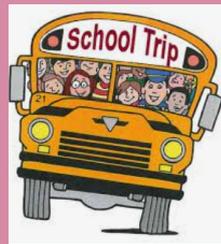
**Friday October 29, 2021 | 6PM-7:30PM**  
**Long Whatton Primary School**  
*Fancy dress optional*

**Tickets- £4 per child (including free glow sticks)**  
**Available to purchase online via our online store**

Don't forget that second hand uniform will also be on sale during parents evening on Tuesday and Thursday this week.



The children had a lovely morning with Sarah from the Dogs Trust who taught the children how to be safe around dogs. Sarah led an assembly and class workshops with the children.



As government guidance has changed we have begun to plan exciting trips out for the children to inspire them into their topics this academic year.

Years 3,4,5,and 6 will be going to Whitemoor Lakes on a residential from February 8th-11th 2022 for 3 nights and 4 days. We will be holding an information evening on Thursday 28th October at 5.00pm. A provisional price of the trip will be around £150. As soon as we have numbers confirmed we will be able to give you the final cost of the trip.



### Karate update

As you may be aware one of our parents, Ben Taylor, runs a karate class on Thursday afternoons in the school hall. He has shared some exciting news about some of the children at our school who have successfully passed their next grade in karate and been selected as his September junior class award winners. A huge congratulations to them all. I know it has been a long wait for their grading due to the lockdowns but their hard work has certainly paid off!



## **Our School Vision - Live, Learn, Grow and Be Thankful: Colossians 2**

'Continue to live our lives in God, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught and overflowing with thankfulness'.

This half term we have begun to embed our school vision in collective worship. Mrs Conway has been sharing with the children the story of Colossians, where our vision comes from.

### **'Live, learn, grow and be thankful!'**

**Live....** emphasising the fullness of life -physical, mental, emotional and spiritual

**Learn....** academically, being the best we can, embracing the challenge, persevering

**Grow....** with all the different opportunities, outside learning, stretching ourselves, growing in faith, in character, and in age!

**Be thankful....** a central Christian value that enhances life, even the tough bits!

Have a lovely half term. We would look forward to seeing you all again in Autumn 2

Best Wishes, Mrs Gray and the Long Whatton Team.