

Long Whatton C of E Primary School

Newsletter 20.04.2023

Live, Learn, Grow and Be Thankful



Welcome back! We hope you have all had a lovely Easter break and are refreshed for the final term of this academic year! This is a busy term preparing the children for the statutory assessments alongside lots of exciting things planned for the children this half term. Here are some key dates for your diary:

20.04.23 - Squirrels Worship visit to Leicester
21.04.23 - Grandparents lunch and gardening afternoon (12.00-2.00pm)
28.04.23 - May Day celebrations and Colour Run 1.30pm
01.05.23 - May Bank Holiday - No school
04.05.23 - Robins Roman's Workshop (in school)
04.05.23 - Kings Coronation Lunch
04.05.23 - Year 1 BeSkilled sports morning
05.05.23 - Kings Coronation PTA Celebration afternoon
08.05.23 - Kings Coronation Bank Holiday - No school
09.05.23 - Year 6 SATs week
15.05.23 - Year 2 SATs week
16.05.23 - Courageous Advocacy Day
18.05.23 - PTA Bag2School clothing collection
19.05.23 - Year 5 BeSkilled sports morning
19.05.23 - PTA School disco 6.00pm
24.05.23 - Class and whole school photographs
26.05.23 - Break up for half term

HONOURS ASSEMBLY

12.05.23 2.30pm-2.45pm Reading Buddies
2.45pm-3.00pm Honours Assembly
26.05.23 2.30pm-2.45pm Reading Buddies
2.45pm-3.00pm Honours Assembly



Key Stage 2 swimming dates:

18.04.23
25.04.23
02.05.23
09.05.23
16.05.23
23.05.23



May Day Celebrations 28.04.23

Preparations are already underway for our May Day celebrations. Parents and carers are welcome to join us for an afternoon of fun!

The children will need a hobby horse for the afternoon to race around Mr Slaney's assault course.

The children will share with you some traditional country/ May Day dancing.

Please can you send your child into school with a change of clothes as they will also be taking part in the colour run to raise money for our chosen charity Leicester Children's Holidays.



King's Coronation 05.05.23

The PTA and Mr Slaney have organised an afternoon of fun for the children to celebrate the King's Coronation. On the day the children are welcome to wear the colours of the flag, red, white and blue. Some of the activities in the afternoon will be physical so please ensure they have suitable footwear and sports clothing if possible.

Easter

Our Year 5 Owls visited Sutton Bonington Methodist church in the last half term. They learnt about the Easter story through drama and guided work with the adults from the church. They hid in the garden of Gethsemane and got to sample some Charoset which was eaten at the last supper. We would like to thank Sutton Bonington for planning this session our children really enjoyed it.



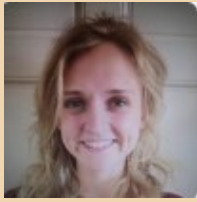
Thank you for coming to our Easter service at the church. It was wonderful to see the children wearing their Easter bonnets and sharing their Easter gardens. Mrs Conway shared how amazing the children were at singing, poetry and drama.



Thank you to parents for attending and Mrs Conway for organising our messy Easter afternoon. The children really enjoyed learning about the four key parts of the Easter story - Palm Sunday, The Last Supper, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. They went to see the newborn lambs, created Easter crafts and took part in a new life Easter egg hunt.



Mrs Conway



Mrs Conway has been a familiar face at Long Whatton for the past 5 years. She has now decided that the time is right to move with her family back to Somerset. Her official last day with us will be on the 28.04.23. We are going to say goodbye to Mrs Conway with the children after the colour run, please join us if you can.

Mrs Conway joined with me at Long Whatton and she has been an absolute asset to have. She works tirelessly for our children and the community. I have never met someone with so much energy, enthusiasm and kindness and the crazy person you see on the outside is the same person we have inside of school. She lifts the spirit in every room she enters and will be sadly missed.

She leaves behind as her legacy our poly-tunnel and passion of growing, her Science days and her sense of community.

We wish Mrs Conway the very best as she returns home to Somerset. They are very lucky to have her! We would all like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Conway. We will miss her deeply.

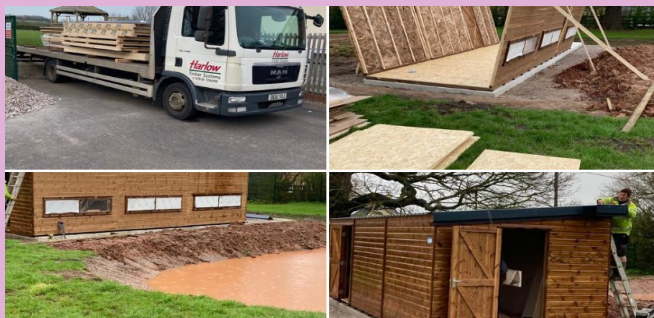
Mrs Wright



We were very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Wright before the Easter holidays. Mrs Wright has been a lunch time supervisor at our school for 35 years and is very much part of the history of our school! She also attended the school herself, including many other family members. We would like to wish the wonderful Mrs Wright a happy retirement. We will miss you very much.

Eco Garden

Over the Easter holidays our premises officer Mr Waite has been organising the building of the Bird House for our Eco Garden. I'm sure you'll agree it looks amazing! We would like to thank Harlow's for kindly donating the Bird Hide and Breendon Quarry for donating the concrete for the base. It is wonderful to see the children's plans coming to life! We will keep you updated with the progress of the Eco Garden.



We look forward to a very busy half term ahead and welcoming you into the school for our various activities and assemblies.

Mrs Gray and The Long Whatton Team