

Long Whatton C of E Primary School



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Dear Parents and Children, Welcome back! We hope you've had a restful and enjoyable break over half term.

This is again another busy half term of 9 weeks with lots of exciting things happening. We will be remembering the soldiers who have fallen, raising money for children in need, going to the pantomime, celebrating Christmas and so much more! I'm so looking forward to seeing the whole school performing on the stage for the Christmas performance!

Thank you so much for supporting the new morning routine and joining us for Wakey Shakey. Children have gained learning time and lessons are off to a flying start at 9.00.



Thank you so much for all of your donations for our harvest festival. The donations went to Shepshed food bank and I know they have been greatly received.

The children performed their songs beautifully in the church and showed their amazing musical talents by playing a range of instruments.

We would like to thank Edward Kennedy, Graham from Manor farm and Reverend Lauretta for their contribution to the harvest assembly.



The children have had a fantastic start to the daily mile! More and more of the children have achieved the mile over the past 8 weeks and they are really enjoying the challenge.

Miss Rundle has now started to record the children's achievements and is busy calculating the number of miles each class has completed.

We will try to keep this going over the term but may have to not run on days when the field is wet.



Busy Bees have had a busy time making items for a time capsule that they buried with their parents and teachers and will open these again in year 6!





THE LONG WHATTON WAY

Our Long Whatton Way is now established and being embedded across the school. Children's achievements are celebrated during honours assemblies and are keen to earn a sticker celebrating their example of the Long Whatton Way.

This half term our Monday assemblies are based around the final Long Whatton Way:



Each assembly we will look at a different Christian value ranging from compassion, forgiveness, tolerance and honesty and at the end of the 8 week half term we will select the four Christian Values that we would like to embed across the school and form part of our Long Whatton Way. These will again then become part of the honours celebration assembly.

We would like to invite parents in for all of our honours assemblies this half term so you can also celebrate all of the children's achievements with us.

Roald Dahl Day

The children enjoyed taking part in lots of activities celebrating Roald Dahl's Characters and books. Thank you for supporting this event with the amazing costumes!



Well done to all of our Cross Country runners ,who chose to run on a Saturday, at Prestwold Hall! We are so proud of all of those who took part. The next race is on Saturday the 3rd November and is open to all of key stage 2. Please see Miss Rundle for further details.



Key dates for your Diary



- 31st October Sibling and individual photos.
- 9th November Remembrance (Further details to follow)
- 12th November- Flu immunizations
- 12th-16th November- Anti Bullying week
- 16th November- Children in Need (Further details to follow)
- 16th November-2.45-3.10 Honours assembly (**All parents welcome**)
- 30th November 2.45-3.10 Honours assembly (**All parents welcome**)
- 30th November 3.30 Opening of the crib festival at the church
- 12th December 2.00-3.00 Christmas performance for playgroup
- 12th December 6.00-7.00 Christmas performance for parents
- 13th December- Christmas dinner
- 13th December 6.00-7.00 Christmas performance for parents
- 14th December 2.45-3.10 **Golden** hours Assembly (**All parents welcome**)
- 17th December Christmas Panto at Loughborough Theatre
- 19th December Key stage 2 Christmas party
- 20th December Key Stage 1 Christmas party

PTA Forest School Shelter!

The PTA and I have met with Mike Hampton, the gentleman who built the fort on the mounds, and have now agreed the plans . Mike has already begun working on the project and hopefully you will start to see the foundations for the shelter being started over this half term!



PTA Disco- We would just like to thank all of the parents who helped during the PTA disco. I have never seen such a smooth operation! The children had a fantastic time and we managed to raise around £400!

Breakfast club numbers have increased over the last term. Premier sports need to know as early as possible how many children are coming into the club so they can send the correct number of staff. If you can, can you please try to book a place online if you know you'll need the club.

You will notice a black doorbell that has been put by the front door. Please ring this bell in the morning for breakfast club staff to come and open the door and sign your child in. Please bring your child to the door and sign them in with the staff.

The front door must then be closed so that we can ensure that all children are safely inside.

Please watch this space for our new school website which will be launched around the middle of November. We hope that the new website will be easier for you to navigate and find the information you need.



Hug Your School!

We are planning our next hug your school day on Saturday the 10th November.

We would be most grateful if anyone would be available to help do some painting, gardening and tidying our forest school area.

Of course there will be a bacon sandwich for all those coming to help!

If you think you can help, please see either myself or a member of the team and let them know so we can make a list of jobs for the day.



Photos from Beaumanor Hall residential

The year 2 and 3 children had a fantastic time at Beaumanor hall and for the first time the year 1's came to join the rest of the children for the final day of the trip. Thank you to all the parents who helped to drive the children to Beaumanor Hall so that we could keep the cost down of the residential and the children could enjoy this



We are looking forward to another fantastic half term ahead!

Mrs Gray and the Long Whatton team

We are sending out this newsletter by email. If you would like a paper copy please see Mrs Coombes