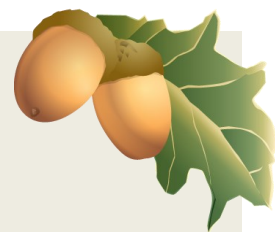


# Long Whatton C of E Primary School



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Dear Parents and Children, we hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday! Welcome back to the start of the new academic year and especially welcome to those families who are new to our school. The children have had a fantastic first week back and it has been lovely to see them catching up with their friends!

We have welcomed Mrs Conway into the Busy Bees classroom and she is really looking forward to teaching and getting to know the Busy Bees over the term. She has already settled into life at Long Whatton.

I have also started my first term at Long Whatton and I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting and getting to know your children. I have managed to meet some parents over the first week and look forward to meeting more of you over the coming weeks. Thank you so much for your warm welcome so far!



We would like to thank our PTA who provided tea and cake and more importantly tissues for our Busy Bees parents. It provided a fantastic opportunity for the parents to get to know each other!



On Wednesday Miss Rundle will be leading our children at the end of lunchtime on their daily mile! She has already been marking out our school field and had a practise in preparation!

The Daily Mile is a national initiative and is fully-inclusive and free! It improves the physical and mental health of children. It's a social activity where the children run or jog, at their own pace, for 15 minutes every day and it improves focus in the classroom.

For further information please look at the following website: <https://thedailymile.co.uk/parents-and-carers/>

Just a couple of photos of the Busy Bees enjoying their first day!



Don't forget swimming every Monday afternoon for year's 1 to 5 this half term!





Since my appointment as headteacher at Long Whatton in January I have been coming into school over the Spring and Summer months getting to know the children and staff and taking assemblies. In those assemblies we have been working on the long Whatton Way. The way is focused around building and celebrating the development of our children's characters.

Character Education has been a national development over the last few years and has many benefits including:

- Children feel safe, respected and connected to those around them.
- Children thrive academically
- Children thrive socially and are more motivated to give back to their communities.
- Bullying is rare.
- Test scores and homework completion go up.
- Attendance is high
- Achievement gaps are narrowed

In our assemblies we discussed characteristics we need to help us in school and to prepare us for our futures. We then sorted these characteristics into four categories:

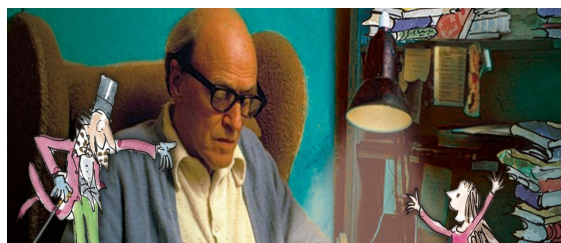


Over the term you will notice the children's achievements being celebrated under one of these four characteristics and certificates at achievement assemblies will also be awarded under one of these headings.

## Roald Dahl Day Thursday 13th September!

To celebrate Roald Dahl Day this year we will be spending the whole day taking part in lots of exciting activities celebrating the books from the famous author!

We would also like the children and staff to dress up as one of their favourite characters from one of his books!



# Key dates for your Diary



10.09.18—Children selected for school council

10.09.18- 7.00pm PTA meeting (all welcome)

11.09.18- 6.00pm- Beaumanor Residential parent meeting

13.09.18 Roald Dahl Day- Dress Up as your favourite Roald Dahl character!

14.09.18 First congratulations assembly (children only). Don't forget those trophies and certificates!

28.09.18 Harvest /Assembly (Date in this week to be confirmed)

01.10.18 Cefn Lea Residential

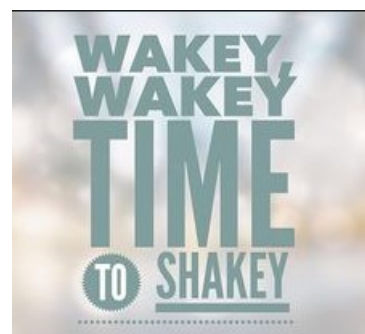
05.10.18 14.09.18 First congratulations assembly (all parents and carers welcome)! Don't forget those trophies and certificates!

Parents Evenings :

08.10.18 - 3.30-7.30

09.10.18- 3.30-5.30

10.10.18 - Beaumanor Residential



## 10th September 2018!

Each morning from the 10th September at 8.50am we will start the day with "wakey shaky". This will be a simple keep fit routine to music on the playground, just before the bell goes for the start of the school day. Sam, our sports coach, will be leading the children and getting them ready for the day ahead!

The school door will open as usual at 8.45 a.m. for children to pop bags and coats into the classroom and will then join their friends on the playground for the 5 minute shake up.

The whistle will then blow at 8.50 a.m. and children will line up and make their way into class with the class teacher. The front door will then be closed at 8.50 am by a member of staff. Staff are responsible for your children at 8.50 am and we must ensure that they are safe by closing the front door at this time. After this time you will need to buzz the office and be marked in by Mrs Coombes.

You are very welcome to join in wakey shakey with your child or pass on any messages to the class teachers.

**We are looking forward to a fantastic Autumn Term!**

**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