

# Long Whatton C of E Primary School

Newsletter 15.05.2024

*Live, Learn, Grow and Be Thankful*



I hope you all managed to enjoy the bank holiday weekend and some much needed sunshine!

Thank you all for coming into school to watch the May Day Celebrations. The children had worked so hard on their dances and were looking forward to sharing these with you. Thank you for providing a Hobby Horse for the children to race on and for continuing to support them in the races despite the rain.

It will be very busy in school over the next few weeks. Our Year 6 children are sitting their SATs tests this week and Years 1- 5 will complete their NFER tests before the end of term.

The BeSkilled events have started to take place for each year group. I know how much the children enjoy visiting the other schools and making new friends.



## Swimming

15.05.24 - Whole school and class group photos

17.05.24 - PTA Colour Fun Run

20.05.24 - Hedgehogs trip to Twycross Zoo

21.05.24 - Owls World War I and II Workshop

23.05.24 - Year 3 BeSkilled event at Thorpe Acre Juniors

24.05.24 - Break up for half term

06.06.24 - Hedgehogs Beskilled event at St Botolph's

06.06.24 - D Day 80th Anniversary lunch

07.06.24 - Summer Fayre (2.30pm)

11.06.24 - Robins visiting Leicester 'linked' school

13.06.24 - Father's Day lunch

14.06.24 - PTA Father's Day gift sale.

14.06.24 - Sports Day

17.06.24 - Year 5 Bookshop visit

18.06.24 - Year 6 Bookshop visit

19.06.24 - Year 2 Beskilled event at Saint Hardulph's

21.06.24 - Year 4 Beskilled event at Long Whatton

25.06.24 - Year 3 Library visit

26.06.24 - Year 6 Drayton Manor trip

02.07.24 - Year 6 Beskilled event at Saint Botolph's

02.07.24 - Year 4 Library visit

04.07.24 and 05.07.24 - Transition days in new classes

08.07.24 - Owls performance and Year 6 leavers presentation

12.07.24 - Seaside Special lunch

12.07.24 - Break up for Summer holidays

Remaining 4 sessions for KS2 swimming.  
Please check the dates carefully.

06.06.24

20.06.24

13.06.24

27.06.24

## HONOURS ASSEMBLY

Friday 24th May 2024

Friday 28th June 2024



Please join us for our Summer Fayre on 7th June 2024. The event will start at 2.30pm and is open to all. I know the PTA are working hard planning the event so a good time will be had by all.



As the weather is starting to turn hotter please can we ask you to provide a sunhat for your child to wear in school and to please put sun cream on them before they come in to school. Any sun cream that comes into school will need to be labelled with your child's name and they will need to be able to put it on for themselves.

## 'Leics Make Music'

The Owls thoroughly enjoyed their trip to De Montfort Hall to experience an interactive concert. The children all got involved and listened to the orchestra from the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire which was very impressive.



## Magnificent May Day

On Friday 3rd May, the children performed a range of May Day dances for the parents, showing creativity and teamwork. Our annual Hobby Horse race proceeded and despite the rain all of the children paraded and raced the course with their Hobby Horses. A fun afternoon was had by all. Thank you to all of the parents who came to support the children.



## Thank you PTA

Following a survey conducted by the School Council about how to make lunchtimes better; the School Council identified a need for some new resources. The School Council would like to thank the PTA for the new balls they purchased.



## Fun with the BeSkilled

Our Year 5s had a fantastic day at St Botolphs for the BeSkilled Science and PE day. They had fun investigating who stole all the chrome books using the evidence they collected. They played different games in the afternoon such as football, rounders, tag and much more.

Our Year 1s earlier this month took all of their energy to their BeSkilled sports and music event! They had a great day with the other schools in the trust.



## Places of Worship visit



The Hedgehog Class had a great RE trip to 3 different places of worship. Their first stop was a Mosque where they learnt about Islam. Their second stop was a Hindu Temple where they looked at the beautiful saris and head scarves.

St Phillips Church was the final place they visited. They loved looking around the church and hearing about how Christian people worship God.



## Terrific Tennis

Thank you to Sutton Bonington Tennis Club for coming in and getting all the children involved in a tennis taster afternoon. All the classes really enjoyed learning new skills.



## Fighting Fire

The children were lucky to have a fire fighter visit them in assembly to talk about fire safety. A big thank you to Caz the firefighter for visiting, showing women can be firefighters too!



## Sportsability Festival



10 children from Years 3, 4 and 5 took part in the Sportsability Festival at Charnwood College. They all enjoyed the experience gaining new skills and meeting new children from other schools involved in the North Charnwood Sports Partnership.

## Unauthorised Absence

For unauthorised leave of absence from August 2024, Penalty Notices will increase to £160 per parent per child (discounted to £80 if paid within 21 days). If there is occasion to issue a second Penalty Notice for unauthorised leave of absence within a rolling 3 year period, it will be issued at the higher rate of £160 per parent per child, with no opportunity to pay at the lower level. A Penalty Notice cannot be issued if there is a third occasion of unauthorised leave of absence in the rolling 3 year period and it is highly likely that the Local Authority will take direct prosecution action in the Magistrates Court. Currently, if your child has unauthorised leave of absence of 5 days or more prior to the end of the summer term in 2024, it is likely you will be issued with a Penalty Notice of £120 per parent per child (discounted to £60 if paid within 21 days).

We look forward to working with you this half term. Best wishes Mrs Gray and The Long Whatton Team.