

Long Whatton C of E Primary School

Newsletter : 25.02.20



Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term! We hope you've all had a well earnt break and are ready for the next busy half term ahead. Hopefully some long days of sunshine will arrive soon!

I would like to begin our newsletter by saying a big thank you to our staff: Mrs Plummer, Mr Cotton, Mrs York, Miss Ella and Mrs Conway who all went on the residential to Whitemoor Lakes with the children. I really do appreciate the time that they sacrifice with their own families to make the residential trips possible for our children.

Having also spent a day and night with them at Whitemoor I know what a fantastic time the children were having. So many children tried something new and gave things a go. I was very proud of them, as usual they were a credit to both you and the school. I think it really worked well having all of key stage 2 together on the trip as they were so supportive of each other throughout.



Food For Life Swedish Visitors



We were very lucky to have visitors from Sweden in the last week before half term. They visited us as we are a Food for Life school and they wanted to see us in action.

The visitors had lunch with us and had a tour of the famous polytunnel with Mrs Conway! They also met our younger SNAG group members from the Shooting Stars.

Deborah from Food for Life at Leicestershire County Council visited too and wrote the following TWEET about the day!

Deborah Taylor @DebTaylorSA · Feb 13

Lovely 2 showcase @SAfoodforlife Bronze school @LongWhatton18 to our Swedish visitors, meeting the SNAG & touring the polytunnel! Visitors interested in how schools engage parents/ community in growing/cooking which #longwhatton does brilliantly! Fab meal from @LeicsTraded too!

The Collective Worship Group



The Collective Worship Group is now up and running in school. The aim of the group is for them to plan and deliver a collective worship to the school and community once per month.

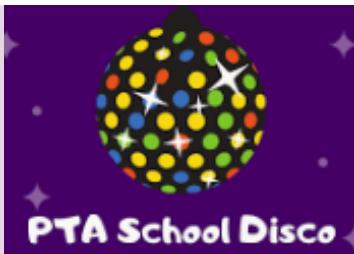
They have been busy planning an 'Ashing' collective worship to mark the start of Ash Wednesday.

The small group will lead the collective worship with Reverend Lauretta and Edward Kennedy on Wednesday 26th February at 2.45pm, you are very welcome to pop into church to join us for this.

Our plan is to support the charity of Mary's Meals over Lent.

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/who-we-are/our-history>

The story is based around the charity Mary's Meals which started in 2002 by feeding 200 children in Malawi. Not only did the charity feed the children but it educated them at the same time. More than 1 million children now receive an education and food thanks to Mary's meals. It costs £15.90 to feed a child for a whole school year and our group has decided, along with the church, to try to help feed and educate as many children as we can over Lent by bringing in a donation of 20p on each of the 6 Thursdays throughout Lent, starting from 27th February to the 2nd April. We will have a board up in the school hall and every time we raise £15.90 we will add a paper person to the board to see how many children we will have fed and educated for a whole year! Please don't feel you have to donate, there is no obligation to do so but we would be grateful of as much support as possible.



I would like to say a big thank you to our PTA who organised another great afternoon tea and disco for the children before half term.

The hair braids and tattoos were very popular!



As part of the School Councils action plan this year they decided that they would like to do a Hug Your School afternoon in school with the rest of the children in school.

They wrote a list of jobs that needed doing and the children across the school chose which jobs they would like to do on a Friday afternoon just before we broke up.

They litter picked, tidied the forest school, put the barking back in the tyre park, sorted out the playground equipment and so much more!

It was a real success and our school environment is such a nice place to be in. It was also lovely to see our children developing into good citizens and taking pride in our school.

A big well done to our school council!



As you may be aware Mrs Conway and Mr Gaskell successfully placed a bid with Rolls Royce and won £1000 towards stem projects across the school.

We have recently spent some of this money on 4 Lego Robots that we plan to be building and programming in our after school club this half term.

They certainly look great fun to build!

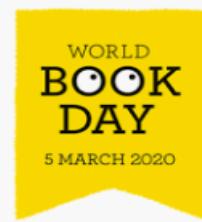
The rest of the money will be spent towards resourcing 2 stem project days for all classes. The first date is Monday 2nd March. Mr Gaskell and 4 external STEM leaders will also be coming in to join us for the day!

We can't wait to get started!



Come and join us for Mother's day lunch on either Tuesday 17th March or Thursday the 19th March 2020. Letters to follow!

Date and time coming soon for PTA Mother's day gift sale.



Don't forget it's world book day on Thursday 5th March 2020. The children are very welcome to dress up as their favourite character from a book to celebrate the day!

Our PTA will also be running a book swap on Friday 6th March, starting from 2.15pm, where children can bring in a book that they have already read and can purchase a different book.



A big well done to our cross country runners at Prest-world!

We can't wait to find out how some of them do in the finals!

Key Dates for the half term

Wednesday 26th February- Ashing Collective Worship at the church 2.45pm-3.05pm
Friday 28th February- Shooting Stars trip to Tamworth Castle
Friday 28th February- Busy Bees trip to Twycross Zoo
Thursday 5th March- World Book day
Friday 6th March- Book Swap
Friday 6th March- 2.15pm Reading buddies
Friday 6th March—2.45pm Congratulations Assembly
17th and the 19th March Mother's day lunch
Friday 20th March-2.00pm Parent Forum
Friday 20th March—2.45pm Congratulations Assembly
Tuesday 31st March- 2.00pm Easter Service
Thursday 4th April- Break up
Friday 5th April- Staff training day

Donations to the foodbank



The Busy Bees have been busy again in the first half of the Spring term. They have been writing little messages on their donations to Shepshed Food bank. They decided on their messages for the people who use the foodbank and wrote them all on their own!

Mr Kennedy who volunteers at the foodbank has said that they were all very grateful for the donations they received and the special messages!

Another example of the children showing our Long Whatton Way 'More than just me!'

We are really looking forward to an exciting half term ahead! Please remember to drop in after school if you have any questions you'd like to ask. Kind Regards Mrs Gray and the Long Whatton Team.