

Long Whatton C of E Primary School

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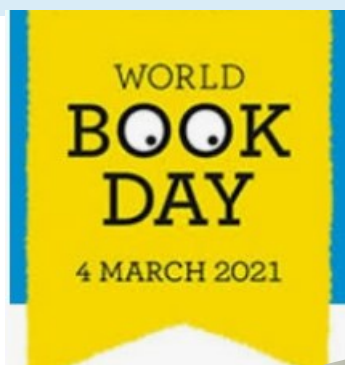
Welcome back! The children have settled in really well back to school already. It is so lovely to have them all with us again.

Last week the children in years 2-6 completed a wellbeing survey in school so that we can quickly target and offer support in school to children who may need it. Mrs York and Mrs Smith are both Emotional Literacy trained and are available at all times to support our children.

We have also begun assessments in core subjects across the school so that again we can establish the levels that children are working at and can plan lessons accordingly. These were started last week and will continue this week.

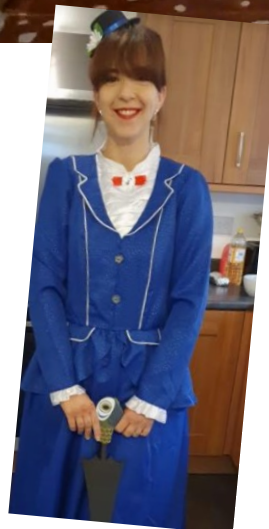
We are careful in school about the language we use with our children around the words 'catch up'. Research has shown already that 'catch up' may make the children feel that they have fallen behind whilst they have been away even though most have been working incredibly hard on the Google Classroom. Our assessments will help the children to show us where they are at so they can make good progress and move their learning forward.

It is clear from assessments already that you have worked incredibly hard with your children during lockdown and the children have also driven their own learning on the Google Classroom. Thank you for supporting your children during lockdown. It is this school and home partnership that has enabled our children to continue to make good progress outside of school and enables us to pick back up again and drive forward again quickly.



The children enjoyed the activities planned for the day by Miss Hellawell and the class teachers. It was lovely to still see some of the children also dressed up at home as we did in school.

A big thank you to the PTA for organising the book hunt around the village. We had an overwhelming response and the winner will be drawn in our honours assembly on Friday. Well done for taking part!





Thank you for booking a reverse parent meeting with your class teachers. I know that the meetings that have taken place so far have been so valuable for both parents and teachers. The meetings are for you to share anything with the class teacher that they might need to know as your child settles back in to school.



We hope you had a lovely Mother's day on Sunday and managed to put your feet up for the day!

Thank you to our PTA who organised the Mother's Day gift sale in school on Friday. We hope you enjoyed your children's gifts!



As you aware staff in school complete a rapid test twice per week in order to hopefully catch any Covid infections even before they have symptoms so that we can isolate them quickly.

Since last week parent's of Primary aged school children can also test their children at home.

We sent out a letter on how to do this last week but here is a quick link to the site where you can order test kits from if this is something you would like to do.



On Friday this week 19.03.21 it is Comic Relief day. We are not going to be able to sell the red noses in school this year due to Covid 19 restrictions as I'm sure you can imagine they frequently fall off each other's noses and the children usually like to try out each other's.

We are however going to dress in red on Friday and you can paint on a red nose for a £1.00 donation. We will set this up on school money for you to donate and if you choose not to the debt will be taken back off your account.

If you would like to: Share a picture/ write a message or a note about what you would like to do to remember lent.



Lent

Well done to those of you who completed Mrs Conway's Google Classroom assignment about Lent. I can see some of the children thought hard about what they would be giving up for Lent and sent in some lovely pictures.

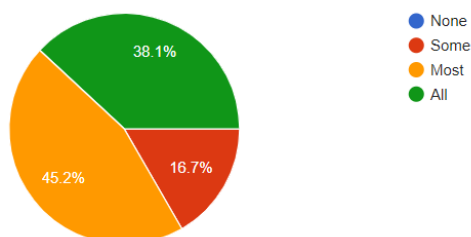


Thank you so much for all of your feedback on our Remote Learning Survey. I am so grateful to so many of you who took the time to complete the survey as this really helps us to improve our offering each time and it helps us to know that what we are providing meets the needs of the children.

I would like to share some of your feedback.

How much of the work does your child complete that is allocated by the school?

42 responses



What are we doing well?

Everything! There isn't anything I can fault, how quickly the teachers provided us with online work was amazing & the work and time that they put in is immeasurable.

Live lessons are a step forward on the last school closures.

There hasn't been any putting pressure on parents which is amazing as I've heard a lot of schools have. All work is put on the classroom the night before which really helps

Live lessons have really helped this lockdown both academically and emotionally. The teachers feedback and response to questions has also been great.

The live lessons are great, and the feedback you give the children is too. And the LW Bears were brilliant!

We are extremely happy with Long Whatton primary school as we are aware that there are many Schools that are not providing remote learning like our school. So we appreciate all that the staff are doing.

What could we do to improve our approach to home learning?

Could maybe have a 'show and tell' type live session on a Friday, so the children can tell the other children about something and maybe could be encouraged to ask each other any questions/make any comments they want to -thus more of a social element.

Could they extend the live lessons to incorporate the time for the children to work through the work and ask questions while they are doing it? Rather than going through the work then leaving them to work independently.

Perhaps more variety would be good - the French Day is a wonderful idea so more full-day, project-focused or themed days would help to vary things.

Provide more (optional?) work to stretch the children who want to do more.

Allow the children to enter the lessons up to 5 mins early so that they can have a brief chat before the lesson commences.

Thank you all for your comments we are certainly happy to reflect on these to help us to improve our remote learning offer if needed again.

Thank you all for completing some of the work over the lockdown as I know how much hard work the staff put in.

I have shared just a sample of the comments from the survey. The overall majority of the comments were extremely positive. We are very grateful to have received such positive feedback.



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*North Charnwood
Active Minutes Challenge
Champions 2021*

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Congratulations!



Winners of the 21 day challenge will be revealed in our Honours Assembly on Friday this week!

Well done to all of you who took part during lockdown!

Thank you for all of your support this term.

We are looking forward to working with the children and you again as we move forward together from lockdown.

Best wishes

Mrs Gray and the Long Whatton Team