

Long Whatton C of E Primary School

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Live, Learn, Grow and Be Thankful



Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term. I hope you all managed to have a lovely half term and a well deserved rest.

Last half term had been a difficult one of increased numbers of Covid cases in school which also led to staff absence. We have again received further guidance today regarding self isolation.

From Thursday 24 February, the Government will remove the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.

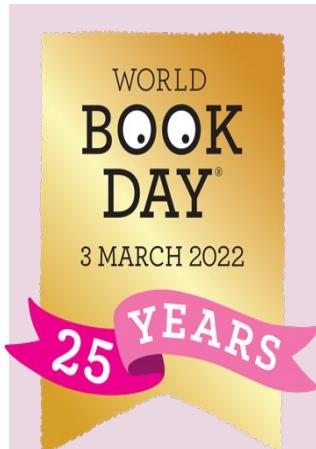
In school we will continue to ask any children who test positive to isolate for at least 5 full days until they have received 2 negative test results on two consecutive days, 24 hours apart.

Thank you for continuing to support us with isolation rule changes.



We are so lucky to have been able to take our key stage 2 children on a residential this year. It was so wonderful to see the children out all together again and being able to develop their character skills of independence, resilience, taking risks and challenging themselves to try new activities. A huge thank you goes to the staff for giving up their time and making the residential possible for our children. I think the staff and children have all just about caught up on their sleep.





World Book Day will be taking place next week on Thursday 3rd March 2022. The children are of course invited to come to school wearing a costume of their favourite character from their favourite book.

Class teachers will be dressing up for the day too and are planning a range of reading activities for the afternoon. Each classroom will have a book theme and the children will move around the classes and immerse themselves in some classic texts.

To support with the cost of costumes the PTA have organised a Fancy dress costume sale on the school car park on Sunday 27th February from 11am-3pm.

The PTA will also be supporting World Book Day by arranging a World Book Day Character Hunt around the village on Sunday 27th February from 11am-3pm.



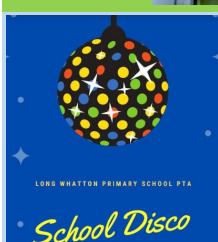
Comic Relief is on Friday 18th March 2022. For comic relief this year we will be asking the children to wear the colour red for the day and to paint their noses red.

We won't be encouraging the plastic noses into school again this year to limit any spread of the virus.

We will put a donation of £1.00 onto all of your Teachers to Parents accounts and these will be removed on Friday 25th March 2022 if you decide you do not wish to donate.

New Arrivals

Over the half term Mr Waite has been busy constructing an outdoor run for the chickens. Mr and Mrs Atkinson kindly donated the Eglu to the school a while ago but unfortunately due to the pandemic it has taken some time to get everything into place to house them. We now have two chickens who are happy in their new home and this week we will be asking the children to name them. The SNAG group will ensure they will be looked after during the week. We are looking forward to the chickens hatching some eggs soon!



The PTA have arranged a school disco for the children on Friday 4th March 2022 from 6.00pm -7.30pm.

Please purchase your tickets on the link below:

<https://long-whatton-primary-school-pta.sumup.link/>



A while ago Mr and Mrs Perkins (Grace Perkins mum and dad,) kindly donated our acorn logo so that we could have a consistent logo that we could use on uniforms and signage. We recently asked if they could add our school name and vision to the logo to make it complete. They very kindly added these and I'm sure you'll agree it looks very professional. Thank you Mr and Mrs Perkins for working on this for us.

We are really looking forward to working with you all again over the next half term.

Best wishes, Mrs Gray and the Long Whatton Team