

Long Whatton C of E Primary School

Newsletter 27.05.21



I can't believe that we are approaching the end of this half term already! It certainly has been a busy one but so lovely to have everyone back in school for the whole of the half term. Let's hope that we are now firmly on our way back to 'normal'.

Thank you parents for wearing your masks on the wall to help to keep us as safe as possible. As a school we would like you to continue to wear them so that we can try to keep us all as safe as possible and not take any unnecessary risks before the summer, especially due to the new Indian Variant. Please do not approach a member of staff without wearing one in order to ensure the safety of you and our staff member. We want to keep all our bubbles in tact for the remainder of the summer term and not take away any learning from our children unnecessarily. Thank you for your ongoing understanding and support with this.

After half term we would like the Busy Bees class to change their staggered start time to 8.45am from their original start time of 8.55am. This is to help free up some congestion on the wall in the mornings and so that Mrs Conway can have extra catch up time with the children. All other classes will remain the same.

After half term drop off times and entrances in the morning will be:

8.40am—Phoenix Tribe- Side gate

8.45am- Busy Bees- Front Door

8.45am- Flying Falcons- Side gate to the field

8.50am- Shooting Stars—Side gate following on from Phoenix Tribe

Pick up times will remain the same:

3.00pm- Busy Bees-Front door

3.05pm -Shooting Stars- Side gate

3.10pm- Flying Falcons- Side gate to the field

3.15pm—Phoenix Tribe- Side gate

Please try to arrive on time for pick up and leave as soon as you have dropped off.

Please also remember that if you have a sibling with a different start and finish time to another child please send them in on the earliest child's start time and the latest child's start time and we will hold them in school for you. You do not need to wait for the teacher to come outside before you send in the siblings as there is always a member of staff waiting to receive the children in every classroom.

Thank you all again for your support with this as it has been tricky managing the Health and Safety Covid risks and Safeguarding risks for drop offs and pick ups. By having parents and children waiting behind the wall this ensures that we can see your children coming in and out of school across the car park clearly. Visibility for staff is so much better and keeping your children safe is our priority.

Dates for your diaries for the summer term:

8th June 2021- EYFS New parent information evening- 6.00pm-7.00pm

8th June 2021- PTA Meeting—8.00pm-9.00pm

14th June 2021- Individual and whole class photographs- 9.00am-12.00pm

25th June 2021- Sports day (current government guidance is that no visitors are able to come in to school to watch) We will update you if this guidance changes

1st and 2nd July 2021 Transition days- move to new classes

2nd and 3rd July 2021- Year 6 camp out 6.00pm start on the 2nd July -9.00am pick up on the 3rd July

5th July 2021- Year 6 leavers performance and awards ceremony (current government guidance is that this is to be recorded and put online) on the Google Classroom .We will update you if this guidance changes

9th July 2021- School closes for the summer holidays

Mr and Mrs Plummer would like you to meet Isla Adeline Plummer. Their baby daughter arrived on 05.02.21 at 00.55am on her due date. Both mum and baby are doing well. We would like to pass on our congratulations to them both.



The Flying Falcons class enjoyed a music session on the steel pans this half term. The music teachers who came in to teach them couldn't believe how well they could play on their first go! You can hear the beautiful sound of the pans on our twitter feed.





Crumble

It has been lovely to welcome Crumble back to school in the outdoor classroom. The children have loved reading to him again.

So far he has listened to the Busy Bees and some of the Shooting Stars.

He will make his way around the rest of the school in the remaining summer term.



We had a wonderful time in school celebrating May Day. All classes were able to join their class hobby horse race completing various obstacles organised by Mr Slaney. Thank you again for helping to create the wonderful hobby horses. There were many winning horses on the day and we can't wait to get them out again next year!

The children enjoyed their May Day dances too! I hope you have managed to enjoy them on the Google Classroom. Phoenix Tribes dance will be uploaded onto the classroom on Friday 28.05.21.



Have a lovely half term! Let's hope for some sunshine! Best Wishes, Mrs Gray and the Long Whatton Team.