

# Long Whatton C of E Primary School

Newsletter 02.11.21



I hope you had a lovely half term and are ready for the run up to Christmas. I know staff and children particularly like this part of the school year. We are planning to have our usual Christmas festivities and would like to share the dates with you in advance so that you can plan. Please be aware that the dates are provisional and some of our plans may have to change if we have a Covid Outbreak.



- 04.11.21- Owls visit to New Walk Museum
- 09.11.21- Hedgehogs—Birds of Prey visit (in school)
- 10.11.21-2pm—Hedgehogs parent phonics afternoon (further details to follow)
- 10.11.21- 4.30pm- Year 1 Phonics Assessment parent meeting (further details to follow)
- 11.11.21- Remembrance Day
- 11.11.21- NHS Nasal flu administrations
- 15.11.21- Anti Bullying week- Odd sock day
- 17.11.21- 4.30pm- Year 2 Parent SATs meeting (further details to follow)
- 19.11.21- Children in Need- Dress up in either yellow or Pyjamas
- 03.12.21- PTA Santa Fun Run
- 06.12.21—Whole School going Loughborough Panto
- 07.12.21- 2.00pm Hedgehogs and Squirrels Christmas Performance
- 07.12.21- 5.30pm Hedgehogs and Squirrels evening Christmas Performance
- 08.12.21- 5.30pm Hedgehogs and Squirrels evening Christmas Performance
- 10.12.21- Christmas dinner and jumper day
- 13.12.21- PTA gift sale
- 13.12.21- 2.00pm Hedgehogs and Squirrels Christmas Party
- 14.12.21-2.00pm Robins and Owls Christmas Performance
- 14.12.21-5.30pm-Robins and Owls Christmas Performance
- 15.12.21- 2.00pm- Robins and Owls Christmas Performance
- 15.12.21- 5.30pm- Robins and Owls Christmas Performance
- 17.12.21-Finish for Christmas holiday



Please note there is an additional bank holiday next year on the term dates that I sent home last week. This is due to the Queen's Jubilee day being in May half term and therefore schools have been granted permission to take their bank holiday on a different day over the year. The Be skilled group have agreed with Leicestershire County hall that we will take the additional day on the last day of the summer on Tuesday 12th July 2022.



A huge thank you to our PTA and staff who helped to organise and run the school disco for the children and sold teas and coffees on Halloween night to trick or treaters in the village.

It was so lovely to see the children enjoying themselves and having a dance together again.



We have been revising our Communication Policy in school. Due to Covid, communication changed and we now think it is the right time to revise the way we communicate going forward. Governors and I have been working with the office to put a draft policy together. We are hoping to ratify the policy at full Governors this month and I'll let you know when it is published on the website.

We want you to feel welcome to the school. If you have any messages or questions please do come into reception and speak to either Colette Axon or Lynda Goodwin in the office. Please don't feel you have to pass things or talk through the window from outside the building. Come in and ask the questions you would like to ask. I know they would both like to see you.



### **Sandwich Option**

From Monday 8th November we are hoping to add 2 more sandwich options on the School App. The sandwich option will include Tuna, and Ham as well as Cheese. Thank you for bearing with us whilst we waited for the system to update.



### **Remembrance**

We will again be holding a remembrance assembly in school for the children on November 11th. Each class is making their own wreath ready to lay on the village cenotaph.

### **Anti Bullying Week**

This year anti bullying week will run from 15th-19th November 2021. The theme for this year is 'One Kind Word'. To mark the start of the week children and staff will be wearing odd socks on Monday 15th November. Throughout the week the children will be carrying out activities and Personal and Social lessons that discuss and develop the theme.



### **Children in Need**

Children in need will be held on Friday 19th November 2021. Children and staff are invited to wear either their Pyjama's or the colour yellow for a £1.00 donation to the charity for the day.

We will be carrying out a range of activities to celebrate the cause.

### **Parent helper afternoon**

Following on from the success of the prayer garden Graham Waite (our Premises Officer) would really like some further support with a few jobs around the school.

He would like to get started on our chicken run so that we can finally have chickens in the school, which I know the children are desperate to have. He has all of the wood but needs some support to put it together.

He has a new shed to put the Early Years scooters and bikes away but needs a second person to help him put it together. He also has one more bag of gravel that needs to be put into the Prayer Garden.

He is hoping to have some volunteers to help him on Friday 19th November from 1.10pm until the end of the school day. If you can spare any time, please can you pop in and help him. He has all the tools he just needs the helpers.

As you can see from the dates, Key Stage 2 have requested to put on a Christmas Performance this year. They wrote me a letter with 16 signatures and of course I said yes. Key Stage 1 will also be performing a nativity. There are several dates listed for the performances and this is so we can limit the numbers in the hall. Tickets will be released closer to the time. Please note that as rehearsals begin, Forest School will stop so that the forest has a chance to recover and rehearsals can take place.

We are looking forward to working with you and the exciting build up to Christmas and half term ahead.

Best wishes,

Mrs Gray and the Long Whatton Team