



Longhorsley School News

AUTUMN TERM



week ending 29th September 2017

APOLOGIES and THANKS - we regret that due to circumstances beyond our control we were unable to issue our School News last week and therefore our Federation Day consent for Key Stage 2 children was very last minute so thank you for your quick response.

EARLY YEARS 30hours FREE CHILDCARE - Nursery parents please note that you must re-confirm your eligibility for this childcare by the end date on your code. To do this you need to log in to your government gateway account and if you experience any problems contact HMRC on 0300 123 4097 please.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ADMISSIONS for SEPTEMBER 2018 - parents of children in our current Year 4 are requested to complete their applications for places in Middle School via Northumberland County Council's online portal which is open now until 31st October.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS - proofs have now been sent home, please check school bags for these. Please complete your order forms and return to school with payment by next Friday, 6th October.

PARKING REMINDER - it has been noted that cars are still being parked in the restricted zone, during 'drop off' especially. Please be considerate to all children and parents and residents walking along the path and adhere to the restriction notice - NO PARKING 8:30 - 9:30am and 2:30 - 3:30pm. Thank you.

FEDERATION DAY was on Tuesday and Longhorsley hosted children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Our Year 3 and Year 4 children travelled over to Whalton to spend the day there. We all had an RE themed day with lots of activities - stained glass windows, decorated crosses and trees being among them.

REMINDER 'SCHOOL NEWS' is available on the home page of our website (www.longhorsley-st-helens.northumberland.sch.uk) and back copies are available in the Office section under Newsletters.



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HARVEST in St Helen's Church on Thursday 19th October at 11:00am - EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND. The Service is followed by family lunch in school which is now fully booked, thank you.

Children in Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) have been busy printing their own harvest themed paper. This will be coming home with them and is for decorating a box for their harvest contribution. Please help your child/ren to cover a box.

We will again be leaving the fresh produce at St Helen's Church for their Harvest Service on Sunday 22nd October and the tins and dry goods will be taken to the Wansbeck Valley Food Bank in Morpeth. Suggested items for donation to help fill their shelves include tinned meat, tinned/dried potatoes, tubs of butter/spread, tins of corned beef, biscuits, rice pudding, jars of pasta sauce, jars of jam, pre-packed cheese and tinned vegetables.

DATES FOR 2ND - 13TH OCTOBER 2017

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Monday 2 nd October	After School AMERICAN FOOTBALL Club (4 of 5) Swim/Gym/Wall
Tuesday 3 rd October	After School RUGBY Club (4 of 5)
Wednesday 4 th October	
Thursday 5 th October	
Friday 6 th October	9:00 FAMILY SERVICE in St Helen's Church
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Monday 9 th October	After School AMERICAN FOOTBALL Club (5 of 5) Swim/Gym/Wall
Tuesday 10 th October	After School RUGBY Club (5 of 5)
Wednesday 11 th October	
Thursday 12 th October	
Friday 13 th October	

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TERM DATES for Autumn Term	Tuesday 5 th September -
first half	Thursday 19 th October
Teacher Training Day	Friday 20 th October
Teacher Training Day	Friday 27 th October

MONIES - dinners for children in **Years 3 and 4** are £2.20 per child per day (£11/week) **£72.60 for Autumn term 1 for children in Years 3, 4 - please pay weekly, monthly or termly in advance.**

swimming/gymnastics/climbing wall for children in Reception to Year 4. A voluntary contribution towards these activities is £4 per child per week **£24.00 for Autumn term 1 all children**

Please note that monies requested to support the additional activities, which the children take part in on Monday afternoons, are voluntary contributions towards the total costs of provision. **However, school relies on your contributions to allow these activities to continue and, without your support, we would be unable to fund all those which are currently offered to your children, resulting in fewer activities being offered.**

CHURCH SERVICES

FAMILY SERVICE - you are invited to attend our first Family Service being held on Friday 6th October at 9:00am in St Helen's Church. Please meet in Church with your child. Children travelling by school transport will be dropped off as usual at school and staff will walk them up to Church.

This is to be a regular service for everyone and will be held on the first Friday in the month in St Helen's Church and will last for about 30 minutes. The second service will be on 3rd November and then the next one will be in 2018 after we return from the Christmas holiday on 12th January. There will be no service in December due to a special

FEDERATION CHRISTINGLE SERVICE being held on **Friday 1st December at 1:30pm in St James' Church, Morpeth**. We will be joined by all the children from Whalton C of E Primary School. Everyone is invited to attend - please make a note in your diary.

Longhorsley St Helen's C of E First School PTA

Chair - Mrs Sarah Waterston
Secretary - Mrs Zoe Nelless Treasurer - Mrs Fiona Hindmarsh
Helpers - Claire Bright - Lesley Hall - Emma Lawton - Andrea Light

Bag 2 School collection 13th November - bags will be sent home when received



WATER BOTTLES only £3.50 each, available in school

Hydration is very important for children in school, it has been proven that performance and concentration improves with a regular intake of water.

If you've not already got one, get your child's now.

The water bottles are hands free, special cap, screw lid, bpa free, dishwasher safe - for further information visit www.schoolbottle.co.uk.

Fluff Productions presents **AGENT OF INFLUENCE**

The secret life of Pamela More

Thursday 5th October at 7:30pm

Wingates Village Institute

Doors open 6:45pm

Bar, Ice-cream, Raffle

Adults £8.50; concession £7.00; Children £5; Family ticket £20

Longhorsley Tree *(previously The Gloria)*

the monthly newsletter for the parish of St Helen's, Longhorsley available online at site.google.com/site/longhorsleytree

If you would like to submit an article in the monthly newsletter please contact

Alan & Sue Etchells, tel 788847 / email longhorsley.tree@gmail.com

or leave at Millar's shop,

articles for the next edition should be submitted by mid month

DIARY DATES - AUTUMN TERM 2017-18

Date:	Event:	Time/Venue if applicable:
October 2017		
Friday 6 th October	Family Service - EVERYONE INVITED	9:00am St Helen's Church
Tuesday 17 th October	Multi-Skills Festival - YR,1,2 Rugby Festival - Y3,4	Riverside Leisure Centre Morpeth Rugby Club
Thursday 19 th October	Harvest Festival Family Lunch School breaks up for Half Term	11:00am St Helen's Church 12noon School 3:15pm
Friday 20 th October	SCHOOL CLOSED - Teacher Training Day	Morpeth Partnership at KEVI
Friday 27 th October	Teacher Training Day	
Monday 30 th October	SCHOOL RE-OPENS - Autumn Term 2 After School IT Club	3:15-4:15pm (1 of 5)
Tuesday 31 st October	1 st Dance Sessions After School Dance Club	3:15-4:15pm (1 of 5)
November 2017		
Friday 3 rd November	Family Service - EVERYONE INVITED Operation Christmas Child - shoe boxes to be returned please	9:00am St Helen's Church
Friday 10 th November	Remembrance Service	10:45am at Flagpole
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need 'Spotacular'	Activities tbc
December 2017		
Friday 1 st December	Federation Christingle Church Service - EVERYONE INVITED	1:30pm St James' Church, Morpeth
Monday 11 th December	Christmas Performance Whole School Dress Rehearsal	
Tuesday 12 th December	Christmas Performance with Nursery	9:15am
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Performance	6:00pm
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch	12 noon in school
Tuesday 19 th December	Whole School Visit to Northern Stage Theatre 'Alice in Wonderland'	10am at Northern Stage
Monday 18 th December	Last swim/gym/wall session of term	Willowburn Leisure Centre
Wednesday 20 th December	PTA Coffee Morning Children's Christmas Party	1:00pm in School
Friday 22 nd December	Christmas Church Service School breaks up for Christmas Holidays	9.15 am St Thomas Church 3:15pm

Dates/events will be updated as and when required, please check regularly
to ensure you don't miss anything