



# Longhorsley School News

## SPRING TERM



week ending 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**NSPCC NUMBER DAY** - Finally the Year 4 children have finished counting all the donated pennies and bagging them into pounds. The total raised was **£326** which is a fantastic effort. Thank you all for your support.



**FEDERATION DAY and World Book Day** - the younger children in school travelled across to Whalton to spend the day with their friends there, and the older children from Whalton joined us here at Longhorsley. We had a wonderful variety of careers - vet, farrier, magician, footballer, artist - to name but a few. We would also like to say a big thank you to fathers Mr Ben McMorrow and Mr Tim Hague for volunteering to come to talk to the children about their career journey. The children have all received a World Book Day Book Token to the value of £1. These are sponsored by National Book tokens and the range of books available for £1 is shown on the voucher issued. This voucher can only be used one token per transaction in participating bookshops, and is redeemable until 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

**CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) - Advice for parents/guardians** You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus. There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.

In school we have talked to the children about how we can help to stop viruses spreading by following the Public Health England advice:

If you need to cough or sneeze			You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser				
Catch it with a tissue	Bin it	Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser	After breaks & sport activities	Before cooking & eating	On arrival at any childcare or educational setting	After using the toilet	Before leaving home

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**SCHOOL GATEWAY** – there are still some monies overdue which are outstanding from the Autumn term, including for dinners for children and for Family Lunch for adults, and also monies which are now due for the Spring term. Please login to your Gateway account and make the necessary payments. Thank you.

**PUPIL PROGRESS UPDATES Monday 30<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March** - preferred appointment time slips will be issued next week.

**PACKED LUNCHES** - we have recently noticed that items, which should not be included in packed lunches for school, have been included, ie chocolate biscuits and crisps. We have Healthy School status and suggest the following as suitable in a packed lunch at school:

- ☺ a starchy food such as wholemeal bread, wrap, pitta pocket, plain bread sticks, plain crackers, plain unsalted rice cakes, pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes or other type of cereals every day;
- ☺ lean meat, fish, eggs or other source of non-dairy protein (eg lentils, kidney beans chickpeas, hummus, falafel) every day;
- ☺ oily fish;
- ☺ at least one portion of fruit and/or one portion of vegetables every day;
- ☺ dairy food such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais or custard;
- ☺ a drink - only still water, unsweetened fruit juice, semi-skimmed or skimmed unflavoured milk, flavoured milk (occasionally as this have more added sugar than plain milk)

Please help us to keep our healthy school status by using the above guidelines when providing your child with a packed lunch for school.

**DATES FOR 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020**

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Swim (YR,2,4)/Gym (Y1)/Wall (Y3)</b> After School ART Club (3 of 6)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	After School GYMNASTICS Club 3 of 6)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	After School RUGBY Club (3 of 6)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	After School FOOTBALL Club (3 of ONLY 5)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	After School TEAM BUILDING Club 3 of 6)

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Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Swim (YR,2,4)/Gym (Y1)/Wall (Y3)</b> After School ART Club (4 of 6)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	After School GYMNASTICS Club (4 of 6)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	After School RUGBY Club (4 of 6)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	After School FOOTBALL Club (4 of ONLY 5)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	After School TEAM BUILDING Club (4 of 6)

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**TERM DATES** for Spring Term 2                      Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February -  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS** - please note open times for the office are 8:45am to 12:30pm Monday (closed pm due to activities at Willowburn) and Wednesday (closed pm due to financial affairs); then 8:45am to 5:00pm Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

**USED POSTAGE STAMPS** - we continue to collect used postage stamps for recycling for the **Great North Air Ambulance**, one of our chosen charities. Please save them from your correspondence and send them in to go in our post box. Thank you.

**Longhorsley St Helen's C of E First School PTA**

Chair - Mrs Kathryn Fox  
Secretary - Mrs Milly Archibald      Treasurer - Mrs Kate Matheson  
Committee: Millie Fasakin ~ Laura Marshall

**MOTHERS DAY** - we will be working with the children to produce a unique decorative and useful gift especially for you on this special day. We hope you will support both school and your child by completing the slip and returning it with your payment. Thank you

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**    **Coffee Morning** in School following the Easter Service in Longhorsley Mission

**ONLINE SAFETY** - Please visit the following sites for useful online safety information:

CEOP ThinkUKnow - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>      Childnet - <https://www.childnet.com/>  
UK Safer Internet Centre - <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>  
NSPCC - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>  
Safety Net Kids - [www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/](http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/)

and for **reporting an incident** go to: <https://www.ceop.police.uk/CEOP-Reporting/>

**Longhorsley Tree**

the monthly newsletter for the parish of St Helen's, Longhorsley available online at [site.google.com/site/longhorsleytree](http://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](mailto:longhorsley.tree@gmail.com) or leave in the postbox in the Village Hall

## DIARY DATES 2019-20

<b>January 2020</b>		
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>SCHOOL RE-OPENS - Spring Term 1</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> swim (Y1,3) / gymnastics (Y2,4)</b> <b>/ bouldering wall (YR) session</b>	pm Willowburn Leisure Centre
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	New Year Family Special Lunch for Y3,4 parents	12 noon in school
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Chinese New Year Special Lunch	All children invited
<b>February 2020</b>		
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Family Service	9:00 in St Helen's Church
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day RE Ambassadors' Charity Event	postponed - future date tbc
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>School breaks up for half term</b>	<b>3:15</b>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Teacher Training Day	
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>SCHOOL RE-OPENS - Spring Term 2</b> Fair Trade Fortnight begins <b>1<sup>st</sup> swim (YR,2,4) / gymnastics (Y1) /</b> <b>bouldering wall (Y3) session</b>	pm Willowburn Leisure Centre
<b>March 2020</b>		
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Federation Day World Book Day	EYFS & KS1 at Whalton KS2 at Longhorsley
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Family Service	9:00 St Helen's Church
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Sport Relief	activities tbc
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	New to Nursery meeting for parents	2:45
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Swimming Gala	Willowburn Leisure Centre
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Pupil Progress Updates	
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Pupil Progress Updates	
<b>April 2020</b>		
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter Service followed by PTA Coffee Morning <b>School breaks up for Easter holidays</b>	9.15 Longhorsley Mission then in School 3:15

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

**See also separate Diary Dates for the Academic Year 2019-2020**

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