



Longhorsley School News



AUTUMN TERM

week ending 23rd October 2020

DATA COLLECTION - thank you to all of you who have returned these, if you have not yet returned yours please do so in order to complete the update to our records.

REMINDER for MIDDLE SCHOOL ADMISSIONS - if you have not yet done so please visit the Northumberland County Council School Admissions Online Portal which is open until **31st October 2020** for applications from parents of children currently in **Year 4** to apply for their Middle School place. You will need to register as a new user if you have not used the Portal before. Please use the following link to access the site:

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Yr-5-Middle-Yr-7-Secondary-Yr-9-High-entry-applica.aspx>

Information, from both Morpeth Chantry and Rothbury Dr Thomlinson Middle Schools, has been sent out to assist you.

EARLY YEARS - Save the Children Muddy Puddle Walk 2020 - our Reception and Nursery children have raised over **£300** following their sponsored walk around the school field. Thank you to everyone who supported and donated so generously to this charity and a huge WELL DONE to the children.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE and POPPY APPEAL - we will be holding our Remembrance Service in School in our classrooms as we did for our Harvest Service joining together via google meet. The children have been making their own poppies for their class display. We have a Poppy Appeal collection box in school again this year together with a box of items for children to purchase, should you wish to send in a donation; there are wristbands (£1); zip pulls (new this year 50p); poppy reflectors (50p) and snap band rulers (£1.50) available when we return from our half term break.



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SHOEBOX APPEAL - further to our RE Ambassadors' Newsletter 8 Autumn 2020 sent out earlier this week when they advised us they were requesting support of this year's Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal we would like to remind you of the items suggested for donation to school to make up the boxes:

EYFS - a small toy, a small musical instrument such as a recorder or harmonica, finger puppets, a slinky, skipping rope, small football, small toys, small playdough pots and cutters, other interactive toys with push buttons/light/noise or similar

Year 1 - small frisbee, yoyo, small puzzles, costume jewellery, mini book, tennis ball or similar other small toys

Year 2 - hat, scarf, mittens, gloves, small bag, small purse, hair clips, hair band, friendship bracelet or similar

Year 3 - pencils, ruler, rubber, pencil case, crayons, felt pens, colouring books, notepad, glue stick, small roll of adhesive tape, pre inked stampers

Year 4 - hygiene items like a comb, hairbrush, toothbrush, flannel, bar of soap, reusable plastic cup, water bottle, plate, hair bows, bracelet, sunglasses, stick deodorant, non-liquid lip balm

Please send in any donations you are able to make on our return to school after the half term break on Monday 2nd November. The RE Ambassadors will then make up the shoeboxes to be sent off to the children who, without our support, would have no gift at Christmas. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS - sorry but it is that time of year when we have to mention this word and start doing activities for Christmas. So far we have designed our own Christmas cards and these, together with an order form, have been sent home with your children - look for the brown envelope in your child's bag. Please return all orders on Monday 2nd November, and the order will be placed with the printers. **Payment may be made by cash or cheque (payable to Longhorsley First School) or via your child's SchoolGateway account and must be made prior to the order being despatched to you.**

Our wonderful PTA will have a 2021 Calendar, which features each child's self-portrait and birthday date, for sale and an order form will be issued shortly. They are also arranging for a small Christmas gift to be made in school and further details of this together with costs will follow.

SCHOOLCOMMS / SCHOOLGATEWAY - Please ensure that communications from school via Schoolcomms are not landing in your junk/spam box - add us to your address book/safe list. Please also ensure that if you have chosen milk or dinners for your child that you access SchoolGateway in order to make your payments. A text message is sent out to remind you of any payments you are required to make.

SCHOOL UNIFORM - please can you check your children's uniform over the half term break and, if you find any items not belonging to your child, send them back to school when we can return them to their rightful owners. Thanks

CLOCKS CHANGE - remember that the clocks go back one hour at 2:00am on Sunday 25th October 2020



TERM DATES Autumn Term 2 Monday 2nd November - Friday 18th December

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES - children in Year 4 will be taking part in an on-school-site Orienteering Festival on Monday 14th December. Please send them to school this day in outdoor PE kit and with wellington boots! They will have a test run so look out for a further date next half term.

We hope you all have a safe and healthy half term break.

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/

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

REMINDERS

'**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.

CONTACT for all school matters - whether for the attention of the Headteacher, Class Teachers, Office or Kitchen - must be made via telephone on 01670788316, email to longhorsleyadmin@fedlongwhaltschools.uk or the Schoolcomms text service.

Longhorsley Tree

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