



Longhorsley School News

AUTUMN TERM



week ending 3rd November 2017

FIRST SCHOOL ADMISSIONS for SEPTEMBER 2018 - parents of children in our current Nursery (children born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014) must complete applications for places in First School via Northumberland County Council's online portal which is now open until 15th January 2018.

SPORTS FESTIVALS - well done everyone. Longhorsley returned with two first place trophies from the Tag Rugby and Multi-Skills Festivals held before half term.

HARVEST - thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Service in St Helen's and for all your contributions which were sent off to Wansbeck Valley Food Bank to replenish their shelves. Following the Service we had a wonderful family lunch - thank you Mrs Lamb - it was enjoyed by everyone.

FAMILY SERVICE - our second Family Service was held today, Friday, which was well attended by parents, thank you. Following the service parents are invited to stay for refreshments and this month children in Year 1 joined those who were able to stay.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE - 10:45am Friday 10th November at the Flagpole - the children will be holding this poignant service on the Village Green. Please join us if you are able. The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal collection box and poppies are in School - there are a limited number of small items the children are able to make a suggested donation for (friendship bracelet and flexi-ruler £1 each; wristband, bug, hair clip, pencil, eraser, reflective tag all 50p each).

FEDERATION CHRISTINGLE SERVICE - 1:30pm Friday 1st December, St James the Great Church, Morpeth - parents are invited to join us for this special service and should you wish you can take your child/ren home at the end. A slip will be coming home for you to complete advising if you will attend and take your child/ren home. This must be returned to school before the Service in order that return to school transport arrangements for the remaining children can be made. We will not be able to release children at the service without this prior advice. Further details and slip to follow. Please mark the date in your diary.

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PARENTMAIL - as you know we subscribe to the ParentMail messaging service and although we have experienced problems in the past we hope that these have now been resolved following our upgrade to PMX. We regularly send out text messages and hope to have the email system up to date soon - if a new data collection form is sent home (hopefully next week) to you please complete this with your details and return it to school. We are also going to trial ParentMail's online payment system and will begin the process of setting up this scheme very shortly. We have had many enquiries about school using an online payment system and hope you will find this helpful for paying monies to us. Further information to follow.

CHRISTMAS - yes we have to mention this now, sorry. We have made the decision this year that the children will not be designing their own Christmas cards.

DATES FOR 6th NOVEMBER - 17th NOVEMBER 2017

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Monday 6 th November	Swim/Gym/Wall After School IT Club (2 of 5)
Tuesday 7 th November	After School DANCE Club (2 of 5)
Wednesday 8 th November	
Thursday 9 th November	
Friday 10 th November	10:45 Remembrance Service at the Flagpole
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Monday 13 th November	9:00am Bag 2 School Collection Swim/Gym/Wall After School IT Club (3 of 5)
Tuesday 14 th November	After School DANCE Club (3 of 5)
Wednesday 15 th November	
Thursday 16 th November	
Friday 17 th November	BBC Children in Need 'Spotacular'
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TERM DATES for Autumn Term second half Monday 30th October - Friday 22nd December

MONIES - dinners for children in **Years 3** and **4** are **£2.20** per child per day (£11/week) **£88.00 for Autumn term 2 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 week per child **£32.00 for Autumn term 1 all children**

SAMARITAN'S PURSE - OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL - thank you for your contributions to this appeal, so far we have received 29 filled boxes. If you have not yet sent yours back please do so on Monday.

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 -
please leave your filled bags at the main school gates

Christmas 2017 - this year we will again have calendars for sale at £8.50 each and the children have drawn their portraits and these are being transferred onto one side of a canvas bags with the portraits of children from Whalton C of E Primary School on the other side (priced at around £5 each). Please complete and return the order form being sent home next week.

Children's Film Night - Thursday 7th December 3:15-5:30pm - pizza or hotdog and popcorn - **£5** per child



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.

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 Flaggpole
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

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