



## Longhorsley School News

### AUTUMN TERM



week ending 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**NEW EXTENSION** - the builders arrived on site on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup>, morning and have already cleared the area - the cherry tree has been felled and logged (a sad day), part of the hedge and fence has gone, the little gate and pillars have been taken out, the bike shelter has been removed and is waiting to be re-sited on the grassed area beside the inner gates, the Visitors Entrance has been boarded up and the concrete pad, path and wall have all been removed.

All access to school is through the main gates and then the locked inner gates - there is a door bell fixed to the right hand side gate post to alert Mrs McEwan of anyone wanting attention. The gates will be unlocked for the Nursery children leaving at lunchtime and then locked again afterwards. The postbox has also been re-sited and is on the fence beside the door bell, please use this if you only want to hand in paperwork.

The children have been instructed not to get out the playtime equipment when they come onto the yard before morning registration as there are too many people coming and going and also not to play on the grass as they will get wet feet. Please help us to enforce this request.



**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE** - we will be holding our annual service at the Flagpole on The Village Green on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 10:45am. Everyone is welcome to join us for this special service. We have the Poppy Appeal collection box in school for donations and there are also enamel pins £2, bracelets/bands £1, crosses £2, reflectors £1 and other items for purchase.

**BBC Children in Need 'DO YOUR THING'** - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018 - this year the children have chosen the theme 'be yourself' and wear what you like, eg pyjamas, sports kit, fancy dress, etc, plus bring a book to swap. They have suggested £1 for non-uniform and a donation for a 'Bake Sale' - any bakers please speak to Mrs Campbell to offer your services.

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**MONIES** - reminder for parents of children having school dinners in Years 3 and 4 - please log in to School Gateway, and make your child/ren's dinners payment online or by downloading and using the mobile app, a minimum payment of £11 (one week's dinner money) can be paid onto your account. If school dinner is taken every day then the amount due for this half term is £83.60 per child. If they don't have dinner every day then the cost is £2.20 times the number of days they do have it. Please ensure this payment is made as soon as possible.  
The amount due for next half term if school dinner is taken every day is £77.00. All dinner monies are due to be paid in advance please.

**MONIES** - swimming/gymnastics/climbing wall for children in Reception, Years 1, 2, 3 & 4. A voluntary contribution towards costs of £2 per child per week is requested and for **Autumn term 2 this is £14.00**  
Again, to help school balance its books, an early payment would be appreciated.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM** - sweatshirts, sweatcardis, PE kit and sweathoodies - available online from School Trends at the following link:  
<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/LonghorsleyCEFirstSchoolNE658UT>

**CONSENTS** - parents if you have not already returned your child's data collection sheet or photographic/video consent please do so as soon as possible. These are necessary documents to keep our records up to date, via the data collection sheet, and to advise us of your wishes regarding the taking of and use of images of each of your children, via the photographic/videoing consent. Until we have these we are unable to apply your information and preferences.

**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS - RECEPTION September 2019** - Northumberland County Council's online admissions portal for First Schools opens on 1<sup>st</sup> November. **Parents of children currently in Nursery, ie those born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015, who will be starting in Reception in September 2019, need to apply for a place.** The portal will be open until 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 for your application. If you need assistance please contact the team who will be happy to help on 01670 624889.

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

## DATES FOR 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER – 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Pre School MULTI-SPORTS Club Swim (YR,1,2)/Gym (Y3)/Wall (Y4)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Pre School RUNNING Club
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	3:15 break up for half term
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	School CLOSED
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Teacher Training Day
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>British Summer Time ends - clocks go back one hour</b>
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Half Term Holiday
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Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Pre School MULTI-SPORTS Club <b>Swim (Y3, 4)/Gym (YR, 1)/Wall (Y2)</b> After School iPad Club (1 of 4)
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	After School DANCE Club (1 of 5)
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Pre School RUNNING Club
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	10:45 Remembrance at the Flagpole

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**TERM DATES** for Autumn Term - first half      Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September -  
Training Day    Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October

**SHOE BOXES** - this year we have a choice of two shoe box appeals - Link to Hope Family & Elderly and Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child - leaflets for Link to Hope have been sent home with your children and leaflets and shoe boxes are available from Mrs Freya Bates for Samaritan's Purse. Link to Hope boxes together with £2 per box need to be returned to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November please.

**Date for your diary - MESSY CHURCH** - is being held in St Helen's Church on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November from 4:00 to 5:30pm. Attendance slips to be sent out when we return from the half term break.

**e-SAFETY** - useful sites are: ThinkUKnow - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>  
Childnet - <https://www.childnet.com/>  
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/)

Please note there is an error in the Diary Dates for the Academic Year September 2018 - July 2019 leaflet - School does not re-open on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October for Autumn 2 - this date should have been deleted. Sorry, however school does re-open on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

## DIARY DATES 2018-19

	<b>October 2018</b>	
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> - Teacher Training Day	
	<b>November 2018</b>	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Teacher Training Day	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>SCHOOL RE-OPENS - Autumn Term 2</b> Before School <b>MULTI-SPORTS</b> Club 1 <sup>st</sup> swim (Y3,4) / gymnastics (YR,1) / bouldering wall (Y2) session After School <b>iPAD</b> Club Link to Hope - shoe boxes returned please	8:00-8:50 (1 of 4) Willowburn Leisure Centre  3:15-4:15 (1 of 4)
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	After School <b>DANCE</b> Club	3:15-4:15 (1 of 5)
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Before School <b>RUNNING</b> Club	8:20-8:50 (1 of 4)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service <b>EVERYONE INVITED</b>	10:45 at Flagpole
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Bag 2 School collection	9:00
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need 'Spotacular'	activities tbc
	<b>December 2018</b>	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Visit to Theatre	pm
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Service - <b>EVERYONE INVITED</b>	9:00 St Helen's Church
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Performance	9:30
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance with Nursery	9:15
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance	6:00
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch for children	12 in school
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	New to Nursery Parents Meeting	9:00
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Last swim/gym/wall session of term	Willowburn Leisure Centre
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Coffee Morning Children's Christmas Party	1:00 in School
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Service for children <b>School breaks up for Christmas Holidays</b>	9.15 St Thomas Church 3:15

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

### Longhorsley Tree *(previously The Gloria)*

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  
articles for the next edition should be submitted by mid month

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

Chair - Mrs Sarah Waterston

Secretary - Mrs Milly Archibald

Treasurer - Mrs Kate Matheson

Helpers: Claire Bright - Emma Lawton - Andrea Light - Jayne Manners

Wayne Gunn - Zoe Nelles - Fiona Hindmarsh



### **BAG 2 SCHOOL collection - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

Bags have been sent home, there are more available in school - just ask, and filled bags should be brought to school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November and left on the footpath outside the main gates. Bag 2 School collect good quality second hand clothing for re-use, as well as shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding, curtains and towels.

Remember "the more we weigh the more they pay"

We will be holding a **CHRISTMAS FAIR** evening in the **School Hall** on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November** with a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie included in the entrance price of £3. We have an amazing variety of stalls attending for you to browse to meet your Christmas present needs. Further information to follow.



**WATER BOTTLES only £3.50 each, still 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](http://www.schoolbottle.co.uk).