

Longhorsley School News



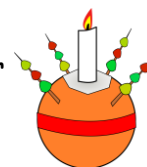
AUTUMN TERM

week ending 14th December 2018

Mrs BRANNEN update - thank you for all your kind enquiries while Mrs Brannen has been off ill, your good wishes have been passed on to her. She continues to fight the bugs and we hope to have her back, fit and well, for the start of the Spring term.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES - THEATRE a lovely afternoon for everyone at The Dovecote Centre, Amble where NTC Touring Company performed 'The Little Maid Who Danced To Every Mood'

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE held in a crowded St Helen's Church, this is always a very special Advent celebration. All of our children took part in learning about and making a Christingle with our wonderful Church Mice (special thanks to all the Mice who were able to come along to help, it was lovely to have them back in school as they've been absent since the building works started)



THANK YOU to everyone for all your support. Your comments have been passed on and are much appreciated by the children and all of the staff. We are going to create a memory book for this and your written comments in the book would be very welcome - we will have the book out on the morning of the PTA Christmas Coffee Morning on Wednesday 19th December from 9:00 to 10:30am

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION 'Silent Night'. A huge

CHRISTMAS LUNCH in a packed hall children, staff and guests sat down together to a delicious roast turkey lunch with all the trimmings, prepared by Mrs Lamb, followed by Christmas tree ice cream.

Thank you Mrs Lamb for today's lunch and every other day's lunch - you do a fantastic job. Christmas music and the sound of crackers being pulled completed the occasion.

CHRISTMAS PARTY Wednesday 19th December - our traditional Christmas party with music, games and tea will be held in the school hall starting at 1:00pm and finishing at normal home time dismissal at 3:15pm on Wednesday 19th December. All children are invited to attend and can come to school dressed in their party clothes or bring them to school and change after lunch. Nursery children can choose to come, either, to their normal morning session, or, to the party in the afternoon.



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PTA COFFEE MORNING-Wednesday 19th December 9:00 – 10:30am - Please note that as the hall and Mrs Campbell's classroom are out of action hosting the Coffee Morning, the Years 3 and 4 children will start their day in The Mission. This will allow space in School for coffee/hot drinks to be served and for stalls to set up. **All of the children will have the opportunity to visit the stalls so please send them to school with some pennies to spend. Also donations of items for the PTA stalls would be much appreciated.** Thank you.

Schoolgateway

Please help us with this new system and log in to Schoolgateway and set up your child's account if you have not already done so. It is quick and easy to register and by downloading and using the mobile app for payments it will save time and money for both home and school.

We are learning fast and already realise just what we should have done and are in the process of putting a little more information onto the payment items - at present there are accounts for dinner money : swim/gym/wall : theatre. For the new Spring Term 2019 we will set up payment items as Spring Term Dinner Money : Spring Term Swim/Gym/Wall : Spring Term etc and the same for the Summer Term.

MONIES - Autumn Term 2018 - we have noted that not everyone has logged in to their Schoolgateway account to make their payments, nor paid by cash or cheque, and so advice notes in the 'brown envelopes' will be issued to everyone with monies outstanding for this term. Please settle these outstanding monies as soon as possible.

MONIES - Spring Term 2019

The cost of **school dinners** is £11.00 per week per child (still only £2.20 per day) and a minimum payment of £11.00 can be made on your Gateway account. The amount for Spring Term 1 is **£66.00** and for Spring Term 2 **£66.00** - a total of **£132.00** for the whole of the Spring Term

The cost of **swim/gym/wall** is £2 per week per child and a minimum payment of £12 can be made. The amount for Spring Term 1 is **£12.00** and for Spring Term 2 **£12.00** - a total of **£24.00** for the whole of the Spring Term

The cost of **After School Clubs** will be advised individually and the total amount is due at the beginning of the term.

Other payments such as Music tuition and Milk will also be on the Schoolgateway system shortly.

Please ensure payments are made as soon as possible. If you have any queries about your Schoolgateway account and making payments please do not hesitate to contact Mrs McEwan in the school office, cash and cheques are currently still being accepted in school. Thank you.

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**DON'T FORGET** - we are **collecting postage stamps** for recycling for the **Great North Air Ambulance**, one of our chosen charities for this year. Please save those from your Christmas cards and other post and send them in to go in our post box in the foyer. Thank you.

**REMINDER - SCHOOL ADMISSIONS for RECEPTION September 2019 -**

Northumberland County Council's online admissions portal for First Schools is open until 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019. 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. If you need assistance please contact the team, who will be happy to help, on 01670 624889.



**DATES FOR 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018 - 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

Swim (Y3, 4)/Gym (YR, 1)/Wall (Y2)

am PTA Christmas Coffee Morning  
pm Children's Christmas Party

3:15 School Closes for Christmas break

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Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January  
  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January

School Re-Opens for Spring Term 1  
Swim (Y1,3)/Gym (Y2,41)/Wall (YR)  
After School ART Club (1 of 4)  
After School FOOTBALL Club (1 of 5)  
Before School INDOOR SPORTS Club (1 of 6)

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**TERM DATES** for Spring Term 1

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January -  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February

**SCHOOL UNIFORM** - PLEASE NOTE ALL sweatshirts, sweatcardis, PE kit and sweathoodies are now available online from School Trends at the following link:

<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/LonghorsleyCEFirstSchoolNE658UT>

## DIARY DATES 2018-19

| December 2018                       |                                                                                  |                               |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December  | PTA Movie Night for children                                                     | 3:15-5:30                     |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December   | Whole School Visit to Theatre                                                    | pm                            |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December     | Christingle Service - EVERYONE INVITED                                           | 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<br>Children's Christmas Party                                 | 1:00 in School                |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December    | Christmas Service for children<br><b>School breaks up for Christmas Holidays</b> | 9.15 St Thomas Church<br>3:15 |

| January 2019                      |                                                                                                            |                                                 |
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| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January    | <b>SCHOOL RE-OPENS - Spring Term 1</b><br>Swim (Y1,3)/Gymnastics (Y2,4)/Wall (YR)<br>After School ART Club | Willowburn Leisure Centre<br>3:15-4:15 (1 of 4) |
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Football session<br>After School FOOTBALL Club                                             | 3:15-4:15 (1 of 5)                              |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January | Before School <b>INDOOR SPORTS</b> Club                                                                    | 8:20-8:50 (1 of 6)                              |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> January   | New Year Family Lunch for Y1,2,3 parents                                                                   | 12 in School                                    |
| February 2019                     |                                                                                                            |                                                 |
| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February   | Family Service<br>NSPCC Number Day                                                                         | 9:00 St Helen's Church<br>activities in school  |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February  | Safer Internet Day                                                                                         | activities in school                            |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February  | <b>School breaks up for half term</b>                                                                      |                                                 |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February  | Teacher Training Day                                                                                       |                                                 |

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

**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.

**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/)

**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**

**CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING**

**9:00 - 10:30am Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

**Donations of cakes, tray bakes, tombola items, raffle prizes  
would be most welcome.**



We still have a few **WATER BOTTLES**, at 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.

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).