



Longhorsley School News

AUTUMN TERM



week ending 27th September 2019

DIARY DATES for the Academic Year September 2019 to July 2020 - these have been updated and a copy is also on our website. Apologies for the typo in the copy sent out to you with the last News which stated that our Christmas lunch was on Thursday 29th December which of course should have read Thursday 19th December! Well spotted by Mrs Lamb who would have preferred it in the holiday!

MUSIC TUITION - apologies, we did receive notice that these lessons would not start until 27th September however this was after the last News went out advising they would be starting on 20th September. As you know we had already planned our first Federation Day for Friday 27th September so tuition will begin on Friday 4th October and the children will receive their ten sessions over the Autumn term.

DATA COLLECTION, CONSENTS etc - 'thank you' to those of you who have returned your paperwork sent home recently. If you have not yet returned yours, please do so as soon as possible in order to enable us to keep our records up to date - no changes on the data collection sheets are also required to be returned.

Please also remember, if your consent regarding the use of photographs/videos of your child has changed in any way since completion of the form, that you are required to advise us of these, in writing, as soon as possible to ensure the continued safeguarding of your child.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS September 2020 - the Northumberland County Council Online Schools Admissions Portal is **now open** for applications into **Middle School** from parents of **children in Year 4** for entry in September 2020. Applications should be made before the deadline of 31st October 2019, after this date they will be classed as 'late' and will not be processed until all 'on time' applications have been allocated. Allocations day for Middle School is 2nd March 2020. For further information and guidance please go to:

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1.aspx>

The portal will be **open from 1st November 2019** for applications into **First School** from parents of **children in Nursery** for entry in September 2020 and will close on 15th January 2020.

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Schoolgateway

Finally, we have gone LIVE for 2019-20! The Autumn term (September to December inclusive) payment requests have been set up and are individually named for:

5 days per week Dinner;
Friday only Dinner

(special lunches will be added when these are arranged - the first one being the Harvest Family lunch with parents of children in Years Reception, 1 and 2 - check school bag/book for separate invite);

Swim/Gym/Wall ;
Milk;
Music;
Cake Decorating Club;
Choir Club;
Running Club;
Bushcraft Club;
Teambuilding Club
Badminton Club;
Felting Club;

Visits arranged throughout the year will be also be added as individual payment requests, currently payment has been requested for Y3 and 4 Carlisle Park, and Y3 and 4 Federation Day.

All future added costs will be advised by a text message to your nominated mobile. We hope this year's new arrangements work for everyone and any feedback on the changes made would be much appreciated.

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DATES FOR 30TH SEPTEMBER - 11TH OCTOBER 2019

Monday 30 th September	Swim (Y1,4)/Gym (YR,3)/Wall (Y2) Pupil Progress Updates for parents After School CAKE DECORATING Club (1 of 3 x 4)
Tuesday 1 st October	Pupil Progress Updates for parents After School CHOIR Club (3 of 9)
Wednesday 2 nd October	Before School RUNNING Club (4 of 7)
Thursday 3 rd October	After School BUSHCRAFT Club (4 of 7)
Friday 4 th October	After School TEAM BUILDING Club (3 of 10)
Monday 7 th October	Swim (Y1,4)/Gym (YR,3)/Wall (Y2) After School CAKE DECORATING Club (2 of 3 x 4)
Tuesday 8 th October	HARVEST SERVICE in St Helen's Church Harvest Family Special Lunch with Reception Y1 Y2 parents After School CHOIR Club (4 of 9)
Wednesday 9 th October	Before School RUNNING Club (5 of 7)
Thursday 10 th October	After School BUSHCRAFT Club (5 of 7)
Friday 11 th October	After School TEAM BUILDING Club (4 of 10)

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TERM DATES for Autumn Term 1

Wednesday 4th September -
Friday 25th October

PUPIL PROGRESS UPDATES - your appointment times have been made and are shown in your child's Home School Diary (the reverse of your child's Reading Record book) and commence on Monday 30th September.

HARVEST SERVICE and Harvest Family Special Lunch - our Harvest Service is being held on Tuesday 8th October in St Helen's Church at 11:00am and everyone is invited to join us.

Our Harvest Family Special Lunch is for parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and is held in School at noon following the Service in Church. Please return your booking slip as soon as possible.

We regret that due to space we are only able to accommodate one family member at these Family Special Lunches. The next event will be the New Year Family Special Lunch and parents of children in Year 3 and Year 4 will be invited to this.

ADVANCE NOTICE - Theatre Visit / Federation Day on Tuesday 17th December 2019

This year we will be staying in the Village for our Christmas theatre extravaganza - we have arranged for a travelling theatre company to come to Longhorsley Village Hall with their production of The Snow Queen.

The Snow Queen – December 2019

A new musical adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's much loved fairytale by Gillian Jukes and Rick Jukes who have many years experience of writing drama, music and songs for theatre, TV and radio.

How far would you go to save your best friend? Gerda and Kay are the very best, better than best friends. When Kay is swept away by the Snow Queen to the Land of Snow and Ice, Gerda knows exactly what to do. She must set off on a journey to find him. Join Gerda and her helpers – the Crow and the Reindeer – on their quest to find Kay and rescue him from the Snow Queen's Palace before his heart turns to ice.

We will be joined by children in Longhorsley Village Playgroup and all our friends in Whatton C of E Primary School. Further details to follow.

e-SAFETY - paper copies of our newly approved Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement/e-Safety Rules have now been sent home and lots have been returned - thank you. Please if you have yet done so, read through this with your child and then each sign and return to confirm your acceptance.

We continue to issue a reminder for parents to get involved and supervise what your children are watching or playing, whatever it may be, and ensure that they are using age appropriate only games and online sites.

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/

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.

DIARY DATES 2019-20

September 2019		
Monday 2 nd September	SCHOOL CLOSED to children - Partnership Teacher Training Day	Governors and staff training
Tuesday 3 rd September	SCHOOL CLOSED to children - Partnership Teacher Training Day	Staff Training
Wednesday 4th September	SCHOOL RE-OPENS - Autumn Term 1	
Friday 6 th September	Family Service - EVERYONE INVITED	9:00 St Helen's Church
Monday 9 th September	1 st swim (Y1,4) / gymnastics (YR,3) / bouldering wall (Y2) session After School CAKE DECORATING Club	pm Willowburn Leisure Centre 3:15-4:15 (1 of 3 x 4 over whole Autumn term)
Wednesday 11 th September	Before School RUNNING Club	8:15-8:50 (1 of 7)
Thursday 12 th September	1 st PE session through Morpeth & Ponteland Sports Partnership After School BUSHCRAFT Club	in school 3:15-4:15 (1 of 7)
Tuesday 17 th September	After School CHOIR Club	3:15-4:15 (1 of 9)
Friday 20 th September	After School TEAM BUILDING Club	3:15-4:15 (1 of 10)
Saturday 21st September	WHALTON VILLAGE SHOW	School / School field / Village Hall
Thursday 26 th September	Open Event at Dr Thomlinson C of E Middle School for parents of children in Year 4	1:30 - 3:00 or 5:30 - 7:00
Friday 27 th September	Federation Day - Meet your Federation buddies	EYFS & KS1 at Longhorsley KS2 at Whalton
Monday 30 th September	Pupil Progress Updates	
October 2019		
Tuesday 1 st October	Pupil Progress Updates	
Friday 4 th October	Longhorsley Ball launch	pm
Tuesday 8 th October	Family Church Service for Harvest - EVERYONE INVITED followed by Harvest Family Lunch with YR,1 &2 parents	11:30 St Helen's Church 12 noon in school
Friday 18 th October	Skipping Festival - Y3	pm
Thursday 24 th October	Formal School Photographs NHS Nasal Flu Vaccination	
Friday 25 th October	School breaks up for Half Term	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

REMINDER '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.

Longhorsley Tree

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 in the postbox in the Village Hall

Longhorsley St Helen's C of E First School PTA

Chair - Mrs Kathryn Fox

Secretary - Mrs Milly Archibald

Treasurer - Mrs Kate Matheson

Helpers: Claire Bright - Wayne Gunn - Fiona Hindmarsh

The Annual General Meeting was held in School on Friday 20th September.

Mrs Sarah Waterston stepped down as Chair - thanks to Sarah for her time and support in this voluntary position.

Mrs Kathryn Fox has been appointed as the new Chair of the PTA.

Kathryn is new to School and her son has just joined Nursery.

Further information from the Meeting will be sent out shortly.

Please continue to support your PTA - it is very, very much appreciated by all.