



Longhorsley School News

SPRING TERM



week ending 1st March 2019

Welcome back from the half term break.

The Year 4 children have returned to school to find their extended classroom ready to move into. Lots of finishing off work was going on over half term - painting, carpet fitting, window cleaning, fitting window blinds, re-organising fire and security alarm systems, fencing and of course moving furniture back in.

The Office has also moved although packing boxes are still full but the telephone and computer systems are both operational. The new Visitors Reception door will be open from 8:45 each morning for any parents needing to speak with Mrs McEwan. The inner gates onto the playground will continue to be locked at 9:00am and the outer gates will also be locked during school hours. Access will be through the new gate beside the outer gates.

RE Ambassadors' Sponsored Run/Walk in support of The Great North Air Ambulance and Dogs Trust - we were extremely fortunate with the weather on Wednesday for our run/walk and are delighted to be able to advise you that so far we have raised the sum of **£432.72** to be split between these two charities. Huge thanks to everyone for taking part and to all the bakers and sponsors. We could not do this without your support. Our next event, **World Book Day**, is on **Thursday 7th March** when we are having a non-uniform day for a donation of £1 with proceeds again going to these two charities. Children are invited to bring in a book, relating to one of our Core Values, to share.

Monday afternoon SWIM/GYM/WALL ACTIVITIES at Willowburn - we have been advised that maintenance work to the swimming pools at Willowburn Sports & Leisure Centre will be carried out over the next three weeks, Monday 4th to Friday 22nd March, and therefore there will be no swimming for children in Years Reception, 2 and 4. We have however been able to secure another court in the Sports Hall which will enable us to take these children for other sports activities instead. Therefore children in Years Reception, 2 and 4 will need to bring their PE kit instead of swimming kit to school for the next three weeks.

Following the maintenance work, swimming will re-commence on Monday 25th March. We have also arranged a swimming gala and sports festival on Wednesday 27th March with Whalton and Cambo Schools.

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YEAR 3 - on **Wednesday, 6th March**, children in Year 3 will be taking part in outdoor workshops. Please send your children to school in outdoor clothing suitable for the day with their school sweatshirt/cardi.

Schoolgateway

We are in the process of going through the monies paid so far and advice notes will be issued shortly advising in which pocket and what monies are owed for the Autumn Term and up to the end of this term.

Monies owed for this term are as follows:

DINNER 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

SWIM/GYM/WALL - Spring Term 2019

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

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - Spring Term 2019

The cost of **After School Clubs** has been advised individually and the total amount is now due.

MUSIC TUITION - Spring Term 2019

The cost of instrument hire is **£22** and ten lessons are **£60** - a total of **£82**

MILK - Spring Term 2019

The cost of milk is **£12** for the whole of the term.

Cash and cheques are currently still being accepted, however we are working towards all payments being made online via the Gateway system. All Middle Schools and the High School in our partnership use this system and you will need to be ready for them. Thank you.

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SCHOOL GROUNDS - please remember that before and after school the children have been asked NOT to play on the school field, just like the adventure playground. During these times, no-one from school is on duty and these areas are therefore out of bounds. Please support us with keeping your children safe.

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

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

February 2019		
Friday 1 st February	Family Service	9:00 St Helen's Church
Tuesday 5 th February	Safer Internet Day	activities in school
Thursday 7 th February	Churches Visit	Morpeth
Friday 15 th February	School breaks up for half term	3:15
Friday 22 nd February	Teacher Training Day	
Monday 25 th February	SCHOOL RE-OPENS - Spring term 2 Fair Trade Fortnight begins Before School INDOOR SPORTS Club 1st swim (YR,2,4) / gymnastics (Y1) / bouldering wall (Y3) session After School COOKERY Club (FULL - places allocated to those not in Autumn term)	8:20-8:50 (1 of 6) pm Willowburn Leisure Centre 3:15-4:30 (1 of 4)
Tuesday 26 th February	1st Gymnastics session After School GYMNASTICS Club	3:15-4:15 (1 of 6)
Wednesday 27 th February	Charity Sponsored Run/Walk	am
March 2019		
Friday 1 st March	Family Service	9:00 St Helen's Church
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief Red Nose Day 2019	activities tbc
tbc	Easter Journey	
tbc	Swimming Gala at Willowburn	am
25 th 26 th March	Pupil Progress Updates	
April 2019		
Friday 5 th April	Easter Service followed by PTA Coffee Morning School breaks up for Easter holidays	9.15 Longhorsley Mission then in School 3:15

**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) and back copies are available
in the Office section under Newsletters.

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 in the postbox in the Village Hall
articles for the next edition should be submitted by mid month

NOTICES

LONGHORSLEY VILLAGE PLAYGROUP

Vets for Pets will be visiting Playgroup after school on Monday 4th March to talk to the children about dogs - how to behave around them and how to tell how they are feeling

Children are invited to attend this free event lasting about half an hour.

If you wish your child can book a place for tea costing £2.50 per head – please book as soon as possible



NON UNIFORM DAY FOR COMIC RELIEF - bring £1

Theme: colour - how many colours of the **rainbow** can we make?

We are going to be learning about charities all over the world that help people who are less fortunate than ourselves. We will have a non-uniform day for Comic Relief and a day of giving to one of the charities that our RE Ambassadors have been researching - we will vote as a whole school for our favourite and bring in a themed gift if we can it may be a tin of food or a hygiene product to be donated to Wansbeck Food Bank, an item of clothing for Cancer Research to be donated to the Morpeth shop following an urgent appeal from them, a pair of spectacles for a scheme in aid of the international sight charity, Vision Aid Overseas, to go to Morpeth Specsavers, or help UNICEF to reach even more children in danger by donating your old or unwanted shoes at your nearest Clarks store (your shoes will help to change children's lives by buying educational equipment such as the 'School in a Box'.

Look out for the next RE Ambassadors' Newsletter

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

WANTED PLEASE - more helpers, when our current Year 4 children leave us in July we also lose some of our current helpers and we are looking for new volunteers to assist us - if you are able to offer to help please speak to Sarah, Milly or Kate

WANTED PLEASE - we are having a Second-hand Book Stall at the Easter Coffee Morning and would be grateful to receive donations of books - please send to school with your children

DATE/S FOR YOUR DIARY:

5th April

COFFEE MORNING in School after the Easter Service held in Longhorsley Mission.



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.