

Longhorsley School News



SUMMER TERM

week ending 16th July 2021

Longhorsley Tree - the July/August 2021 issue features a poster by Jacob in Reception reminding us about picking up our rubbish and you can see this and read more in the Kids Corner section.

This has been a strange year for us all and lots of events have been cancelled and some alternatives have been able to go ahead. Year 4 have been especially affected by this - no swimming, limited after school clubs, no educational visits, no residential visit, no transition days for Middle School and finally no special service for parents at the end of the year. But we have done the following:

Year 4 - previously held in St Nicholas Cathedral in Newcastle with lunch at Pizza Express, this year we had a virtual Year 4 Leavers Service, arranged by the Education Team at Newcastle Diocese, with lunch delivered from Boulevards. Thanks to the PTA who kindly agreed to pay for this.

Unfortunately due to Covid the Year 4s were unable to take part in the annual residential visit with Whalton, Cambo and Tritlington Year 4s but a wonderful day was arranged for our Year 4s at Druridge Bay trying out kayaking and paddle boarding.

Again unfortunately due to Covid, the latest Government guidance and the rise in cases which has caused transition days with Middle and High Schools to be cancelled also meant that we were unable to hold the Service for parents of the Year 4 children. However arrangements were made by the Middle Schools for the children to get to know their new school and teachers and thanks to Mr Chambers a special video of the Year 4s has been filmed in school and will be available for their parents to watch over this weekend. The delivery of bibles to be presented to the Year 4s has been delayed but they will be distributed as soon as they are delivered to school.

Goodbye and good luck to our Year 4 children as they move along their learning journey.

RE AMBASSADORS' GNAAS FUN RUN - the children all managed to complete the course and our Marshalls did a splendid job at their stations around the village - thanks to them for their time - and we had raised the grand sum of **£487** for this, our chosen, charity. Thank you for your support for this important service.

SWIMMING - we are planning to re-commence swimming lessons in the Autumn term, on Tuesday 14th September, but initially just for children in Years 3 and 4 and we will review the situation for the Spring term. Further information and consent forms will be issued in due course.

*We hope you have a good, healthy, happy holiday and
we look forward to greeting you back in September*

Aspire ~ Believe ~ Achieve ... to be the very best that we can be

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MONIES - please ensure that any monies due have been settled by 31st August 2021, by logging into your child's SchoolGateway account. This will help Mrs Fox greatly as she takes over the reins in the Office if she has no outstanding monies to deal with. Any refunds due will be arranged through SchoolGateway over the holiday.

SEPTEMBER - On return to school please can children bring either the small red bag they have been using or alternatively a **small** rucksack which will continue to be in classrooms until we are able to review the situation with regard to Covid.

PARKING REMINDER FOR SEPTEMBER - we have noticed, and it has also been mentioned by some residents, that parents are parking outside the bungalows near school, especially in the mornings, and that the cars are on the pavement. This makes it difficult for the carers, who look after the residents in the bungalows, to park and it is also difficult for parents and children walking to school from home or the five minute walking zone car park at the Village Hall. Please remember to be considerate when parking for dropping off and collecting children from school. The five minute walking zones include the Village Hall car park, the Shoulder of Mutton car park and the area by St Helen's Church - please use these to keep everyone safe.

TERM DATES

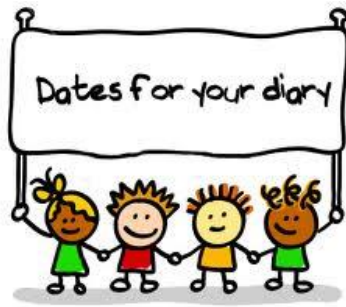
Autumn Term 1
Autumn Term 2

7th September - 22nd October 2021
1st November - 17th December 2021

Longhorsley First School PTA - BAG 2 SCHOOL 'The more we weigh the more they pay.'



Thank you to everyone who managed to bag up some items - we weighed in on 15th June and the PTA were given a cheque for **£42**



September

Monday 6th September
Tuesday 7th September

SCHOOL CLOSED Teaching Training Day
SCHOOL RE-OPENS for all children

ONLINE SAFETY - keeping children safe online is an extremely important part of our Computing/PSHE (Personal Social and Health Education) curriculum and we have regular online safety lessons each term.

Please remember to check what your children are doing online over the summer to ensure their safety over the holiday.

IMPORTANT PLEASE BE AWARE - we have received a warning regarding the app 'Monkey', which is billed as a cross between Omegle and TikTok, where there are some concerns over the nature of the app and how it might be used to exploit children. The platform has been found to contain large amounts of inappropriate, disturbing and harmful content transmitted via web cameras.

Other sites for useful online safety information:

CEOP ThinkUKnow - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Childnet - <https://www.childnet.com/>

UK Safer Internet Centre - <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

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/

and for **reporting an incident** go to: <https://www.ceop.police.uk/CEOP-Reporting/>

REMINDERS

'**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.

CONTACT for all school matters - whether for the attention of the Executive or Assistant Headteacher, Class Teachers, Office or Kitchen - must be made via telephone on 01670788316, email to longhorsleyadmin@fedlongwhaltschools.uk or the Schoolcomms text service.

Longhorsley Tree

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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 post box in the Village Hall