



Longhorsley School News

SUMMER TERM



week ending 19th July 2019

This is our final News for this academic year and what a year it has been. We have started the process of going cashless for monies due and have gone paperless for children's attendance registers. The children have taken part in many sporting events and educational visits. We have had building works carried out - huge thanks for all the fantastic support from everyone to raise funds towards these - the new visitors reception and office and the extended Year 4 classroom are wonderful and the opening celebrations were a fitting end to them.

GOODBYE We have looked back over the year and said goodbye to the children who are leaving and to Mrs Swordy who sadly is also leaving us and wish them well for the future.

THANK YOU We would like to say 'thank you' to everyone who comes into school to help out in any and every way - listening to readers, contributing and donating to fundraising events, supporting the children and assisting with the Monday afternoon sporting activities at Willowburn. Without this help we would be unable to continue with many of the activities we offer your children. Thanks also to all the staff, teachers and support staff, who do an amazing job every day in school, Mrs Martin, our caretaker, for keeping us clean, tidy and safe, and Mrs Lamb, our cook, for making our lovely dinners and the little extras that keep us going.



Have a wonderful summer holiday, stay safe and well, and we look forward to seeing you in September.

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Autumn Term AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - places have been allocated and slips will be sent home advising these together with monies due when we return after the summer break. We will set up a separate Schoolgateway 'pot' for each Club, please ensure that you make individual payments into each of the relevant pots for your child.

Your child's annual **School Report** has been sent home and some confusion has been caused over attendance figures. The figures given are the actual percentage over the period covered with the maximum sessions possible, the actual sessions recorded for your child and their unauthorised absences only. Any difference between the actual and the unauthorised figures will be the number of authorised absences (recorded for illness, medical appointments). We will amend the Report format to prevent confusion in the future.

Schoolgateway

From the Office a special 'thank you' to everyone for bearing with us while we convert to the cashless system and work out how best to set up the payments - we continue to develop these.

For next year, 2019-20, we need **everyone** to be using Schoolgateway, our online payment system, to pay all monies owed for their child - dinners and music tuition (Years 3 and 4 only), milk, swim/gym/wall activities, educational visits and after school clubs - we will make this system work! Please ensure you make your payments into the correct named pots for each term.

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DATES FOR 2ND SEPTEMBER - 6TH SEPTEMBER 2019

Monday 2 nd September	SCHOOL CLOSED - Training Day
Tuesday 3 rd September	SCHOOL CLOSED - Training Day
Wednesday 4 th September	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
Thursday 5 th September	
Friday 6 th September	Family Service in St Helen's Church - EVERYONE WELCOME
 Monday 11 th September	 Swim (Y1,4)/Gym (YR,3)/Wall (Y2) After School CAKE DECORATING Club (1 of 3 x 4)
Tuesday 12 th September	
Wednesday 13 th September	Before School RUNNING Club (1 of 7)
Thursday 14 th September	After School BUSHCRAFT Club (1 of 7)
Friday 15 th September	

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TERM DATES for Autumn Term 1 Wednesday 4th September -
Friday 25th October

SCHOOL DINNERS - thanks for returning the slips advising your children's school meals requirements for the coming year. We hope this will help both Mrs Lamb, in the Kitchen, and the Office, for Schoolgateway.

SCHOOL UNIFORM - information to be updated in the Autumn term.

PARKING - please can we remind everyone once again of the continued need for considerate parking in Drummonds Close when we return after the holiday. It is difficult at the busy times of drop off and collection when the restrictions are in force but whenever possible we would urge you to park in one of the five minute zones - ie the Village Hall car park, the Shoulder of Mutton car park or beside St Helen's Church - and walk to school. The residents using the parking bay near school are elderly and some are disabled and being unable to park close to their homes would make life difficult for them. Many thanks in advance for your co-operation.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS - 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. Thank you.

e-SAFETY - 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/

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.

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)
Saturday 21st September	WHALTON VILLAGE SHOW	School / School field / Village Hall
Friday 27 th September	Federation Day - Meet your Federation buddies	EYFS & KS1 at Longhorsley KS2 at Whalton
Monday 30 th September	Pupil Progress Updates	

**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

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
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or leave in the postbox in the Village Hall

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

Thank you to everyone for your continued support, we have had a fantastic year.

The AGM for the PTA will be arranged for the start of the Autumn Term, the date will be advised when set, and we hope as many of you as possible will attend. We hope to recruit some new 'helpers' as we have lost Emma, Andrea, Jayne and Zoe from the team this time. Please come along to the Meeting and, if you can, offer your help.



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.