



Longhorsley School News

AUTUMN TERM



week ending 13th September 2019

Welcome to the school year 2019-20. Welcome to our new Nursery children, Tristan, Lily and Daisy, and also to Belle, Esmay, Charlie, Archie, Lily, Taye and Kai who have joined us in main school. We hope you have all had a wonderful summer and are set for this year's adventures.

DIARY DATES - the draft copy sent out at the end of the summer term has been updated with two important changes:

1. our Harvest Service at 11:00am in St Helen's Church for everyone followed by Family Lunch in school for parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will now take place on **Tuesday 8th October**,
2. the NHS nasal flu vaccination has been re-scheduled for **Thursday 24th October**;

and one addition: we have arranged for our formal school photographs to be taken on **Thursday 24th October**.

Invite and booking form for Harvest Lunch will be sent out in due course. We will be offering one place per family at a cost of £3.50 per adult.

Please, if you have not already done so, return your yellow NHS nasal flu Immunisation Consent Form - non consent returns are also required.

The draft copy of the Diary Dates has now been approved, dates will also be included in the News. Please check the News for added events or changes.

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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MUSIC TUITION - for children in Year 3 who have chosen to learn to play an instrument and those children in Year 4 who are continuing with music tuition, lessons begin on Friday 20th September. The cost of this will be added to your child's Schoolgateway account.

Autumn Term AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - Clubs have now commenced.

We will set up a separate Schoolgateway 'pot' for each Club, eg 'Cake Decorating' AS Club Autumn 2019. Please ensure that you make individual payments into each of the relevant pots for your child.

Schoolgateway

For this year, 2019-20, we need **everyone** to be using Schoolgateway, our online payment system, to pay all monies owed for their child/ren - 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! There will be separate pots for Dinners depending on the numbers of days your child will be having them - ie 5 day/week Dinner Autumn 2019, Friday only Dinner Autumn 2019 and the special days will be set up individually eg Harvest Special Dinner Autumn 2019. Please ensure all payments are made into the correct named pots for each term.

Notification of costs added to your child's/children's account/s requiring payment to be made will be sent via text message.

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DATES FOR 16TH SEPTEMBER - 27TH SEPTEMBER 2019

Monday 16 th September	Swim (Y1,4)/Gym (YR,3)/Wall (Y2)
Tuesday 17 th September	After School CAKE DECORATING Club (2 of 3 x 4)
	After School CHOIR Club (1 of 9)
Wednesday 18 th September	Before School RUNNING Club (2 of 7)
Thursday 19 th September	After School BUSHCRAFT Club (2 of 7)
Friday 20 th September	9:30 PTA Annual General Meeting - EVERYONE WELCOME
	After School TEAM BUILDING Club (1 of 10)
<i>Saturday 21st September</i>	<i>WHALTON VILLAGE SHOW</i>
Monday 23 rd September	Swim (Y1,4)/Gym (YR,3)/Wall (Y2)
	After School CAKE DECORATING Club (3 of 3 x 4)
Tuesday 24 th September	After School CHOIR Club (2 of 9)
Wednesday 25 th September	Before School RUNNING Club (3 of 7)
Thursday 26 th September	After School BUSHCRAFT Club (3 of 7)
Friday 27 th September	Federation Day
	After School TEAM BUILDING Club (2 of 10)

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TERM DATES for Autumn Term 1

Wednesday 4th September -
Friday 25th October

PARKING - please can we remind everyone once again of the continued need for considerate parking in Drummonds Close. 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.

It has also come to our attention that some cars are being left parked on the pavement and then driving off while children are walking on the pathways. We feel sure that you will agree that the safeguarding of our children is paramount and will make every effort to park safely elsewhere.

Many thanks in advance for your co-operation.

e-SAFETY - paper copies of our newly approved Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement/e-Safety Rules will be sent home next week. Please 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 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.

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

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
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 for YR,1 & 2 parents	11:30 St Helen's Church 12 noon in school
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

WHALTON VILLAGE SHOW

The annual Whalton Village Show takes place on Saturday 21st September 2019.

The Whalton Show Committee have spent all year preparing for it and it is sure to be a fantastic event. 'Let's Circus' are the main attraction and they will be performing at certain parts of the day as well as inviting people to take part in their circus workshops.

There will be acrobatics, juggling and trapeze artistry. Not only this but there will also be school stalls, trade stands, a dog show, children's sports and an array of classes to enter your best gingerbread or giant marrow!

It is an event not to be missed. If you are free, the event takes place on the school field behind Whalton C of E Primary School on Saturday 21st September from 11am.

We would love to see anyone from Longhorsley there - do come and join us!

Thank you!