



Longhorsley School News

SPRING TERM



week ending 23rd January 2020

NEW YEAR FAMILY LUNCH - this was a lovely occasion, thank you to all Year 3 and Year 4 parents who were able to attend. Apologies to parents of children in Year 1 and Year 2 who received the invite in error - the updated Diary Dates for 2019-20 held all the correct information.

PLEASE NOTE

It has been brought to our attention that during the high winds last week the small wicket gate leading to the Haining has been moving even though this is a sheltered area. Please be aware of the risk of this gate and others blowing onto your children. We are making a further risk assessment of this area.

NSPCC NUMBER DAY

NSPCC Number Day is on Friday 7th February. Throughout this day we will be doing fun Maths activities to help bring about a positive 'can-do' attitude. If you have any 1p or 2p coins you could donate to help with these activities we would be most grateful. Children are invited to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie), in return for a suggested donation of up to £2.00. We are aware this is an additional day to our chosen charities, so if children choose not to donate to this cause don't worry.



READING and SWIMMING VOLUNTEERS - we would like to have more volunteers to help in school by hearing our children read and engage in the enjoyment of shared reading.



Also more helpers on our Monday afternoon swimming rota would be fantastic, this would mean everyone could do fewer times.

If you can spare some time for either activities we would love to hear from you, please contact school for further details.

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SCHOOL GATEWAY - Autumn term 2019 payment deadline

Please note that all payments for the Autumn term are now overdue. If you have not already done so please log in and make all your payments please.

SCHOOL GATEWAY - Spring term 2020

Please note that all payments for the Spring term are now due. These are requested to be paid in advance please.

This system appears to be working well now and is easy to use - please, if you have not already done so, log in and activate your child/ren 's account/s. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact the school office. If you have any feedback about the service, good or bad, please let us know in order that we can make any changes that may be necessary. Thank you.

DATES FOR 27TH JANUARY - 7TH FEBRUARY 2020

Monday 27 th January	National Child Measurement Programme - Height & Weight Measurements (YR) Swim (Y1,3)/Gym (Y2,4)/Wall (YR) After School Y3,4 CAKE DECORATING Club (4 of 6)
Tuesday 28 th January	Chinese New Year Special Lunch for children After School BASKETBALL Club (4 of 6)
Wednesday 29 th January	After School BUSHCRAFTClub (4 of 6)
Thursday 30 th January	After School NETBALL Club (4 of 5)
Friday 31 st January	After School MULTI SKILLS Club (4 of 6)

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Monday 3 rd February	Swim (Y1,3)/Gym (Y2,4)/Wall (YR) After School Y3,4 CAKE DECORATING Club (5 of 6)
Tuesday 4 th February	After School BASKETBALL Club (5 of 6)
Wednesday 5 th February	After School BUSHCRAFTClub (5 of 6)
Thursday 6 th February	After School NETBALL Club (5 of 5)
Friday 7 th February	9:15 Family Service in St Helen's Church NSPCC Number Day After School MULTI SKILLS Club (5 of 6)

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TERM DATES for Spring Term 1 Monday 6th January -
Friday 14th February

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS - please note open times for the office are 8:45am to 12:30pm Monday (closed pm due to activities at Willowburn) and Wednesday (closed pm due to financial affairs); then 8:45am to 5:00pm Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

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.

Longhorsley St Helen's C of E First School PTA

Chair - Mrs Kathryn Fox
Secretary - Mrs Milly Archibald Treasurer - Mrs Kate Matheson
Committee: Millie Fasakin ~ Laura Marshall

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 3rd April **Coffee Morning** in School following the Easter Service in Longhorsley Mission

ONLINE SAFETY - please see the e-Safety Update December 2019 at the end of this News which we hope you will find useful.

Please visit the following sites for further 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/>

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

January 2020		
Monday 6 th January	SCHOOL RE-OPENS - Spring Term 1 1st swim (Y1,3) / gymnastics (Y2,4) / bouldering wall (YR) session	pm Willowburn Leisure Centre
Wednesday 15 th January	New Year Family Special Lunch for Y3,4 parents	12 noon in school
Tuesday 28 th January	Chinese New Year Special Lunch	All children invited
February 2020		
Friday 7 th February	Family Service	9:00 in St Helen's Church
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day RE Ambassadors' Charity Event	postponed - future date tbc
Friday 14th February	School breaks up for half term	3:15
Friday 21 st February	Teacher Training Day	
Monday 24th February	SCHOOL RE-OPENS - Spring Term 2 Fair Trade Fortnight begins 1st swim (YR,2,4) / gymnastics (Y1) / bouldering wall (Y3) session	pm Willowburn Leisure Centre
March 2020		
Thursday 5 th March	Federation Day World Book Day	EYFS & KS1 at Whalton KS2 at Longhorsley
Friday 6 th March	Family Service	9:00 St Helen's Church
Friday 13 th March	Sport Relief	activities tbc
Monday 23 rd March	New to Nursery meeting for parents	2:45
Thursday 26 th March	Swimming Gala	Willowburn Leisure Centre
Monday 30 th March	Pupil Progress Updates	
Tuesday 31 st March	Pupil Progress Updates	
April 2020		
Friday 3 rd April	Easter Service PTA Coffee Morning School breaks up for Easter holidays	followed by 9.15 Longhorsley Mission then in School 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. Please also visit our website to view the Winter 2019 Menu, the whole year Diary Dates and other useful information.