



Longhorsley School News



SUMMER TERM

week ending 4th May 2018

Welcome to the Summer Term. We would also like to welcome our new Class Teacher, Mr Reilly, and Nursery children, Sophia, Angharad, Sophie, Emilia, Heidi and Ellie who have joined us.

A reminder, now that we are in the Summer Term, to please send your child to school with sunscreen applied and a hat for sun safety.

Key Stage 1 / Key Stage 2 CLOAKROOM: work has been carried out over the Easter break, the benches have been removed and we now have bespoke hooks and storage shelves for children in Years 3 and 4 and hooks for children in Years 1 and 2. The system for bringing in the children is working well and congestion has been reduced.

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MESSAGE to all from Mrs Rusby - *"I would just like to say a huge thank you for all of the beautiful gifts that you gave me; it was extremely generous of you all. The piece of artwork is absolutely beautiful and it hangs with pride of place in my conservatory, which is my favourite room in my house. I loved my time at Longhorsley and I hold lots of fond memories. Thank you all so much again."* Louise Rusby

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SWIMMING - this half term, Summer 1, children in Years 2 and 3 are swimming. We understand there has been some concern that children are possibly not in the correct group or pool area because they were in a different place last time they swam. There are a total of 37 children in these two year groups and because of this, together with the number of children each swimming instructor is able to have, the fact that we do not have all of the main pool, and for safety reasons, it was decided to utilise the teaching pool too. The water in this pool is the same depth as the main pool shallow end when the floor is raised and we have three instructors teaching the children, two teaching in the shallow water and one in the deeper water.

SCHOOL UNIFORM - we now have Longhorsley St Helen's **school hooded sweatshirts for sports** for sale which are ideal for outdoor sports, sports events/festivals, Monday afternoon activities and after school sports clubs etc. These cost £12.50 each and are available from the School Office (please make cheques payable to **Longhorsley First School Fund** please).

MONIES - dinners for children in **Years 3 and 4** are **£2.20** per child per day (£11/week)
£63.80 for Summer term 1 for children in Year 3 (29 days) and
£57.20 for children in Year 4 (29 days less 3 days residential visit)

swimming/gymnastics/climbing wall for children in Reception to Year 4. A voluntary contribution towards costs is £2 per child per week
£12.00 for Summer term 1 for all children

PARENTMAIL +PAY ONLINE - finally we have been successful in completing training for this service and will be going 'live' from Tuesday 8th May. Please, if you have not already done so, download the ParentMail app to your mobile and use this for payments - dinner monies, swimming, after school clubs, etc - and for some consents, such as visits, which will reduce the paper sent home. You will be notified when a payment is posted and you will also receive reminders if payments are not received within the allocated time. Please also bear with us if there any teething problems.



PHOTOGRAPHS / NON UNIFORM DAY / CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - Photographer, Ivan Burn from Shutterbugs, will be in school on the morning of **Friday 18th May** to take casual photographs of your children. To coincide with this the children are invited to come to school in casual clothing for a donation of £1 which will be given to Christian Aid.

BATTERIES - the school has recently signed up to the **BIG Battery Hunt**, a nationwide campaign to help recycle more batteries. The children were asked to collect **spent/dead** batteries and bring them to school to go in our recycle bins which when full will be collected and sent off for recycling. We believe that some children have been 'robbing' remotes, toys etc of batteries which are not yet spent in an attempt to collect as many as they can to bring in so as to be in with a chance of winning a prize for the school - please note they were asked to bring in only spent/dead batteries that no longer worked and not to take working ones out of equipment at home!
After feedback from home this has been reiterated twice!!

PARKING - Further to our regular reminders of considerate parking in the Village when dropping off/picking up children at school we have received a letter from the Parish Council. They inform us that at their recent meeting concerns were raised about the inappropriate parking-up of vehicles, especially on the double yellow lines, on pavements and close to the junction of the West Road which is dangerous to both pedestrians and other drivers.

We would like to remind you all once again of the parking restrictions near to school during the hours of 8:30-9:30am and 2:30-3:30pm, continue to be aware that residents need, for health reasons, to park in the bay near to school, and, to please use the Village Hall and Shoulder of Mutton car parks and walk the short distance to and from school.

It may be that there will be Police involvement and they will come to survey the traffic during morning and afternoon school times if the situation does not improve.

DATES FOR 7TH MAY - 18TH MAY 2018

Monday 7 th May	BANK HOLIDAY - School CLOSED
Tuesday 8 th May	
Wednesday 9 th May	Y4 Residential Day 1
	After School FENCING Club (3 of 5)
Thursday 10 th May	Y4 Residential Day 2
Friday 11 th May	Y4 Residential Day 3
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Monday 14 th May	Swim (Y2,3)/Gym (YR,4)/Wall (Y1)
	After School BASKETBALL Club (4 of 5)
Tuesday 15 th May	
Wednesday 16 th May	After School FENCING Club (4 of 5)
Thursday 17 th May	4:00pm Longhorsley Football Tournament
Friday 18 th May	non uniform for Christian Aid School photographs

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TERM DATES for Summer Term	Monday 16 th April -
first half	Friday 25 th May
Bank Holiday	Monday 7 th May
Bank Holiday	Monday 28 th May

Longhorsley St Helen's C of E First School PTA

Chair - Mrs Sarah Waterston
Secretary - Mrs Zoe Nelles Treasurer - Mrs Fiona Hindmarsh
Helpers - Claire Bright - Lesley Hall - Emma Lawton - Andrea Light

EASTER COFFEE MORNING - 'THANK YOU' to everyone for contributing /supporting this year's Easter Coffee Morning.

CURRY NIGHT - we are in the process of re-booking with Tandoor Mahal and will advise you all of the new date in due course.



WATER BOTTLES 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.

If you've not already got one, get your child's now.

The water bottles are hands free, special cap, screw lid, bpa free, dishwasher safe - for further information visit www.schoolbottle.co.uk.

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

DIARY DATES 2017-18 UPDATE

April 2018		
Date:	Event:	Time/Venue if applicable:
Monday 16 th April	SCHOOL RE-OPENS - Summer term 1 1 st Swim (Y2,3)/Gym (YR,4)/Wall (Y1) After School Basketball Club	3:15-4:15pm (1 of 5)
Tuesday 17 th April	1 st Basketball session	
Wednesday 24 th April	After School Fencing Club	3:15-4:00pm (1 of 5)
May 2018		
Monday 7 th May	May Day - SCHOOL CLOSED	
Wednesday 9 th May - Friday 11 th May	Y4 Residential visit to Dukeshouse Wood, Hexham	
Thursday 17 th May	Longhorsley Football Tournament	
Friday 18 th May	Non Uniform Day for Christian Aid Individual informal photographs	Donations for Christian Aid and casual clothes in school
Friday 25 th May	School breaks up for half term	
June 2018		
Monday 4 th June	SCHOOL RE-OPENS - Summer term 2 1 st Swim (YR,1,4)/Gym (Y3)/Wall (Y2)	
Tuesday 5 th June	1 st Cricket session After School Cricket Club	3:15-4:15pm (1 of 6)
Friday 7 th June	1 st Tennis session After School Tennis Club	3:15-4:00pm (1 of 5)
Monday 25 th June	New to Key Stage 1 meeting for parents	2:30pm in school
Wednesday 27 th June	Y4 Leavers Service	11:00am Newcastle Cathedral
July 2018		
Monday 2 nd July	New to Key Stage 2 meeting for parents	2:30pm in school
Monday 9 th July	New to EYFS meeting for parents	2:30pm in school
Wednesday 11 th July	Longhorsley Leavers Lunch	
Thursday 12 th July	Reports home to parents	
Friday 13 th July	Sports Afternoon	1:15pm on school field
Thursday 19 th July	End of Year Party - PTA to organise	1pm in school
Friday 20 th July	Summer End of term service School breaks up for Summer holidays	9.30 am in St Helen's Church 3:15pm

**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.