

### Back to School

We have been delighted to see all the children return to school this month. Everyone has been so excited and very happy to see all of their friends. We are hopeful that, with the progress of the vaccine, all of our normal school routines, including educational visits, will resume soon!

### British Science Week

Our first week back was British Science Week and the children have been taking part in activities which involve thinking and applying their scientific skills.

**Class 1 - Early Years** have been thinking about an Easter tradition, 'egg rolling'. We have been investigating how to make ramps and how to make our eggs go the furthest. We talked about 'fair tests' and 'results' and measured the distance with a big ruler! They were very impressed that the ruler had number 1000 on (for mm). :)

What happens when ..... we make the ramp lower?



We are also growing cress!



Isn't it magical that cress doesn't need soil to grow! We watered the cotton wool and put them on the sunny window sill! We have noticed colour change and white shoots! :)

**Class 2 - Year 1** have been learning more about Neil Armstrong and the Apollo 11 Mission in Saturn V. They also enjoyed using cornflour and baby oil to make a moon surface and dropped small stones in to create their own craters.



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

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**Class 3 - Years 2 and 3** children began by considering how movies are made. They learnt that our eyes see a succession of images that move rapidly. Our brain interprets these images as a single moving 'picture'. Children then investigated this concept of persistence of vision by making their own flip books.

**Class 4 - Year 4** have collected natural materials and mashed them into pulp! They mixed the pulp with water then filtered it and waited for evaporation of the water to be left with the pigment for their own paint.



**Reverend Audrey** has continued to offer four acts of Collective Worship provided by electronic means with our own in-class Worship on Fridays. Reverend Audrey is looking forward to joining us in school when further restrictions are lifted.

At 12noon on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 we all stopped what we were doing and fell silent for one minute to remember the people who we lost over the last year and who are no longer with us due to COVID-19.

As our usual **Easter Trail** visit for our Key Stage 2 children was cancelled, the organisers, who are from our local churches, have very kindly put together a gift package of 'Easter Joy in a Bag' which consists of a variety of activities, with full instructions and materials, for the children to do over the Easter holiday. These have been distributed to children in Years 2, 3 and 4 today. Please note included there is an Easter egg which may contain gluten, egg and nuts - the children have been asked NOT to eat this before coming home in case of allergic reaction.

**Easter Service** - we were once again unable to come together so we met via our 'Google Meet' in classes. For parents, each class will post their contribution on their own Google classroom.

**SchoolGateway** - please 'login' to your child/ren's Gateway account/s and if there are any monies due for dinners, milk etc we would appreciate payments being made before the end of the financial year, ie by the end of March. Remember to check all the individual sections as there are some outstanding monies owed from previous terms.

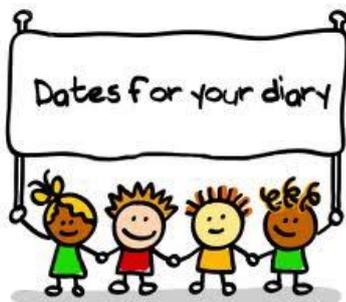
Dinner monies for all those children who have a school dinner in Years 3 and 4 for the Spring Term have now been added - apologies for the delay in getting these which has been due to the different days the children have been in school prior to everyone coming back on 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please don't hesitate to contact the office if you have any queries. Thank you to everyone who has already paid.

## TERM DATES

Spring Term 2	
school closes for Easter	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
Summer Term 1	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May
Bank Holiday	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021
Summer Term 2	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June - Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July

There will be no Training Day on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June - this was taken on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**WANTED** - please can you check your child/ren's uniform, especially their sports hoodies, and if you find a stray one please could you send it back to school so that we can pass it on to it's owner. Please note we are informed that all strays are appropriately named - this should make it easier for you to spot one.



## March

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
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break up for Easter holiday  
Palm Sunday  
clocks change - move forward 1 hour



## April

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Maundy Thursday  
Good Friday  
Easter Day      Holy Communion in St Helen's Church 10:00am

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April

School re-opens - Summer Term 1

## July

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July

Provisional - Fun Run in aid of GNAAS  
Look out for our RE Ambassadors Newsletter in the Summer Term  
for further details

**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. Safer Internet Day was on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February and further information about this was sent home. Please take a look at the attached Think U Know Online Safety at Home: Parents and Carers Newsletter which provides lots of useful information, tips, advice and links to even more help.

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/](http://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](http://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 Headteacher, Class Teachers, Office or Kitchen - must be made via telephone on 01670788316, email to [longhorsleyadmin@fedlongwhaltschools.uk](mailto:longhorsleyadmin@fedlongwhaltschools.uk) or the Schoolcomms text service.

### **Longhorsley Tree**

The monthly newsletter for the parish of St Helen's, Longhorsley is available online at [site.google.com/site/longhorsleytree](http://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](mailto:longhorsley.tree@gmail.com) or leave in the post box in the Village Hall