



Longhoughton C of E Primary School
March 2019 Newsletter



Thank you so much to everyone for all your recent support for World Maths Day, World Book Day and Comic Relief. The children had a great time participating in all 3 events – dressing up and completing the different activities.

World Book Day - £85.45 was raised for Book Aid International
Comic Relief - We raised £98.65 from wearing something red and £179.05 was raised through the Bake Off Cake Stall and Company B making a grand total of £277.70.

Congratulations to Brazil Class for winning the Comic Relief Bake Off Competition.

Also thank you to everyone who came to the Book Fair; £426.50 worth of books were purchased and this means the school has £170.60 in commission to spend on books.

Please take a look at the 'News' section of the school website to see photographs of these events.

School Games Update

At the end of each half term the children have competed in inter-class competitions as part of their NUFC work. Photographs of the winning teams can be seen on the school website. Currently the Castle scores are:

Alnwick	251
Bamburgh	222
Dunstanburgh	227
Warkworth	244

Congratulations to the Y5/6 Football teams for their recent matches
Longhoughton 4 – Whittingham 4
Seahouses 7 – Longhoughton 8

Well done to the mixed Y5/6 Rugby team that took part in a Rugby Festival against other Alnwick Partnership Schools finishing joint 7th.



After School Sports Clubs

For the last couple of years we have used the Sports Premium money to pay for the coaches that run the after school sports clubs.

As the new financial year starts we have been allocated the funding for another year but are now looking to invest this money in larger PE equipment and have therefore made the decision to stop providing free Sports Clubs and once again charge for these activities, the coaches will be paid from these charges.

If children are using Acorns after the sports session then parents will only be charged one amount of £3.50. Please bear this in mind when completing the Summer Term Club letter that will be coming out soon.



Dress Down Fridays for Alnwick Food Bank

After the success of the Dress Down Fridays in December with the children providing an item for the Alnwick Food Bank we have decided not just to keep this charity work to Christmas time. We are going to have a dress down Friday at the end of every half term in return for the children giving a gift to the Alnwick Food Bank.

Items can include:

Tins - soup, vegetables, beans, fruit, custard etc.

Packets - cup a soup, biscuits, cooking sauces etc

Toiletries - soap, bubble bath, shampoo etc

The foodbank has asked for **NO** sweets or chocolates.

Parking

As you may remember from the December Newsletter we wrote to you about parking outside school.



There have now been 2 meetings with the Parish Council, Wendy Pattison and a representative from Northumberland County Council Highways looking at issues surrounding parking on Lacey Street and Crowlea Road. The second meeting was a public meeting which some residents did attend.

We have now been informed that the area at the bottom of Lacey Street, next to Lacey Court and in front of the cut through to the field is not actually a parking area; it is a turning circle. The Highways Department are looking to put up signage so we ask that parents do not park here in the future.

In addition one suggestion that has been made is for the Parish Council to consider introducing restrictions to vehicle access to the 2 named streets. Whilst this may not happen we would like to ask again that everyone continues to be considerate when parking near to school.

Please do not park across driveways so that local residents can still leave or gain access to their homes or on the grass verges. Please be aware that more drives are being created and used on Lacey Street so please keep a look out for these changes.



PFA Decorate an Easter Egg Competition

The children will be invited to decorate a hard-boiled egg in any way they choose. Eggs should be brought into school on Thursday 4th April. The eggs will be displayed in the school hall before being judged. Parents will be able to view the eggs on Thursday morning. There will be 2 winners per year group. As in previous years there will be a parent competition as well.

Children will be able to take their eggs home on Thursday night. (Any unclaimed eggs will have to be disposed of as they will go off over the Easter break!)

Dates for your diary:

Friday 5th April – Dress Down Friday for the Alnwick Food Bank

Friday 5th April – School closes for Easter break

Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th April – Tom Vickers & Sam Dronsfield – Sport For All Easter Holiday Camp – please see flyer for details

Tuesday 23rd April – School opens

Tuesday 23rd April – Y1 & Y2 will start curriculum Rugby with Cramlington Rockets (PE kits needed please)

Thursday 25th April – KS2 will start curriculum Cricket with Tom Vickers (PE kits needed please)

Tuesday 7th May – Class Photographs

Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May – Y6 SATs Week

Friday 24th May – Dress Down Friday for the Alnwick Food Bank

Friday 24th May – School closes for Whitsun break

This newsletter can also be read on the school website – <http://www.longhoughton.northumberland.sch.uk> – through the 'News & Events' link on the Home page