



Long Wittenham C of E (C) Primary School

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 26th April 2019

Dear Families,

Welcome back to school for our last term of this academic year – how time has flown!

We have had a very busy week indeed getting back into the swing of things and starting off our new topics etc. in all classes.

I am very excited to be covering both Mrs Westen's and Mrs O'Brien's PPA time every Wednesday morning from now on and I am really looking forward to getting my teeth stuck into the teaching that I miss so very much. The working hours of both teachers is changing only slightly for the rest of the school year with each doing a long week then a short week and vice versa. This means that Mrs O'Brien has started on a long week (Monday-Wednesday) and Mrs Westen has started on her short week (Thursday-Friday). Both ladies will take turns doing this so that your children benefit from more structure to their lessons.

Get Active started their after school club this week and we have had a huge success with it so far! All of the children who have taken part have thoroughly enjoyed it so please do ask on the playground for some fantastic references for it! We've seen crazy golf and table tennis, crafting and most of all, happy smiley faces on all of the children who have attended! I am sure this is going to be a huge success.

If you, or someone you know, would like to get involved in helping out at the after school club (and getting paid for it!), please do speak to Get Active as they are always looking for extra staff. Their business certainly seems to be flourishing!

Just to make you all aware, we are in the process of revamping our school website, thanks to the huge support from Mr Harrison, Dylan's dad, so please bear with us while we update it and provide you all with a far more modern and up-to-date version of it in the future.

I wish you all a lovely week end and hope we see more of the glorious sunshine from the bank holiday weekend!

Warmest wishes,
Alison Bellingham, Headteacher

Owls Class

Owls have settled back into the term very well. We have begun our new topic, Are we nearly there yet, by listening to the story - Mr Gumpy's outing by John Burningham. The children enjoyed drawing their own boats and choosing what animal would ask to come aboard for the journey. They had some lovely ideas for writing and wrote questions and sentences to match their drawings.

We have also looked at different forms of transport and sorted them into the categories, water, air and road.

We studied different maps and after exploring the school grounds, drew our own maps of our school.

Parrots Class

We have had a great first week back!

We are all excited about our new topic, scented garden. The children have planted sunflowers, sweet peas, parsley and mint so far.

They have followed the instructions "how to make rainbow celery" and have observed it changing colour. I will post the before and after pictures on our class story on dojo.

Eagles Class

We hope that you had a restful Easter break. The children have returned full of enthusiasm and energy ready to start the new term. The children will be learning about diaries and time at the end of each week, this work has begun well. The diary writing is linked to environmental issues that are currently in the news. In RE will be learning about

the effect of Pentecost on Christians today.
Homework has re-started this week.

On
Wednesday,
Eagles had
the exciting
opportunity
to go to
Baylab in
Reading for a
Bees and
Honey
workshop. We
learnt about



the life cycle of a bee and how honey is made. We used microscopes, plant models, 'bee glasses', did honey taste testing and performed an experiment to determine if honey is an acid.....ask your children for the answer.

Penguins Class

This week Penguins have been learning about how World War 2 started and which countries were part of the allied forces. We have been listening to sounds of World War 2, learning about Morse code and justifying our opinion of which was the best fighter plane - the Spitfire or the Messerschmitt. Today we have been looking at gas masks too (thank you Edward) and why these were necessary.

Year 6 continue to perfect their test taking techniques, and we have looked particularly this week at the importance of reading the questions. If it asks you to tick two answers, you need to make sure you have ticked two, not three or one. They all continue to improve week on week and in these last few weeks working on these skills across all the papers will be a focus for us.

In English we have read the story 'Rose Blanche', written descriptions and explained our opinions about different characters. I have been so impressed with the detail and description they have put into these and will share their final copies on Classdojo.

In maths we have been looking at units of measurement and converting them. This has linked to work on imperial measures and we have been working our using old money and imperial measures how much a weekly ration would be.

What's Up Next?

Mon 29 th April	Forest School Reception, Year 4 and Year 5
	Cycling Proficiency Year 5s
	Gymnastics After School Club
Tue 30 th April	Swimming Eagles
Wed 1 st May	Forest School Year 1s - CANCELLED
	Football After School Club
Fri 3 rd May	8.30-8.50am – JNBS, keep saving!
Future Dates	
Sat 11 th May	PTA May Fayre
Fri 17 th May	PTA Film Night after school



2morrow Court
Appleford Road
Sutton Courtenay
Oxon, OX14 4FH
United Kingdom

April 2019

Great Seasonal/Part time Employment a local company Aferry.com

Dear Villagers

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce our family owned business just down the road in Sutton Courtenay. Aferry.com has been in this location since 2003 having relocated from Appleford.

To give you a brief history, Aferry.com is the world's largest online ferry portal. Being a travel company, our busiest period is from March to end August and we are currently looking for a number of people to join our friendly customer service team between these months. We will consider both full and part-time hours, and also students on gap years or for work experience. A minimum of 2-3 months commitment is usually required.

We provide ourselves on giving our customers excellent service and going the extra mile. The role includes assisting and answering customer queries once they have booked their travel using our very simple messaging service and work console. The successful candidate will be passionate about providing excellent customer service and have the following skills:

- Good written and spoken English
- PC literate with good keyboard skills
- Enjoy working in a busy environment
- Reliable & Trustworthy
- Able to prioritise
- Able to work shifts
- European languages are advantageous such as French, Spanish, Polish, German and Italian.

We are open from 0800 to 2200 hours 7 days per week and typical shifts are 0800-1630 and 1030-1900 plus occasional evening shifts. The full time hours of work are 37.5 per week over 5 days and include weekends on a rota system.

Salary – negotiable depending on duration of contract

Holidays – pro rota 30 days holiday including bank holidays

If you are interested or would like to find out more, please forward your CV and availability via email to janettes@aferry.com or call us on 01235 845106

SPRING FAIR

11am-4pm Saturday 27 April | Harcourt Arboretum



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Harcourt Arboretum, Nuneham Courtenay, OX44 9PX



LONG WITTENHAM FUN RUN

at 11am on Sunday June 2nd

Start at The Plough, Long Wittenham
Parking at The Wood Centre, Little Wittenham Road, OX14 4QT

Download an entry form from our Facebook page or
www.longwittenham.com/events or enter online www.eventbrite.co.uk
Postal and online entries accepted until Friday May 31st, or
arrive before 10.30am to enter on the day (Additional £1 for each entry on the day)

£5 adults, £1 children (under 18), £10 for family (2 adults + children)
(An entry form for each participant please)

All ages and abilities welcome!
(Children under 8 to be accompanied)



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