



# Longhorsley School News

## Autumn Term

### 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021



### Thank you!

Firstly, we would like to thank you for your generosity. We were able to supply an enormous amount of food to the Wansbeck Valley Foodbank before Half Term and they have sent us a lovely letter thanking you for your contributions.

We would also like to say thank you for the shoes donated. We were able to pass on 60 pairs to the Newcastle charity!

Operation Christmas Child also saw 38 shoeboxes full of Christmas goodies donated. Thank you to Mrs Bates for co-ordinating both the shoes and the shoeboxes and supporting these charities on our behalf.

Finally, we were able to pass on an extremely heavy Poppy Appeal collection box, the British Legion were over the moon!

### Robinwood - Year 4

The Year 4 children will be receiving a letter in the next few days about our residential trip to Robinwood in February 2022. Please keep a look out for this and respond when you can so we can collate numbers and information.

## Remembrance Service

We were so proud of the children at the Remembrance Service last week. They were a credit to the school and were very respectful of the occasion.



## Managing Covid through the Winter

We appreciate the children all have coughs and colds through the Winter months, but as these mirror Covid-19 symptoms please refer to the Advise and Inform Letter from Northumberland County Council that Mrs Brannen sent out on 20<sup>th</sup> September if you're unsure of what to do.

We would rather you be over cautious to keep everyone safe if your child/ren are displaying any symptoms, even though we understand it could just be the time of the year.

## School's Nominated Charities

As you're aware, the children choose the nominated charities for the year ahead. They have chosen St Oswald's Hospice and the Ghanaian Childrens Trust.

St Oswald's Hospice offers specialist patient - centric care for adults, young people, babies and children with life limiting conditions.

The Ghanaian Childrens Trust is a UK based charity working to relieve poverty and distress amongst children and young people in Ghana.



## School Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch for the children will be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December. All children are invited to have Christmas lunch, and if your child has school dinners then they will already be included. If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like Christmas lunch then please do let us know by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November and we will ensure they're included.



## Reception Applications

For parents of our Nursery children, a reminder that the school Admissions Application Process for Reception started on 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Please make sure you apply online before the deadline. The portal closes on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

For more information please click on the web page:

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Reception-entry-applications.aspx>

Or contact the team directly using the following email address:

schooladmissions@northumberland.gov.uk

## Information from Signposting Services

Do you struggle to fall asleep? Do you feel tired? Do you have a child who won't sleep in their own bed?

Having a sleep issue is surprisingly common. At any given time up to 40% of adults and 50% of children (this rises to 80% with a SEND diagnosis) have difficulties with their sleep.

Yet in a recent survey, almost 60% of adults felt there was a lack of support for sleep issues. Sleep problems can leave people feeling isolated and lonely.

We have been told all about a service that can help if you need some support.



## Christmas Performances

As communicated last week, Christmas performances will be held virtually this year. Thank you to many of you, who have communicated your support and we hope you understand that we are trying to keep children, staff and the community as safe as possible.

## PTA Updates

### Stars for the Longhorsley Village Christmas Tree

A note has gone out concerning the tradition of the children decorating stars for the Village Christmas tree. Please ensure your slip and donation are back by 26<sup>th</sup> November so the children can then decorate their star.



## School Calendars

Forms have gone out for pre-orders of the 2022 calendar. If you would like to make an order, please ensure your order form is returned, with payment by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November



### Dates for your diary:

PTA School Calendar order:	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November
Star order for the tree:	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November
Swimming for Years 3 & 4:	Every Tuesday up to & including 7 <sup>th</sup> December
Nasal Flu Immunisation:	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December

School Christmas Lunch: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December

School breaks up for Christmas: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

School reassembles after Christmas: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022