



Longhorsley School News

Spring Term

January 2022 Newsletter



Welcome Back

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and welcome back for our Spring Term! We hope you enjoyed the Christmas performances. The children really enjoyed making them.

We have 2 new children who have started in Afternoon Nursery this term, so a warm welcome to our new students. They are settling in wonderfully!

Learning Journeys

We have added the Class Spring Term Learning Journeys to our website so please do have a look to see what the focus' are for this term for each year group. These are under "Our Curriculum" and then the sub-section "Our Curriculum Learning Journeys". You should also have received a paper copy of your child's Class Newsletter so please check their Home School Diaries.

Swimming

Years 1 and 2 started their swimming lessons this week at Willowburn and thoroughly enjoyed it. Please note, when they are swimming on a Tuesday they will be back at around 3.20pm due to the lesson not finishing until 2.45pm in Alnwick.



COVID update

As of 11th January, the testing guidelines have changed as per our communication. Also, from Monday (17th), the self-isolation period will be cut to a full 5 days, with people, if they have had 2 negative lateral flow tests on days five and six, being able to leave isolation "at the start of day six".

If you need further information on either testing or self-isolation Government guidance, please refer to the information on the Northumberland County Council Education webpage (hyperlink below):

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/coronavirus/Northumberland-schools.aspx>

Thank you so much for your continued support in terms of testing when your child/ren have symptoms or they are under the weather, and by respecting the school's risk assessments. Please do continue to report any cases to us and we appreciate everyone's over cautious approach so we can keep each other as safe as we can.

School Uniform

We had a note this week from Northern Embroidery to advise they will no longer be able to supply our school uniform. We are meeting with a new supplier next week so will send out the details as soon as everything is agreed.

Robinwood - Year 4

Information on the Robinwood Residential in February will be sent out separately to Year 4 parents next week. We hope they're all really looking forward to it!

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

This year, the Queen is celebrating her Platinum Jubilee and to recognise and celebrate this the Government has announced that there will be an additional bank holiday. The late May bank holiday will be moved to Thursday 2nd June 2022 and an additional Jubilee bank holiday will be on Friday 3rd June 2022.

As the additional bank holiday falls within the half term holiday, legislation has been passed to allow schools to benefit from the additional day's holiday. Therefore, the last day of the summer term will be Thursday 21st July, with the summer holiday beginning on Friday 22nd July.

Help!

We are in desperate need of a qualified Accountant, who can spare an hour or so signing off last year's accounts (everything is ready for review, we just need a signature!) and also a plumber to help with the pipe coming out of Class 2's classroom!

If you could help with either of these and can spare us a bit of time then please do contact Mrs Fox in the School Office.

Parent Ofsted Questionnaire

Thank you so much to those of you who have completed the above questionnaire which we sent out on Friday 7th. We are hoping to review all the responses on Monday so please, if you haven't done so already, have a look at this over the weekend.

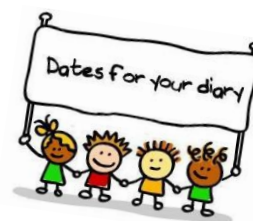
PTA Update:

We have a couple of the school calendars still available. They are £10 and are brilliant! If you would like one of the few we have left then please drop Mrs Fox an email.

Thank you so much for all of your support over Christmas (with the Tree Stars, the Calendars and the Cinema Club). You all helped us to raise over £750!

Also, thank you so much to our "Christmas Angels" who co-ordinated the Boxing Day Santa visit at The Shoulder of Mutton - it was a huge success and raised £162 - thank you so much to Mick, Fiona, Vicky, Tanya and Neil - it was a fantastic day!

Another huge thank you to Noah Hall in Year 1 and his Grandad, who have secured a cheque for £100 from the Co-op for the school. This will be used for new playground equipment. It is very much appreciated.



Dates for your diary:

Swimming (Years 1 & 2):

Tuesdays - 11th January - 15th February
(will be extended after half term)

Robinwood (Year 4):

Wednesday 16th - Friday 18th February

School breaks up for Half Term:
School re-opens after Half Term:
Bikeability (Year 4):

Friday 18th February
Monday 28th February
Friday 11th March (more details to
follow)

School breaks up for Easter:
School re-opens after Easter:
Bank Holiday (School closed):

Friday 8th April
Monday 25th April
Monday 2nd May