



# Longhorsley School News

## Autumn Term

### 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021



— WELCOME —  
BACK TO SCHOOL

### Great to be back!

From all the staff, we'd like to say a huge welcome back and well done to all of our children who have settled back into school life with commendable attitudes, especially after such a long summer break! We'd also like to say a huge well done to our Reception children who are now attending school full time - so grown up. We have really been enjoying getting to know your children and look forward to an exciting year together.

### Building Works

We are so pleased to have completed the new fencing at the back of Early Years and behind the adventure playground to ensure the children are safe whilst enjoying outside play.

Fingers crossed we are looking forward to the installation of our long awaited Trim Trail, which is scheduled for completion on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October.



## Swimming

We have been working closely with Active Northumberland to get swimming lessons back up and running. We have started with Years 3 and 4, who have been having lessons on Tuesday afternoons at Willowburn. These lessons will take us up to December 7<sup>th</sup>. Please note, if the girls come in tights on a swimming day please could you put some long socks in their bag as we have a really busy turnaround getting dressed after swimming!

As we are having to offer swimming sessions on a rotational basis because of Covid risk assessments and the enhanced cleaning that needs to be done, we will be reviewing in the next month which children will be offered swimming lessons in January - we will keep you posted.



## Peripatetic Music Lessons

Northumberland County Music Service is ready to start individual musical instrument lessons in schools, with appropriate safety measures in place. Depending on interest, they can offer violin or woodwind tuition to children in Years 2, 3 and 4. There is a cost attached, which is dependent on the number who take up the offer and how we group the children. Please contact the school office if you are interested in your child learning an instrument.



## Year 5 Admissions

For parents of our Year 4 children, a reminder that the school Admissions Application Process for middle school started in September. Please make sure you apply online before the deadline. The portal opened on 12th September and closes on the 31st October. Late applications may result in pupils not securing a place in their preferred school. The School Admissions Team will contact schools during October with the names of those yet to apply so you can issue another reminder. For more information please click on the web page:

[https://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en](https://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en)

Or contact the team directly using the following email address:

[schooladmissions@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@northumberland.gov.uk)

## Themed Lunches

Thank you so much to those of you supporting the themed lunches! We are having our first one this Thursday (7<sup>th</sup>), it is "A Taste of Italy" and we really hope they all enjoy it. If your child normally has school lunches then they have been automatically included.

As you are all aware, food prices all around us are increasing so due to this we are going to be increasing our lunch prices from £2.20 to £2.30 per day from 1<sup>st</sup> November; thank you for your understanding and continued support of our school meals.



## School Photographs

Shutterbugz Photography is coming into school to take individual school photographs on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October; a great memory to keep.

## Harvest Festival

Following the recent questionnaire sent out, the Harvest Festival will go ahead on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 9.15am in the school hall for one parent per family as per our Covid-19 risk assessments. Up to now we have not been informed of any further positive Covid cases. If this changes and we need to re-think the event we will let you know.



## Wansbeck Foodbank

As you know, we are keen supporters of the Wansbeck Foodbank and will again be supporting it this year. Please could you send your child into school with an empty box before Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October, so it can be decorated and returned home to be filled and dropped off at school on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> October ready for the Harvest Festival. If you'd like to see more information on this please visit the link below;

<https://wansbeckvalleyfoodbank.org/how-you-can-help-2/>

## Earrings

We have a strict no earring policy in school. If your child has had their ears pierced and it is within the first 6 weeks of not being able to remove them, their ears must be taped over. After the six week period is over their earrings must be removed for school. Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

## Calling all parents!

Now that our risk assessments can allow helpers into the school, we are asking for any potential parent readers who would be able to give up 1 hour per week (Wednesday mornings 9 - 10am) to read with the children.

If you are interested in helping, please pop in and see Kathryn Fox in the school office or email us - [longhorsleyadmin@fedlongwhaltschools.uk](mailto:longhorsleyadmin@fedlongwhaltschools.uk)

## Dates for your calendar



Swimming for Years 3 & 4:	Every Tuesday up to & including 7 <sup>th</sup> December
Shutterbugz Photography:	19th October
Bring a box to school for Harvest Festival:	Before Monday 18th October
Harvest Service:	Friday 22nd October 9.15am
Break up for Half Term:	Friday 22nd October 3.15pm
Back to school:	Monday 1st November
Nasal Flu Immunisation:	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December