



October 2024

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who made the AGM, we really appreciate your time and input.

### **New Fundraising Goals:**

This school year, the team have asked us to focus on enhancing the outside learning environment for both EYFS (so they can be outside in all weathers learning to play) and the whole school, with a new staging area so they can perform to the crowds and not be restricted by the hall's capacity. They are currently getting quotes for a lean to roof over part of the early year's playground, to create an all-weather space / outside classroom for the whole school to use. The big long-term goal is to get an all-weather track so the children can still get out for some fresh air and exercise despite the bad weather. I am sure you will all agree we have had some awful weather over the last year, so these are great ideas.

*(Example of ideas)*



### **Calendar:**

The children have completed some beautiful self-portraits for the 2025 calendar. Which is still only £10! Please use this [google form](#) to order your calendar by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, so we can get them to you early December and they make fantastic Christmas presents!



### **Christmas Project:**

Don't forget to check your child's school bag for their Christmas Designs and head to <https://sforders.co.uk/> to order Christmas cards, gift tags, magnets, mugs, coasters and tree decorations, which also make lovely personal Christmas gifts. The deadline is also Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November please. If you haven't got your form, please contact the school office.

### Asda Rewards:

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>. We have earned over £100 and there are still 40 days left, so please tell your friends, neighbours, family and work colleagues to download the Asda rewards app and opt into the Cash pot for schools' campaign.



### Christmas Performance Raffles:

Jools and Olivia have already started pulling together the adult and kids hampers, and they have enlisted a team of bakers to make some delicious Christmas cakes for the 4 Christmas performances! Plus, there are some new surprises too. If you have any unwanted gifts, chocolates, smellies, booze etc we would be very grateful for your **donations** to the school office, thank you.

Speaking of Donations don't forget the [bag2school.com](http://bag2school.com) collection is this Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October till 9am on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. The school will be paid for the weight that we donate. So, ask your family and neighbours too! Thank you to everyone who has already said they are donating.

## Don't Forget!

**Last Film Night for Reception through to Year 4:** which includes a hotdog, cookie and drink is this Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October and will start straight after school 3.20pm-5pm pick up. **Trolls Band Together** (U rated). We have extra spaces so if you would like to send your child(ren) again its only £7 please contact the school office [longhorsleyadmin@fedlongwhaltschools.uk](mailto:longhorsleyadmin@fedlongwhaltschools.uk) by 3pm Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October.



### Starry Night Christmas Crafts and Non-Uniform Day:

This is where all the children are invited to come into school in sleepwear or onesies on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**. The PTA and helpers will also be helping the children complete a Christmas craft and decorate a Star for a loved one to hang on the Village Green Christmas Tree. To be included, the children need to have paid for their Autumn Term festive activities by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November please.

Reception to Year 4 please complete this [single google form](#) if your child is going to or has attended a film night.

Nursery Children who do not attend on Fridays will still get the chance to complete their craft and star in class on another day. Please can all Nursery Children and Reception to Year 4 **Children** who are not attending a film night use this [google form](#).

**Extra Christmas Tree Stars:** are of course available. Please fill out this separate [google form](#) for Extra Stars deadline Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

### **PTA Team Update:**

We are thrilled to welcome Rebecca Goldsbrough, Olivia Lees and Helen Johnson to the PTA! We are always open to accepting new members or 'parent helpers' please just let one of us know. Our next meeting will be in mid-January, usually a Thursday night at the Shoulder of Mutton or we can organise a quick coffee to answer any questions about the PTA.

If your business, or where you work, would like to donate to enhancing the children's outdoor learning space or offer a prize for our Christmas raffle, please let the school office or one of us know, no matter how small, every little bit helps get us closer.

We welcome any fundraising ideas, or if you would like to help and support please don't be shy, let one of us know in person or by email [longhorsleyadmin@fedlongwhaltschools.uk](mailto:longhorsleyadmin@fedlongwhaltschools.uk) to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

Your PTA Committee

Louisa, Kathryn, Jools, Ruth, Olivia, Helen and Rebecca

