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Newsletter – September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome

On behalf of the staff and governors, I would like to welcome you all back to a new school year at Longstone. Although it now seems an age ago, we hope you had a fantastic summer break and we all look forward to sharing in an exciting new term, and school year, with you all. I know you will all join me in an extending an especially warm welcome to our new children and new families who are joining the Longstone community. A child starting at school is an exciting time and I know they have had a wonderful first couple of weeks. As a parent of three young children myself, I realise the rewards and stresses that parenting can bring. It is my hope that through a collaborative school and home partnership, we can continue to ensure the success of your child's learning journey at Longstone.



I would also like to welcome some new members of staff to the school. Miss Kate Pont will be teaching Dahl class each Thursday and Friday for the autumn term whilst Miss Brocklehurst is undertaking her Acting Assistant Headteacher role. Miss Bekah Dicken has also joined the team in Donaldson. I know they will both be popular and positive additions to the team.

Amazing! Thank you!



Now we have been back for a few weeks, I just wanted to thank you for your help and cooperation with the new systems in place and to tell you how amazing all your children have been in school. The children are settled in their classes and are working hard and really enjoying being back with their peers and teachers.

Welcome from Reverend James Croft

Dear Parents - I would like to welcome you all to a new school year and especially to our new families joining our school for the first time. I continue to look forward to being involved with the school and despite all the restrictions keeping in contact with you in one way or another. On behalf of the church I wish everybody involved in the school a very happy and successful year! With my best wishes. James Croft (Vicar)

Smart Children

It's great to see all the children looking so smart in their school uniforms. It is great to see children wearing smart black shoes. Please ensure that your child does not wear any jewellery to school (apart from watches), including wrist bands and friendship bracelets. Children may wear small stud earrings, but no dangly ones please. Long hair should be neatly tied back. Please ensure nail varnish and tattoos are also removed for school. Also, a reminder that mobile phones should not be brought into school. If for a one-off reason your child needs one, please let the staff know and it will be kept safely and returned at the end of the day.



Parent Information Evenings

We can't hold our annual Parent Information Evenings this year so the staff have put together a presentation giving you details about key routines and information for each class. These will be available from next week on the class pages on the school website. Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

School Dinners

Our wonderful school dinners cost £2:25. School dinners are free to those children in Reception and KS1 and those in receipt of Free School meals. Please note that these can be paid for on Parent Pay. Please ensure your account is up to date.

Income Based Free School Meals

For every child who qualifies for free meals due to family income or benefit levels, our school receives the maximum funding (£1320) to support your child through something called the Pupil Premium. It is only available to schools **if you apply and are eligible** for income based free school meals. With Pupil Premium funding, schools can organise extra help and support for children. Applying for free meals is very quick and easy so if you think you may qualify for free school meals, please still take the time to apply. Even though your child might be able to have a free meal anyway, **our school needs the funding that comes from Income Based Free School Meals**. To find out if you are eligible, please go to the Council's website at www.derbyshire.gov.uk and search for 'free school meals'. You are also welcome to contact the school office on 01629640377.



Nut Free School

We have a child in school with a severe nut allergy so please do not send any food items, including snacks, that contain nuts.

The British weather...coats and wellies!

Please ensure children have coats and wellies in school each day. Even if it is a bit wet and wild(ish), we like to get our children outside (we're a hardy bunch) and it is much more comfortable if they have a coat! We also ask that children have wellies in school so that we can use the whole of the school grounds even when the weather is a bit mucky! This is especially important as we need to use the entirety of the play areas, including the field, to keep our classes separate from each other at break and lunchtime. We rota the classes throughout the week to use different areas of the grounds. Please ensure items of clothing that come into school are named.



Y6 Transfer to Secondary School

A reminder that the closing date for applications is midnight on **31st October 2020**. Please find further information at Derbyshire Admissions <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-school-place.aspx>

Lady Manners School, Virtual Open Evening for current Year 6 pupils

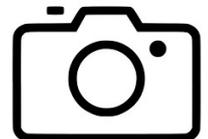
Lady Manners are holding a virtual open evening on Thursday 24 September for current year 6 pupils who are considering applying for a place. Please contact Lady Manners for further information about how to access the event.

Open Evening – Prospective Reception Intake September 2021

We are holding an Open Evening on Wednesday 21 October from 5 – 7pm. This drop-in event – no booking required – **is for the parents of children due to start Reception in September 2021**. It is an opportunity to meet with staff and see what the school has to offer! Please share with anyone who might be interested.

School Photographer

Our school photographer from Tempest Photography will visit on **Friday 16 October 2020** to take individual photographs of the children. Unfortunately, we will not be able to arrange photos with members of the family who do not attend Longstone.



Remote Learning

We are in the process of reviewing our remote learning offer for children who cannot attend school in the event of self-isolation, closure of class bubbles or closure of the whole school. Thanks to all those who completed the survey before the summer break about home learning during lockdown. It has helped inform us of our next steps to improve the offer for all. We will be in touch with further details as soon as we have them.

Youth Connect 5 Parenting Course

The well-being of pupils and staff remains a key school priority. You should have received an email with a flyer from Amy Williams, our Family Support Worker, about a 'Youth Connect 5 parenting course' that she is planning to run remotely this term. For more information visit <https://youthconnect5.org.uk/> and refer to the details on the flyer about what the course is about and how to sign up. I know of parents who have completed the course and found it really beneficial.



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PE Days

We are an active bunch at Longstone and we know that PE is not only good for our health but is also good for our well-being and mental health. We are asking children to come to school in PE kits on the days that they have PE.

Donaldson	Tuesdays & Fridays
Dahl	Wednesdays & Thursdays
Morpurgo	Tuesdays & Wednesdays
Rowling	Tuesdays & Thursdays



TrY-Sports & Fitness

@ Baslow Sports Field, DE45 1SP

First session
£1!

	4-5pm	5-6pm	6-7pm	7-8pm	-8:30pm
Tuesday	Netball 8-11y	Netball/ Football 11y+	Wild Athletics Running	Tag Rugby	
Wednesday			Rebootcamp		
Thursday	Football/Multi- sports 5-11y		Running @Longshaw Estate		Ladies' Night Fitness/Netball/Hockey
Friday			Community Rounders (Summer Only)		

Key TrYumphants 5-11 yrs Family TrYs All ages 5+ TrYers Adults & teens

NB Visit website for up-to-date listings Go free with parent
"Everyone was extremely welcoming and friendly. You choose how much effort you put in and I often come away feeling sweaty and out of breath, but having had lots of fun too. You don't have to be super fit or have loads of knowledge to join in. I like that my children can come too - if I want them to!" ~ Emily

Fitness through fun!

Sign up for your £1 taster at
www.tryumphinlife.com/try-sports-fitness

All abilities


'Tryumph' Events

Please see the flyer below from Becky Lynne at 'Tryumph' about her community sports and fitness events held at Baslow Sports Field. For further information please go to:

www.tryumphinlife.com/try-sports-fitness



The Hive

We are currently exploring ways of getting The Hive breakfast and after school club up and running again. We will be in touch as soon as we can with further information.

FOLS

FOLS do an amazing job raising money and volunteering time and effort to help the school. They are holding an outdoor pre-loved uniform sale after school on Friday 25th September where they will be accepting donations for school uniform items. We ask that you come and have a look but please observe social distancing at this event. We will keep you updated of any upcoming meeting dates and proposed events too.

Rec to Y6 - Flu Immunisations

The School Health Team are due to visit us on Monday 30 November to vaccinate children from Reception – Year 6. Only children whose parents have given consent will receive the nasal flu vaccine. You should have received an email with further details and how to give consent online. Please contact the office if you require further information.

Safeguarding

We take the safeguarding and well-being of our children very seriously at Longstone. In line with statutory obligations we have updated our Child Protection policy. This, and other safeguarding policies, can be found on the school website. You can also access our whole school risk assessment for the full opening of school from September on the website.



Getting in touch...

Under current guidelines, we are discouraging visitors from coming into school. If you need to get in touch then please either ring (01629 640377) or email the school at enquiries@longstone.derbyshire.sch.uk If your call isn't answered then leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible. If you would like to speak with a teacher, then also ring the office to make an appointment.

Website and Facebook

The school website is a useful resource for information and key dates. It is updated regularly and can be found at www.longstone.derbyshire.sch.uk Please remember you can also find us on Facebook (@LongstoneSchool).



Diary Dates and Term Dates

Please find a list below of diary dates and term dates (including staff training days) for the year. I'm sure that you will be aware that, sadly, we cannot currently run many of the things we would normally be doing. Consequently, I've only included diary dates for the autumn term as I am reluctant to plan too far ahead. However, we aim to be creative and imaginative this year! Please note that events are subject to change.

Kind regards

Mr Simon Beahan
Acting Executive Headteacher



Autumn Term 2020

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| Friday 25 September: | Pre-loved Uniform Sale – After School |
| Thursday 15 October: | Rowling Extra Time run 'Football Festival' at school |
| Fri 16 October: | Tempest School Photographer (Individual and sibling portraits portraits) |
| Wednesday 21 October: | Open Evening for Reception 2021 intake |
| Thursday 22 October: | Dahl and Morpurgo Extra Time run 'Football Festival' at school |
| Friday 23 October: | Close for Half Term break. |
| Mon 2 November: | Children back in school |
| Tuesday 10 November: | Parents Evening – details to be confirmed |
| Wednesday 11 November: | Parents Evening – details to be confirmed |
| Friday 13 November: | Children in Need day |
| Monday 16 November: | Anti-Bullying week – United Against Bullying/Road Safety Week |
| Thursday 19 November: | Extra Time Whole School event – details TBC |
| Monday 30 November: | Rec – Year 6 Flu Immunisations |
| Tuesday 1 December: | Decoration Day |
| Monday 7 December: | Whole school RE week |
| Wednesday 16 December: | Christmas dinner day |
| Friday 18 December: | Class parties and then BREAK UP |

We will keep you informed of any additional arrangements we make for Harvest and Christmas



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Longstone Primary School Terms and Holidays 2020/21

Half Term 1 (38 days)	
Wednesday 2 September 2020	Whole School Training Day – School Closed to pupils
Thursday 3 September 2020	Start of Autumn Term 1 – School Open to pupils
Friday 23 October 2020	End of half term
Half Term Holiday – Monday 26 October 2020 – Friday 30 October 2020	
Half Term 2 (35 days)	
Monday 2 November 2020	Start of Autumn Term 2 – School Open to pupils
Friday 18 December 2020	End of term
Christmas Holiday – Monday 21 December 2020 – Monday 4 January 2021	
Half Term 3 (30 days)	
Monday 4 January 2021	Whole School Training Day – School Closed to pupils
Tuesday 5 January 2021	Start of Spring Term 1 – School Open to pupils
Friday 12 February 2021	End of half term
Half Term Holiday – Monday 15 February 2021 – Friday 19 February 2021	
Half Term 4 (29 days)	
Monday 22 February 2021	Whole School Training Day – School Closed to pupils
Tuesday 23 February 2021	Start of Spring Term 2 – School Open to pupils
Thursday 1 April 2021	End of Term
Easter Holiday – Friday 2 April 2021 – Monday 19 April 2021	
Half Term 5 (29 days)	
Monday 19 April 2021	Whole School Training Day- School Closed to pupils
Tuesday 20 April 2020	Start of Summer Term 1 – School Open to pupils
Monday 3 May 2021	School Closed (May Day Bank Holiday)
Friday 28 May 2021	End of half term
Half Term Holiday – Monday 31 May 2021 – Friday 4 June 2021	
Half Term 6 (34 days)	
Monday 7 June 2021	Start of Summer Term 2 – School Open to pupils
Wednesday 21 July 2021	End of term
Thursday 22 July 2021	Whole School Training Day – School Closed to pupils