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### **Newsletter – July 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers

We are fast approaching the end of the school year and we **close today – Friday 22 July for the summer break**. We reopen on **Monday 5 September 2022** (we are closed on Thursday 1 and Friday 2 September for staff training days). I hope you all have a safe and fabulous summer break!



### **Extension to the collaboration with Curbar**

The school is set to continue its collaboration with Curbar for the next academic year. Both myself and Sophie Bell are delighted to be able to continue in our roles as Executive Head and Acting Assistant Head next year.

### **Thanks!**



I would like to thank everyone for their amazing support this year. Firstly, all the teaching and support staff who work so hard to provide the children with a good education and so many amazing opportunities. Also, to the school governors who skillfully support the school and give up their time freely and willingly. A big thanks also to FOLS who are so committed to supporting our school for the benefit of our children. And thanks to the parents/adults who support both the children and school in ensuring our pupils reach their potential. Finally, thanks to the children who never cease to impress me with their kindness, enthusiasm and determination to make the school the very special place it is. It

has been amazing to get back to a more normal school life and see the children get so many exciting learning opportunities. I look forward to these partnerships continuing in September and beyond.

### **Staffing update**

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed Mrs Sarah Gregory on a part time basis for the 2022/23 year. The main purpose of this role is to support and enhance our current teaching structure in years 5 and 6. Many of you will know Mrs Gregory from when she covered Mrs Crease's maternity leave for part of last year. She is very excited to be returning to the Longstone fold and we know she will add a lot of value to our staff team.



### **Congratulations to Miss Bell**



We would like to congratulate Miss Bell on her recent marriage! From September, Miss Bell will be taking on her married name and will be known as Mrs Rawding. We wish her and her new husband many years of happiness!

### **Congratulations to Mrs Rawding**

We are thrilled to announce that Mrs Rawding has taken on an additional role as an 'Early Years Expert' as part of the Department for Education's Early Year's COVID-19 Recovery Plan. Mrs Rawding had to undergo a rigorous selection process to secure the role which will see her spend a few days each term supporting other schools and settings throughout the county to improve their provision. This is a great acknowledgement of the quality of the provision here at Longstone and an opportunity to ensure the continued development of Early Years provision at Longstone, too.



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### Class transition day

Children spent Tuesday 5 July in their new classes. It was lovely to see the pupils bounding into school with excitement (more excitement than normal!) to see what life will be like in September!

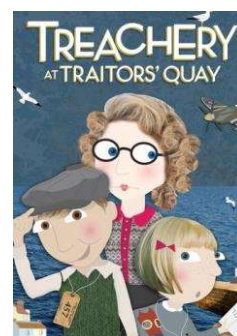
### Sports Day



We enjoyed a tremendous sports day on Thursday 7 July. The children had a great time and thanks to all who were able to come and support the children. Thanks to Mrs Reeves for a superbly organised event. It was lovely to enjoy the family picnic afterwards too.

### Treachery at Traitors' Quay

'Amazing', said The Daily Bugle; 'A treacherous treat!', claimed The Evening News; 'What a bunch of talented performers!', stated The Tribune. The reviews are in and it was a unanimous appreciation of the KS2 children who performed superbly at the recent shows. Thanks to those adults who could attend and show their appreciation too.



### SCHOOL GAMES PLATINUM AWARD



We are extremely proud of our sports provision here at Longstone and are thrilled to announce that we have gained our *School Games Platinum Award* for outstanding provision and participation in sports events. Mrs. Reeves has worked tirelessly over the past year to meet the stringent standard required to gain the award, a real testament to her dedication to our Longstone community.

### The Hive



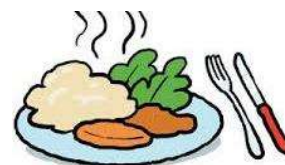
As you know, Mrs Clemson had to resign from the post in June and Miss Dicken has been covering whenever she possibly can. We are committed to keeping the Hive going in September but need somebody to take on the role of After School Club leader. Please contact the school office if you think that you might be interested and please feel free to share this vacancy with somebody who might be keen on the position. We will keep you updated at the start of September.

### School meal prices

School meals will go up in price from £2.35 to £2.40 from September 2022. This will be updated automatically on ParentPay accounts. School dinners are free to those children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (Universal Free School Meals) and to those in receipt of free school meals (due to family income or benefit levels – see below) in Key Stage 2.

### 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](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk) and search for 'free school meals'. You are also welcome to contact the school office on 01629640377.





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### The FOLS Sizzle

A big thanks to all those FOLS volunteers who organised the recent sizzle. Not only was it a lovely community event but FOLS managed to raise a lot of money which can be put back into the school for the benefit of our children. Thanks to all those who could attend and support this annual event.



### Trophy Amnesty

Please ensure that any celebration trophies - including the learner and citizenship awards - are returned to school. There have been a few occasions, even though we have plenty of spares, where we have not been able to give some children a trophy during our weekly celebration assembly.

### Assessment

Well done to all of our children who undertook a statutory assessment of some sort (KSI/KS2 SATs, Y1 phonics check, Y4 Multiplication Tables Check) during the summer term. All children showed considerable determination and focus to do their very best. Congratulations to all. Please see our Y6 results below and how they compare to national data.

Subject	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: school	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: nationally (2022)	Average scaled score: school	Average scaled score: nationally
English reading	76%	74%	104.2	105
English grammar, punctuation and spelling	81%	78%	105.1	105
Mathematics	71%	71%	104.6	104
English writing (teacher assessment)	67%	69%	N/A	N/A

### Vision – ‘Nurture, Ignite, Shine’.

We recently explained the school's new vision in a letter to parents. We will be exploring this in more detail with the children in September. Amongst other things, we will be learning the school's new charter, developing a new school code of conduct and designing a new logo.

### A message from Reverend James Croft

As we come to the end of another school year I wish everybody associated with the school a super summer holiday. I hope the forthcoming weeks will be a time of refreshment and renewal for you all. I expect by now many of you will be aware I am retiring from ministry to be nearer my family in East Anglia. I have thoroughly enjoyed my involvement with the school over the last seven years. I have always come away from the school feeling uplifted having led an assembly or, for example, having visited the school during RE week. I will always hold Longstone School with such huge affection and I shall miss you all very much indeed. However, life does move on. Life change contains not only







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feelings of loss but feelings of excitement too. I am sure this will be the case for our school leavers this year! I wish Longstone School the very best for the future and may you all be blessed in your future endeavours.

### Y6 Leavers

Goodbye, Au Revoir, Arrivederci... we wish our year 6s lots of happiness and success in the future as they embark on the next stage of their lives. They have done the school proud during their time at Longstone and they have given, and I am sure they will take away, many happy memories. I hope they will also take away the values that they have developed at Longstone and continue to build on their academic success. We will miss you!

'Set your sights on high; Let no one steal your dreams; your only limit is the sky.'



### School Uniform

Our lovely school uniform can be ordered directly from [www.logoleisurewear.com](http://www.logoleisurewear.com). This can be ordered directly to your home or it can be ordered and collected from school.

### Well Dressing

It was amazing to be able to contribute towards the Longstone Well Dressing this year after a two-year absence due to Covid. I'm sure you will agree that it looked amazing. Thanks to everyone in the Longstone community who were able to contribute to its success.

### Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge returns to Derbyshire Libraries in July 2022.

This year's challenge has been developed in partnership with the **Science Museum Group** and features the Gadgeteers – 6 fictional young innovators who plan a party for their town's summer fair using creative thinking and teamwork. If you're aged between 4 and 11, you can help the Gadgeteers come up with ingenious inventions to make the summer party the best ever! The challenge is to read 6 or more library books over summer.



**Your local library** will give you a sticker for every book you read, and after finishing 6 books you'll get a medal and certificate. We also have a **variety of fun activities in many of our libraries** to inspire an interest in science and technology, from technical challenges to electro-dough. The Summer Reading Challenge is produced by **The Reading Agency** and runs in libraries all over the country. You can also keep up to date with the reading challenge **on our Facebook page**.

### Well-being:

The Changing Lives Service is Derby and Derbyshire's Children and Young People's Mental Health Support Team. You can refer your child for support if you have concerns about their emotional wellbeing. You can contact the service for more information and advice on: 0300 303 4663 or email [drcs.adminchanginglives@nhs.net](mailto:drcs.adminchanginglives@nhs.net).

To find local information about support you can access yourself, this is available via the Derby and Derbyshire Emotional Health & Wellbeing Website: [www.derbyandderbyshireemotionalhealthandwellbeing.uk](http://www.derbyandderbyshireemotionalhealthandwellbeing.uk)





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### **Out of Hours and Summer Safeguarding – Advice for Parents**

Most of us look forward to the summer break with great excitement but for some young people it can be a time of anxiety especially for those who rely on regular face-to-face contacts with their friends or who enjoy the security and structure provided by the school day.

If you are concerned about any young person in respect of their emotional wellbeing or you feel that they are vulnerable to harm or abuse and you are uncertain whether they are receiving support you may wish to contact one of the agencies listed. Many of the agencies have established links and will ensure that your concern or query is directed to the appropriate agency.

- Call Derbyshire (Derbyshire County Council Social Services) 01629 593 193
- Child Line 0800 1111
- Online issues or exploitation contact Child Exploitation and Online Protection Agency (CEOP)  
<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Ceop-Report/>
- Suspicion that a young person is at risk of Child Sexual Exploitation- contact Safe and Sound 01332 362120
- Advice, support and options if you, or someone you love, goes missing or runs away- 24 Hour Anonymous Helpline Text or Call 116 000
- Radicalisation/Extremist behaviour see advice on: <http://www.derbyshire.police.uk/Safety-advice/Terrorism/Prevent-Team/Prevent-Team.aspx>
- Or contact: Police 101 (999 in an emergency)
- Crimestoppers UK 0800 555 111

### **Diary Dates**

We will provide you with key dates for the autumn term on our return in September. Please find next year's key term dates over the page including when school will be closed for staff training.

Kind regards

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## Longstone Primary School Terms and Holidays 2022/23

Half Term 1 (37 days)	
Thursday 1 September 2022	Whole School Training Day – School Closed to pupils
Friday 2 September 2022	Whole School Training Day – School Closed to pupils
Monday 5 September 2022	Start of Autumn Term 1 – School Open to pupils
Friday 21 October 2022	End of half term
Half Term Holiday – Monday 24 October 2022 – Friday 28 October 2022	
Half Term 2 (39 days)	
Monday 31 October 2022	Start of Autumn Term 2 – School Open to pupils
Wednesday 21 December 2022	End of term
Thursday 22 December 2022	Whole School Training Day – School Closed to pupils
Christmas Holiday – Thursday 22 December 2022 – Friday 6 January 2023	
Half Term 3 (30 days)	
Monday 9 January 2023	Start of Spring Term 1 – School Open to pupils
Friday 17 February 2023	End of half term
Half Term Holiday – Monday 20 February 2023 – Monday 27 February 2023	
Half Term 4 (25 days)	
Monday 27 February 2023	Whole School Training Day – School Closed to pupils
Tuesday 28 February 2023	Start of Spring Term 2 – School Open to pupils
Friday 31 March 2023	End of term
Easter Holiday – Monday 3 April 2023 - Friday 14 April 2023	
Half Term 5 (29 days)	
Monday 17 April 2023	Start of Summer Term 1 – School Open to pupils
Monday 1 May 2023	School Closed (May Day Bank Holiday)
Friday 26 May 2023	End of half term
Half Term Holiday – Monday 30 May 2023 – Monday 5 June 2023	
Half Term 6 (35 days)	
Monday 5 June 2023	Whole School Training Day – School Closed to pupils
Tuesday 6 June 2023	Start of Summer Term 2 – School Open to pupils
Friday 21 July 2023	End of term