



LONGLEAZE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

December 2010

End of School Term Activities

All the end of term events have gone really well. The parties were enjoyed by the children. Our carol concert, drama club performance, Y5 play and Christmas play were all a success with all the children performing brilliantly. School lunch went very well, with the food enjoyed by all. The Bazaar was brilliant with over £800 raised.



A Big Thank You to ...



- All the LSA for making the Bazaar such a success.
- All our parents who joined us for our performance of Born in a Barn.. We all hope that you enjoyed the show. The collection for £114 will go towards our school art project next term - more details to follow.
- All parents and children for their gifts and cards to the staff

LSA Christmas Bazaar

As Chair of the LSA I would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas fete this year. We made a grand total of £810.63 which was amazing given the dreadful weather!

Please look out for fundraising and fun activities provided by the LSA in the coming year. All ideas are welcome! I can be contacted through school or by email at vowley@uk.fnet

The School Disco which had to be postponed last week due to the lack of heating, will now be held on Tuesday 11th January and tickets are still available for anyone who hasn't yet had chance to buy one.

100 Club Winners - November

1st Prize Mrs Snook

2nd Prize Mrs Pamphillon

3rd Prize Mr Rouse

Merry Christmas to you

Kate Hopkins

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The School Governors

My name is Peter White and I am Chair of Governors at Longleaze. This is the first of a series of governor profiles which will be coming out as part of the monthly newsletter. The aim is to give parents, carers and children a better understanding of who their school governors are and of the roles and responsibilities of the Governing Body.

The Governing Body

The Governing Body is made up of 15 governors and meets five times a year.

- 5 Parent Governors.
- 4 Community Governors
- 3 Local Authority Governors
- 2 Staff governors
- The Headteacher

The governing body carry out their functions with the aim of taking a largely strategic role in the running of the school. This includes setting up a strategic framework for the school, drawing up the school development plan, setting its aims and objectives, setting policies and targets for achieving the objectives, reviewing progress and reviewing the strategic framework in the light of progress. It is responsible for setting and monitoring the budget and appointing staff. The governing body has to ensure the National Curriculum is taught, the needs of the individual pupils are met, including special needs, and ensure Health & Safety and Safeguarding issues are addressed. It is also responsible for establishing and maintaining positive links with the local community through the schools involvement in the community and community use of the school. The governing body acts as a "critical friend" to the head teacher by providing advice and support. Some of these responsibilities are delegated to sub committees. The next two monthly profiles will be by Mark Hopkins, chair of Finance & Resources committee and Sheila Bowler chair of Pupils and Parents committee. They will include an overview of the responsibilities of their committees.

Governor Profile

I have been a governor at the school for over twenty years, firstly as a Parent Governor, then, since my children moved to the senior school, as a Local Authority Governor. In addition to the role as chair I also sit on the Finances & Resources subcommittee and am part of our governor's leadership team. All the schools in our cluster work together, as part of that collaboration I attend cluster meetings with the chairs of the other schools in the cluster

I was born in Islington, London in 1948. I was educated at Ecclesbourne Primary and Highbury Grammar schools before joining BT in 1965. I married my wife Marion in 1973 and moved to Swindon with a section of BT to work at the newly built depot at Dorcan. We moved into our current house in Wootton Bassett in early 1974. We have two children Neil and Hannah, both attended Longleaze and Wootton Bassett School. I helped run one of the Wootton Bassett junior football teams and taught on poolside for Otters swimming club. I took early retirement from BT in 2004 and now work part time as a swimming instructor at the Wootton Bassett and Malmesbury Pools.

School Council

Our school council have been nominated by their class mates and they are :

Y6 - Emily Riordan

Y5 - Rachel Griffiths

Y4 - Charlotte Baskerville

Y3 - Thea Hopkins

Y2 - Aida Azmi

Y1 - Ben Pelling and Sam Hulbert

Reception - joining in the new year.

The school council are considering ways in which they can improve the school site. So far:

- Asked the LSA to fund outside clocks for the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds.

- Will be working with Mrs Seal on the Walk to School initiative connected with the new travel plan
- Will be starting a school stationary shop - more details to follow next term.

Reminders

Children's Absence from School: May we remind you that school must be informed if your child is absent from school.

- If your child is unwell please contact the school on the first day of absence and every following day of the absence. **This is essential, otherwise your child's absence will be marked as unauthorised.**
- If you have a planned appointment and wish to take your child out of school we must be informed so that we know where your child is and we know they are safe.

Contact Numbers: have you changed your phone number recently? If you have, please can you inform the office.



Thank you for you co-operation on all of the above.

Mr Batterham

We have heard the sad news that Mr Batterham died last weekend. Mr Batterham was the Head Teacher at Longleaze School when it opened in 1973 until his retirement when Mrs Glenton took on the role. Our thoughts are with his wife Pam and family.

<u>Diary Dates</u>	
04/01/11	TD Day - school closed to pupils
05/01/11	First Day - Term 3
06/01/11	LSA meeting at Prince of Wales - 7pm - all welcome
11/01/11	LSA Disco - Tickets £2 per child
12/01/11	First swimming session for Y1,2,3,4
05/02/11	Wildcats Game vs Telford - subsidized tickets available
17/02/11	Last day of term 3
18/02/11	TD Day - school closed to pupils
28/02/11	First day of Term 4
22/03/11	School Photographs
23/03/11	Parent Teacher Consultations 3.20pm - 6pm
24/03/11	Parent Teacher Consultations 3.20pm -6pm
08/04/11	End of Term 4

Communication by Email

We have had a lot of great feedback about our texting service and we are now going to try out email to communicate with you all. From next term any communication from school will be sent by email as well as by letter format with your child.

We will contact you if we do not have an email address for you so we may add you to our distribution list.

We welcome any comments or feedback on how you find this method of communication.

And finally - a sad goodbye to Miss Beaver (Lime) who leaves us to go to teach in Barcelona. Also a big THANK YOU and farewell to Mrs Brodie(Pine) who has covered for Mrs Bates during her illness. We look forward to welcoming back Mrs Bates in the New Year and also saying hello to Miss Grace who will be teaching Lime Class next term.

Job Advert

Play Worker  **Believe in children**
Barnardo's

Job Ref: SW1073

Based: Wootton Bassett, Malmesbury and Cricklade Children's Centres

Part Time As & when hours per week

Salary: £6.49 - £7.65 per hour

Qualified to Level 2 /3 in Child Care or equivalent you will work with our team to deliver 'Stay and Play' sessions at the Centres and music groups or other sessions out in the community, both on a regular basis and sometimes at short notice. You will help to plan and evaluate sessions and may also deliver play work to families in the home.

The full time equivalent salary for this post is £12,489 - £14,733 per annum

For further details and application form, please apply online

www.barnardos.org.uk/work_with_us

Visit our website www.longleaze.wilts.sch.uk

Special Message from Mr. Cousins

"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you and your families.

Thank you for all the kind and supportive comments I have received from parents and children since my return to school.

I'm glad to be back working with everyone.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL FROM EVERYONE AT LONGLEAZE SCHOOL