



LONGLEAZE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2011

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## Welcome back to 2011!

This looks like it will be a very exciting year for everyone at Longleaze. Staff are planning lots of great learning activities to support the development of all our children. Things to look out for are, Maths and English target launch days, class visits to Wootton Bassett Library on National book day, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, when we will also dress as a book character, a Fair Trade cake and coffee afternoon and an inter schools maths games competition. Further details will follow.

**Thank you** to all our Parent Helpers who come in on a regular basis to help around the school - it is very much appreciated. Thank you also to the parents who helped at the school disco - Mrs Rossiter, Mrs Amos, Mrs Barrett and Mrs Hanks and the LSA Committee.

**Welcome to** Miss Grace who has taken over from Miss Beaver in Lime Class.

### Emergency Closures

Should winter weather force closure of the school, notice of the decision will be relayed through GWR or Wiltshire Sound and by text message. Please remember that no

news means the school is open. Please try to avoid telephoning the school to confirm the news as the radio stations will be kept fully aware of the situation. During the winter months please send your child to school with a coat, scarf, hat, gloves, etc as we intend that they get out at playtime and lunchtime daily for some fresh air.

### Swimming Update

We have been told that Lime Kiln will not be open by the end of this term and it is unlikely that we will be back swimming during this academic year. We will keep you updated.

## **Parent staff relations**

It was great to have recognised in our Ofsted inspection and recent monitoring visit that Longleaze staff go the extra mile to support Longleaze families. Relationships are very strong between school and home with a commitment from us to do our best to support your child. The school always appreciates your support and operates an 'open door' policy so you can tell us when we are doing well and let us know if you have a question or a concern. Recently there have been some occasions where a number of staff have been made to feel very uncomfortable and threatened by parents approaching them in an inappropriately aggressive manner. This behaviour, I am sure you will agree, is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. Any incidents will be reported and dealt with in an appropriate way.

## **Security**

Our building work is almost finished. We thank you for your patience during the time of inconvenience. May we remind you of our security policy! All visitors to the school must use the front entrance. Visitors are required to sign in and out and wear a visitor's badge. Any child arriving late must use the front entrance as cloakroom doors will be locked at 8.50am. Latecomers should report to the Admin Office to be registered. Betjeman Avenue gate

will be locked during the school day. Please ensure Byron Avenue pedestrian gate is kept shut. Cloakroom doors and gates will be unlocked between 3pm and 4.15pm to enable the collection of children at the end of the day. Children attending clubs are to be picked up from the main entrance.

## **Good luck to :**

- Charlie Jackson, Joey Warren, Emily Rogers, Danny Seal, Max Hopkins, Cerys Baker, Eloise Lovesey, Ella Smith, George Staten, Jasmine Thom, James Evans, Ellen Seal who are taking part in the Inter School Maths Competition
- The Y6 who are taking part in the Debate competition held at the Memorial Hall on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. If anyone would like to attend, it starts at 6.30pm - Go Longleaze!!

## **Safety First**

Please may we remind you that only staff may park in the car park, as we must have access for emergency vehicles at all times.

Please keep to the paths around the school and avoid taking a short cut across the staff car park as this is very dangerous.

## **SATS Club**

It is wonderful to have almost full attendance at the SATS club and we have had a positive response from the children who are enjoying taking part in this. Mrs McLeod would like to remind parents to hand in their sponsorship forms to enable us to provide the SATS breakfast club in May.

## **Lost Property**

We already have loads of unclaimed school uniform in school. This is easily returned to its owner if it is named. Please could you check your child's uniform is named.

## **Longleaze School Association**

Next LSA committee meeting - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 7.00pm at school. All welcome!

## **Diary Dates for Terms 3 & 4**

**17<sup>th</sup> February Last day of Term 3**

17<sup>th</sup> February Y6 Open Evening at Longleaze hosted by WBS

18<sup>th</sup> February TD Day

**28<sup>th</sup> February Term 4 starts**

10<sup>th</sup> March Fairtrade Coffee afternoon fundraiser

17<sup>th</sup> March Rotary Club Inter Schools Quiz

22<sup>nd</sup> March School Photographs

23<sup>rd</sup> March Parents Evening

24<sup>th</sup> March Parents Evening

**8<sup>th</sup> April End of Term 4**

## **Uniform**

At Longleaze we are often praised by visiting representatives from the Local Authority on the appearance of our children. Our uniform is an important part of our school identity. Recently however some children have not been following our uniform policy. Children should wear:

Grey/black tailored shorts/trousers or grey/black skirt/pinafore

Yellow or white polo shirt

School sweatshirt/cardigan or dark green sweatshirt/jumper/cardigan

Yellow dress/skirt

For reasons of safety, sensible shoes should be worn, in an appropriate colour. High heels, platform soles and backless shoes are not safe and should not be worn at school.

For **indoor PE** lessons your child will need shorts/tracksuit bottoms and a plain tee shirt. Footwear is not worn for indoor PE but trainers or daps will be needed for outside PE.

If your child forgets their PE kit, they will be asked to wear a spare school kit so they can take part in the lesson.

**Make up is not allowed, this includes nail varnish.** If children's ears are pierced they may wear small stud earrings, other earrings are not within our uniform policy.

Thank you for supporting Longleaze with its uniform policy.

## Facebook

Over the past month some parents have made comments about Longleaze on Facebook. I am sure you will be pleased to know that most of these are positive and in praise of the great work done at our school. Unfortunately there have been a few times when parents have criticised the school over issues that have arisen. As a school with a very much 'open door' policy we would ask all parents who have a concern to deal with it in the appropriate way, by approaching the class teacher initially, if you do not feel your concern has been addressed you should then approach either Mrs Evans or Mr Cousins. Further details on this are available in our complaints policy.

And finally, well done and congratulations to :

- Miss Sally Hopkins on her engagement
- Josh Powell who received the Cubs silver award and passed his Electric Guitar grade 2 with merit.
- Eloise Lovesey who graded in Black Belt in Tae Kwando.

- George Staten who is playing his trumpet at the County Ground tomorrow before the Swindon Town game.

- To all receiving Learning Power certificates

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Jacob Witcher	Diamond
Wil Forrest-Barter	Purple
Noah Bayley	Green
William Haddock	Red
George Coates	Green
Declan Hanks	Blue
Katie Matfin	Purple
Jasmine Thom	Purple

w/c 14.1.2011

Katie Matfin	Diamond
George Staten	Diamond
Jaxson Lovesey	Diamond
Chantel Taperek	Diamond
Emily Arrell	Diamond
George Staten	Diamond
Cleayshion Bold	Diamond
Kian Bazell	Diamond
Katy Harris	Diamond
Phoebe Haddock	Diamond
Jacob Millington	Diamond
Howard Evans	Diamond
Gabriel Noone	Diamond
William Haddock	Diamond
Ellie Davis-Hillier	Diamond
Emily Rogers	Diamond
Thea Hopkins	Diamond

w/c 28.1.2011

Ellie Ledger	Purple
Joel Brook	Emerald
Alfie Gleed	Sapphire
Yan Ting Moores	Sapphire
Matty Rossiter	Diamond
Jack Baxter	Emerald