



# LONGLEAZE PRIMARY SCHOOL

10<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Dear Parents

First of all may I wish you all a very Happy New Year, if a little belated. I am very privileged and honoured to be working with the staff, children and parents of Longleaze Primary School and look forward to an exciting Spring Term. The children have settled quickly and well and are starting to explore their new topics. Your child's class teacher will be sending a topic letter home in the next few days outlining this terms focus and ways in which you can help your child.

We are planning a number of events during the Spring Term , the first being a Book Week. This will take place the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> February. During this week, each class will take a specific book or author and develop curriculum skills through this. More information will follow, but during this week, we will have a book character dressing up day, also the school book shop will be open most days. To kick start this week we will be holding a 'Books at Bedtime' evening on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February from 5.30pm-6.30pm. This is where children will be invited back to school in pyjamas for hot chocolate and stories by torchlight.

The school is very fortunate to welcome Mrs Catherine Mills into school during Term 3. Mrs Mills is a Modern Foreign Language teacher from Wootton Bassett School, and is coming to work with our Key Stage 2 children. She will also be offering a KS1 lunchtime club. Miss James will be organising this and contacting parents of those children involved.

We are also looking to develop specific learning areas, in particular the library and learning zones outside your child's classrooms. If there are any painters, carpenters, artists/sculptures that have a few hours free, then please could you pop into the office so that I can talk through some ideas with you. Mr Woodward is brilliant, but there is only one of him. To coin the phrase... many hands make light work. We need you!

In order to give you as much notice as possible I have jotted a number of dates down for your diaries. I hope you find them useful:

31 <sup>st</sup> January	Year 3 and Year 4 Classes to Roman Baths
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Books at Bedtime
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Book Week
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 Class Assembly
	Parents Evening 3pm – 6pm
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Evening 3pm – 6pm

10 <sup>th</sup> February	TD DAY
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term
20 <sup>th</sup> February	Back to School – Term 4
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 Class Assembly to parents
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Early Years Easter Celebration
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Sports Relief
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Egg Hunt
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Break Up for Easter
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Possible TD DAY – to be confirmed instead of 11 <sup>th</sup> June TD Day
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school for Term 5

National Sports Week is the week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> June. Our Sports Day will be during this week, but we will confirm specific dates as soon as possible.

#### School Dinners.

The kitchen continues to produce really tasty hot dinners. These cost £2.20 per meal. If you would like your child to have hot dinners please bring money into school in a named envelope on a Monday. Having all the money brought into school at the beginning of the week really helps the kitchen staff.

#### Reading Books

Your child should be bringing home school reading books. Please continue to read with your child and complete their reading record. Even if your child is a fluent reader, reading or talking about books with an adult provides valuable opportunities to develop and practice reading skills learnt in school at home. If you have a number of reading books at home that your child has read please could you send them back into school so that other children may read them.

#### Office Times

A reminder, the school office is open from 8.30am – 3.30pm each day but is closed on a Friday afternoon. If you do need to see Mrs Hopkins, please do so during these times.

#### Attendance

Just a reminder.... If your child is off school due to illness please could you contact the school office on that day. This could be either through email, letter or by phone. If absence is not due to illness i.e. a family holiday, then written permission must be requested prior to the absence. If this permission is not sought, absence will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and this will be reported to the Education Welfare Officer. For any absence where the school has not been notified a letter must sent in with your child on his/her return. This is in accordance with our school's Attendance Policy.

## Clubs

A number of parents have been asking about extra curricular clubs. I hope the following information is useful:

Club	When	Run by	Cost
KS2 Art Club	Monday lunchtime	Mrs Johns	Free
Zumbatronics – all years	Monday 3.05 – 4pm	Dianne Cass	£2.00 a week
Y5/6 School of Language and Literacy	Tuesday lunchtime	Mrs McLeod	Free
KS1 French Club	Tuesday lunchtime	Mrs Mills	Free
KS2 Multi Skills – watch out for flier	Tuesday 3.15 – 4.15pm	Miss Grace	Free
Football	Tuesday 3.15 – 4.15pm	WBTFC – Paul Cooper	£2.00 a week
Gymnastics – Y2 upwards, currently full	Tuesday 3.15 – 4.15pm	Amanda @ Shining Stars	£2.00 a week
Netball – Y5/6	Wednesday 3.15 – 4.15pm	Mrs Davies	Free
Street dance – Y2 upwards	Wednesday 3.15 – 4.15pm	Amanda @ Shining Stars	Free
KS1 Lego Club	Thursday lunchtime	Mrs Hicks	Free
Y6 SATS Club	Thursday 3.15 – 4.15pm	Mr Yeo	Free
Choir	Thursday 3.15 – 4.15	Mrs Bates	Free – beginning shortly, look out for flier
Gardening Club	Starting after Easter	Mrs Bates	Free

If you would like your child to take part in any of the paid clubs then please pop to the office and speak with Mrs Hopkins.

And finally

We are hoping to send letters out to parents via email where possible. This not only helps with photocopying, time and being a little 'greener' but it is also an attempt to win the fight against the 'book bag monster' who eats letters sent home before they get to you! We have sent atest email out to all parents who we have email addresses. If you do not receive this email please could you send a quick email to [admin@longleaze.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@longleaze.wilts.sch.uk) so that we can check our records and/or add your address to the distribution list. If there are any parents who do not have internet access or do not have an email address then we will continue to send you paper copies of letters.

Yours sincerely

Karen Winterburn

