

# 7th September 2018



Learning for Life

**LONGLAZE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome Back! I hope you had an enjoyable summer break. The children have returned to school ready to learn and settling well into their new classes and new routines.

We extend a warm welcome to our new Foundation Stage children and their families. We look forward to working with you and hope that your children enjoy their start to school life at Longleaze.

Mrs Barton joins our teaching team this year, she will be working alongside Mrs Tye in Rowan class as she carries out her Initial Teacher Training.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Class Meetings this Wednesday. We appreciate the time taken to support such events. We hope the meeting gave you a useful insight into your child's learning for this academic year. If you were unable to attend the meeting, slides have been uploaded on to the school website under each class page. Your child will also come home today with their Class Letter and Curriculum Overview for Term 1. This correspondence aims to support parents and carers in their understanding of the key areas of learning and useful class information.

We have been very impressed with how smart the children have looked in their uniforms on their return to school. However, to complement this smart appearance, we also expect that children will attend school with a suitable haircut and hair colour. Extreme haircuts, for example tramlines, lines, patterned styles and dyed hair are not permitted in school. Please allow any such haircuts to grow out immediately.

All of the staff have been very busy over the holidays preparing for the new academic year both in the classrooms and around school. Mr Dicks, our school Caretaker has worked very hard to make lots of improvements. This has included painting all the toilets and cloakrooms. Unfortunately, our timber trail in the KS2 playground has been removed for health and safety reasons. We will be looking for a suitable alternative once the ground has recovered. A big thank you also to a team of volunteers from Nationwide who carried out gardening and painting work on site as part of a community liaison project.

If you have any questions relating to your child or their education at Longleaze please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher to arrange a meeting. Or indeed, please do come in to see me.

With very best wishes

*Laura Oakes*

Head Teacher

**The Governing Body of Longleaze Primary School is looking to appoint Co-opted Governors.**

More information about the School can be found at our website address.

Governors play an important part in School life and this is an opportunity for someone from the community to become involved with our school. Governors are expected to come into School on a regular basis and spend time with staff and pupils and therefore on occasions need to be available during the school day as well as evenings. It is also recognised that effective Governors can have a positive impact on both the School and local Community.

The Governing Body meets six times a year and governors will serve on one of two committees.

At this time the Governing Body is seeking someone who is **not a parent**; with particular skills in the area of education or experience of human resources but other skills are always welcome to complement those already involved. There is no need for specific educational knowledge or background but the ability to offer a strategic view would be an advantage. Full training and support will be offered.

To find out more, without obligation, contact Mrs Oakes, Head Teacher.

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**VALUE OF THE TERM**

Fairness

**LEARNING GEM OF THE TERM**

Diamond

**Book shop dates**

Monday 24th September 2.30pm-3.30pm

Wednesday 26th September 12.00pm-1.00pm

Monday 15th October 2.30pm-3.30pm

Wednesday 17th October 12.00pm-1.00pm

Monday 19th November 2.30pm-3.30pm

Wednesday 21st November 12.00pm-1.00pm

Monday 3rd December 2.30pm-3.30pm

Wednesday 5th December 12.00pm-1.00pm



## School uniform orders

We still have a large stock of uniform available in the office. If you need any further uniform items, please do come in and see us. One uniform order will now be placed a term with our supplier. Any orders this term must be received with a completed form **no later than Friday 28th September.**

## Early Morning Drop Off

The Early Drop Off session starts at 8.15am every morning in the school hall.

Session cost £1.50 a day and booking forms are available in the School Office.

If you require any further information, please come and speak to Miss Mathews in the office.

Sessions are open to all children attending Longleaze Primary School on a first come, first served basis. Early Morning Drop off operates in the school hall and is run by Mrs Dicks, Mrs Houghton, Miss Mathews and supported by Mrs Seal our Pastoral Manager. Our team of highly trained staff aim to ensure the children have the very best start to their day.

The Early Drop Off service offers -

### **A tasty breakfast - the most important meal of the day!**

Breakfast Choices include:

A variety of cereals;

Drinks - water, milk and fruit juice;

Toast with a choice of spread and on occasions, different breads e.g. bagels;

Yogurts;

A Choice of fresh and dried fruit.



### **Parent Carer Forum**

*The Parent Carer Forum meets once a term to help identify and communicate the views of parents and carers. The forum help to develop ideas that improve the quality of care and education at Longleaze School.*

*Over the last two years, the Parent Carer Forum have supported the school in several successful initiatives including: a change in the school's lunch provider, the implementation of a new homework policy and the transition to a new school uniform. Without the work of the Parent Carer Forum, these initiatives would not have been so successful.*

*If you are interested in becoming one of our Parent Carer Forum representatives next year and have an hour to spare, once a term, on a Thursday between 8.45am and 9.45am, please contact your child's class teacher or come in to the school's office. Your support, in helping us to continue to improve our school, would be much appreciated.*

## **The Power of Independence and Responsibility.**

The learning power we are teaching children this term is the power of **Independence and Responsibility** (the Diamond Learning Gem).

Next week your children will bring home a Home Learning Gem Certificate. Please take the opportunity to celebrate your child showing independence and responsibility at home. It may be that they take responsibility for a pet or that they carry out a special job at home. It may be that they are able to solve their own problems without adult help. Whatever the reason, please take time to fill out the certificate and return it to the school office. All certificates will be displayed in the school hall.

Our value for this term is fairness. All of us, especially children, have a strong sense of fairness. We will be exploring what this means to us and how fairness is important in our wider community.

Thank you for your support.



The staff would like to thank everyone for the lovely gifts that were given at the end of term!



### **Our Values through Art Project.**

Last term, our year six pupils were joined by members of the sixth form from Royal Wootton Bassett Academy as part of a project to create pieces of art to represent the school's twelve values. The pupils used felt-making techniques to create an image for each value. The finished products were stunning. Everyone really enjoyed the experience and it gave our year 6 pupils an opportunity to find out more about secondary school in a relaxed and informal setting. The canvases will be displayed in the school hall. A big thank you to Karen Goddard and the Sixth formers for the two days they spent with us!



# Diary dates!

## September

12th and 13th—EYFS stay for lunch

14th— EYFS full time

17th—Bikeability group 1

18th— Bikeability group 2

19th—Bikeability group 1

20th—Bikeability group 2

24th - Y6 to Kingswood

27th—Parent/Carer Forum

28th— Y6 return from Kingswood

## October

2nd— Phonics workshop for EYFS at 6.00pm

5th— Silver Birch class assembly at 2.30pm; Family Friday in the afternoon  
2.00pm-3.05pm

8th— Harvest assembly—Please bring donations of tins and packets for the  
Food Bank

10th— Open morning for EYFS September 2019

11th-Open morning for EYFS September 2019

22nd— Parents evening

23rd— Parents evening; End of Term 1

24th— PD day