



Learning for Life

LONGLEAZE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the Christmas break, I would like to wish you and your families a very peaceful and happy Christmas. The children have worked very hard this term and we are very proud of all their achievements. At the end of what has been a long and busy term, it is important to recognise the continued hard work and dedication of all our Longleaze staff and be thankful for the support of all our parents and carers, governors and LSA members.

This week the children of Oak, Acorn, Lime and Chestnut classes have performed their nativity 'Prickly Hay'; the story of Sam, a hardworking stable boy. The children thoroughly enjoyed performing this lively musical; they especially loved the opportunity to party with their special visitors at the end! The singing was superb and got our feet tapping and hands clapping!

A big thank you to our Dolce catering team for today's delicious Christmas dinner. It is a huge undertaking cooking so many Christmas lunches; there was a lovely atmosphere in the hall with Christmas music and the children enjoying their Christmas party hats and stickers.

I must also thank our wonderful LSA team for their organisation of this year's Christmas Fayre. Many families came along to support the event enjoying visits to Father Christmas, Christmas crafts, stalls and refreshments. The event certainly got everyone into the festive spirit. All the money raised will go towards funding future improvements to the school library.

We are looking forward to our Christmas Service next Thursday at Saint Bartholomew's Church, when the school will be 'Counting down to Christmas'. The service will start at 10.30 and parents and carers are most welcome to attend. However, please ensure you sit only in the reserved seating as we do need to seat all the children. Also, next Monday after school we are hosting our annual 'Carols around the Tree' event. This year the carols will take place in the school library and mince pies and refreshments will be served, so please do come along and join us.

We were very pleased to receive so many lovely comments about our Longleaze Christmas Tree that was displayed in Saint Bartholomew's church (as mentioned in our last newsletter). The children were delighted to learn in assembly today that our tree was nominated as the winner of the young persons category. We hope that the children take pleasure in hanging their 'Orlik Owl' on your Christmas trees at home!

Once again, wishing you a very happy Christmas.



With kind regards,

Laura Oakes



Achievements

Congratulations to Brandon in Silver Birch class won gold medals in both the foil and epee fencing tournaments at Cricklade Manor Prep School on Sunday 9th December.



Attendance

Congratulations to Beech Class who won the Attendance Cup last week!



Class	Attendance
Acorn	97.50%
Oak	83.21%
Lime	91.92%
Chestnut	97.67%
Elm	96%
Ash	94.67%
Rowan	89.67%
Beech	97.86%
Silver Birch	92.58%

Current Vacancies

We are currently seeking to appoint a MDSA (Midday Supervisor) and a Specific Purpose TA (Teaching Assistant).

If you are interested in either post, please contact the school office and see the school website for more information.

Longleaze Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All applicants will be subject to a full DBS check before appointment is confirmed.

LEARNING GEM OF THE TERM

Ruby

VALUE OF THE TERM

Kindness

Severe Winter Weather Warnings

Should bad weather be forecast and the school is closed, we will text all parent/carers, issue a message on Heart FM and BBC Wiltshire and also post on the website and Facebook. If we get snow and are not closed, please send your child to school with suitable outdoor clothing and footwear.



2019 Bookshop dates

Monday 28th January 3.00-3.30pm

Wednesday 30th January 12.00-1.00pm

Monday 25th February 3.00-3.30pm

Wednesday 27th February 12.00-1.00pm

Monday 25th March 3.00pm-3.30pm

Wednesday 27th March 12.00-1.00pm

Monday 29th April 3.00-3.30pm



Money coming into School

Please can we just remind you that all monies coming into the school office need to be in a named envelope with your child's class and stating what the money is for.



LSA News—Christmas Fayre

A big thank you to everyone for your kind donations towards the Christmas Fayre, the event was a huge success and enjoyed by many families with a lovely festive atmosphere! Also thank you to everybody who volunteered their time and helped on the day.

We raised an amazing £1222.56.

Many thanks for your continued support and we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to running more events in 2019.

Next LSA event 14th February Valentines disco.



For the attention of all parents

**Will your child be four years old
before September 2019?**

**You must apply for a
primary school place**

Apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Application forms for Wiltshire residents are available at
all schools and County Hall

**The deadline for applications is
Midnight 15 January 2019**

All forms must be returned to the
school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge

Ring customer services on **01225 713010**
for more information or to request our booklet –
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Diary dates!

December

17th– Carols around the tree 3.15pm– 4.00pm

18th– Christmas parties for Key stage 2

19th– Christmas parties for EYFS and KS1 Christingle service

20th– Lime cycling; Carol concert at St Bart's church

21st-Last day of term at 3.05pm



January

7th– Term 3 begins

8th– 1.30pm cycling

9th– Fencing for Ash and Elm pm

15th– Acorn Y1 cycling

16th– Ash and Elm fencing

17th– Wildcats hockey Ash and Elm

22nd– Acorn Y1 cycling

23rd- Ash and Elm fencing

29th– Maths workshop 9.00am-10.00am; Acorn Y1 cycling; Maths workshop 6.00pm-7.00pm

30th- Ash and Elm fencing

31st- Wildcats hockey Ash and Elm

February

1st– Family Friday 8.40am –9.15am and 2.00pm-3.00pm; Elm Class assembly at 2.30pm

5th– Acorn Y1 cycling