



# Longford Primary Academy Newsletter



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## Principal's Messages

### Dates and Reminders:

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Oct:  
School Photos\*

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct:  
Food donations for harvest festival\*

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct:  
Virtual Parents Evening Week \*

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct:  
Virtual Parents Evening Week \*

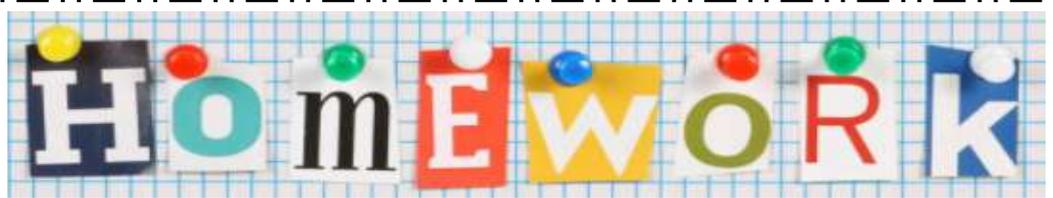
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct:  
Children break up

Non Uniform - Halloween Themed \*

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct:  
INSET 2 (school closed to pupils)

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct:  
HALF TERM

\*More info to follow



We are not setting topic based homework (or projects) this term to reduce transport of books etc between home and school.

Instead, we are asking for you to look at the white rose home-learning videos online. We will use this as a pre-teach technique. So children can watch them before we teach the topic in class. Pre-teaching can provide students with more knowledge and confidence when approaching a new topic. This can help to increase engagement and reduce frustration.

There is no need for any worksheet to be completed. Just watch 1 video at a time, but please spend some time talking about and discussing the questions with your children as they watch. There are usually 5 short videos for the week.

You can access the videos here:

- <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>
- Select your child's year group.
- Teachers should then be able to direct you to which week you need to look at - most children will be looking at week 3 next week.

If your child has been issued with a pack of work instead (as they may be on our SEND register) please focus on this work, as this will meet their individual needs.

We will review how this is working regularly.

Mrs Gittus  
Maths Lead

### Attendance

Out of our 275 students on roll we have 187 of those on 100% attendance since the start of term.

Also, a huge thank you to all the parents that have phoned in to school to report illness before 9:30am, this has helped the office team greatly with monitoring symptoms of illness.

### Harvest Festival

The Salvation Army will be supporting teachers to deliver class assemblies about Harvest. We will be collecting non-perishable food donations to contribute to the local community through the Salvation Army. Please send in donations on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October so we can quarantine them.

## P.E. Days

As we come to the end of our third week of term, we have been able to do some reflection on the children coming into school on PE days in full PE kit. We have received lots of positive feedback from children, staff and parents.

One student particularly caught my eye; Daniel Mullen in Year 2, with his fantastic and super smart Longford logo PE kit!

As the decision has been made for PE kits to be worn all day even when school life returns to normal, we have spoken with **Crested School Wear** in Cannock, and they are able to supply hoodies for PE if parents are interested.

This would still allow Longford to have smart looking students even when they are not in uniform, please note that it would not be compulsory and if hoodies are purchased children would not be allowed to wear them on non PE days.

Hoodies can be purchased for £12.99 and will be available to order soon.

"We don't lose our uniform or get it mixed up."

"Our parents don't have to wash as much uniform."

"We don't lose time learning because of getting changed"

"I like being ready quicker"

"We can't forget our PE kit."

"We have more time doing PE."

"We love coming in our PE kit!"



### Reporting Student Absence

If your child is unable to attend school please contact the office on 01543 227410 or email the office on [office2@longford.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office2@longford.staffs.sch.uk) prior to 09:20

### Parent/ Teacher Communication

In an effort to maintain staff well-being we recognise that school staff need their own down time. Please allow them to enjoy their evenings and weekends with their families. The office is available from 8am - 4pm Monday to Friday.

### Virtual Parents Evening

Due to Covid-19 we will be hosting virtual parents evening this half term, teachers will be contacting parents by telephone during the following weeks:  
Nursery - Y2 w/c 12<sup>th</sup> October  
Y3 - Y6 w/c 19<sup>th</sup> October  
More details will be sent out closer to the time.

### Staff Training

All staff took part in asthma training last week and are due to receive Anaphylaxis training next week.

### Covid-19 Messages

The school drop off and collection now seems to be working really well; thank you to all for supporting our new one-way systems.

**Friday lunchtime finish has now ended.**

If you have any concerns regarding your child's symptoms we urge you to fill in the symptom checker below, and be reminded that attendance is mandatory, if symptoms of Covid **are not** present. <https://111.nhs.uk/>