



# Longford Primary Academy Newsletter



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## Principal's Messages

### Dates and Reminders:

#### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct:

Virtual Parents  
Evening Week KS2

#### 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

#### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov:

School Reopen

\*More info to follow

## Halloween Events Next Week

### Non Uniform Day

Halloween themed non uniform on 22nd October.

You do not need to go out and purchase a fancy dress costume, it can be normal clothes in Halloween colours, crazy hair or anything related to Halloween.

Fancy dress is optional. No cost for non uniform.

### Colouring Competition

Colouring competition, 50p per child to enter.

Templates of a pumpkin in the office foyer or children can draw their own.

Prizes to be won for the most original/creative/inspiring pumpkin.

There are 4 categories;

- Nursery and Reception
- KS1 Year 1 and 2
- Lower KS2 Years 3 and 4
- Upper KS2 Years 5 and 6

To enter please return the completed picture with your child's full name and class written on the back, together with the 50p entrance fee.

Entries need to be returned back by Wednesday 21st October. We will announce the winners on the last day of term.

### Haunted House

Dress your own house up for Halloween, £2 to enter. Send in your spooky pictures of your very own haunted house for your chance to win a £25 family hamper full of goodies provided by Morrison's Cannock.



**All money raised will go into the PTA fund to give this year a kick start.**

### Virtual Parents Evening Week 1

Thanks to our Early Years and KS1 parents for engaging with teachers this week for our first Virtual Parents Evening. We hope you found your sessions as productive as they would have been if they were face to face meetings. KS2 teachers are looking forward to speaking with parents next week. We have received some positive comments; thank you once again for your ongoing support.

*Even though it's not face to face the conversation about your child is still the same and didn't feel rushed. I thought it was very well done.*

## Road Safety

As many of you are aware road safety is ongoing battle outside our school. This week we have actively tried to promote this to our parents as much as possible. Mrs Davis has worked hard to have our voice heard by local law enforcement and yesterday we had the presence of a Police Officer and PCSO to assist us in encouraging parents to *"Think before you stop, choose a safer spot."*

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On Thursday 22nd October, Longford will be celebrating Black History Month. Each Key Stage will be looking at a significant figure from history and a modern day influential figure. If you would like to talk to your child at home about this please have a look at the BBC website:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zym3n9q>

We can't wait to share what they find out with you!



**Reminder**  
**Next Friday**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> October**  
**is INSET Day -**  
**school is**  
**closed to**  
**pupils.**

## Staffing News

Welcome back to Mrs Ellison who returned to work this after being on Maternity Leave. We also had to say goodbye to Mrs Babbington who was Mrs Ellison's cover whilst she was off, we wish Mrs B all the best in her new role. Next week we will be saying farewell to Mrs Perry, a fantastic Teaching Assistant, who will be missed by us all, we hope you bring as much smiles in your career change as you have bought to Longford.

We also have three new recruits joining us: Mrs Sherratt, Miss Barberio & Mrs Hill. We are very much looking forward to them becoming part of the Longford family.



Jessica in Year 3 was on radio WM last Friday as part of their pledge to talk campaign. Jessica's mum texted in telling them about Jessica making friends with an elderly lady called Brenda whilst on lockdown. She explained how it started off with both of them waving at each other. Then Jessica drew pictures for her. They now have doorstep socially distanced conversations. It's taught Jessica to respect another generation and to be able to participate in the art of conversation. Well Done Jessica you make Longford Proud!

**The children love the new PE Hoodies, they look smart AND trendy!**



### 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

