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Longford Primary Academy
Newsletter

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A big THANK YOU!

Principal's Messages

We would like to wish everyone a big welcome back to school. The children have settled back into the school routine brilliantly. We have also welcomed a new cook in the kitchen, Teresa Holt. She has really enjoyed meeting your children this week and has managed to learn some names already. We are looking forward to some themed menus this half term. Details for these will follow soon.

As I write this, I have my fingers, legs and everything else crossed that we might see a sense of normality returning to school life (at some point) during this final part of the school year.

While we will try to maintain as many of the usual experiences for children in their final term, we have decided that any relaxation to Covid rules on the 21st June or later will not leave us with sufficient time to organise the usual large scale events, such as sports day or the summer fair. We will, however, arrange a sports week for children, in which they will participate in activities and races within their year groups. Parents will not be invited as it will be impossible for us to maintain social distancing. However, children will be presented with stickers and certificates for their achievements during this week and class teachers will send photographs via dojo as they usually do.

Annual reports will be sent home on 9th July. At this point children will be informed of who their new class teacher is for September 2021. We are planning to organise a transition afternoon on 15th July for children to meet their new class teachers, what this will look like very much depends on the rules in place at the time.

Within my daily update from the Department for Education, they have stated that certain measures may be re-imposed on schools should case rates rise significantly within the local area. As always, I will keep you as up-to-date with information as I receive it.

Dates and Reminders:

21st June
Non-uniform day (school fund)

w/b 28th June
Sports week

9th July
Annual pupil reports

15th July
Transition afternoon (with new teachers)

w/b 19th July
End of year class parties

21st July
Break-up for Summer

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 prior to 09:20

KS2 Break Sales

It is great to see the children enjoying the options we have available at break time, however we have noticed that some children are ordering excessively, meaning they are still eating when they are coming back into lessons. Therefore this term, we will ask children to limit their selection if we feel it is excessive.

While the options we offer provide a better option than crisps and chocolate, it is important that this **does not replace breakfast**. It is really important that children do eat a healthy breakfast before arriving at school.

Why is breakfast so important?

Breakfast is often called 'the most important meal of the day'; for good reason. As the name suggests, breakfast breaks the overnight fasting period. It replenishes your supply of glucose to boost your energy levels and alertness, while also providing other essential nutrients required for good health. Children who eat breakfast are more likely to get fibre, calcium, and other important nutrients. They also tend to keep their weight under control, have lower blood cholesterol levels and fewer absences from school.

Over the half term holiday one of our lunch supervisors, Mrs Tunnicliffe, kindly volunteered to help us improve part of our school that had overgrown. I think you will all agree that it looks absolutely fabulous and join me in saying a great big THANK YOU!

The children have already enjoyed playing and exploring in the secret garden area and some of our year 6 children have added to it themselves.