

September Newsletter

Welcome back to another school year! I hope you managed to enjoy your summer break and enjoyed some time to rest and spend time with family and friends. A very special welcome to all the new parents and children who have joined us this term.

We are pleased to welcome some new staff this September. Miss Taylor, who will be teaching in Nursery along with Mrs Wright, the new nursery TA, and Mr Constantinou will be teaching in Year 5. Mrs Hallam will be starting her maternity leave towards Christmas and we can't wait to meet her new baby.

We are all looking forward to a positive, busy and exciting year. Please do keep sharing your ideas and thoughts with class teachers and both Mr Green and myself. By working together and communicating we can ensure your child has a fabulous year here at Longmoor.



Before and After School Club

Please do contact the office if you are interested in places either in the morning, after school or both. We have maintained the cost of both clubs and can offer wrap around child care for £12 a day. Details are available from the office.



New Class Names

You will have noticed that we have changed our class names this year which are all based on an endangered animal. We are keen to encourage children to think about the world that we live in and to become responsible for protecting, as much as possible, the animal kingdom as well as the environment we live in through promoting recycling, re-using and taking care to save energy by turning off lights, taps and monitors.



Behaviour

We will be continuing to reward positive choices and behaviour with DOJO points and certificates, rewards and, for Years 5 and 6, we will be continuing with enrichment afternoons every fortnight. We will share our school expectations with the children through assemblies and discussions. These link to our vision and values and we hope that by keeping these simple all children will be able to remember them. They are:

Kind - Be kind to everyone

Respectful - Be polite and always remember your manners

Ambitious - To always try our best

Responsible - To keep yourself, our environment and others safe around school

Curious - To be ready to listen and learn

Brave - To be brave and have a can-do attitude

The children will start each day on a green card and will be rewarded throughout the day with Dojo points and stickers. Children will be given one reminder about their behaviour if this is not acceptable and, if this continues, will be shown an amber card. This will then mean that they will stay in for a couple of minutes at break to discuss their choices with an adult and their name recorded in the class behaviour book. If children are shown a red card, they will be sent straight to a member of SLT and parents will be contacted.

The policy is on the school website if you would like to read this in detail. It explains what we expect of children at different times of the day, lunchtime and breaks for example, and highlights when children may be

shown an amber warning and what consequences we will use if children are repeatedly choosing to not follow our expectations. You can find the policy in the key information section, under the behaviour tab.



Communication

Please do ensure that you have signed up for Parent Pay and DOJO. We send out a huge amount of information using both and it is vitally important you read the messages and use these to ensure you are aware of dates and any special requests. We do not take any cash payments in the office so all lunches, trips and special events (excluding any small donations for some special events) have to be paid for online. If you have any issues with setting up your account, please give the office a call.



Meet the teacher and Parents' Evenings

We will be holding an informal 'meet the teacher' evening on the 25th September. This is an opportunity for you to say hello, perhaps put a name to a face and see your child's classroom. Children are welcome to attend and they will be able to show you some of their work. The event will be held from 3.45 to 4.45 p.m. There will be a formal parents' evening in November, following assessment week, where staff can discuss your child's progress in more detail.



Dates for your diaries

Events this term

10 th September	WOW Day for Year 3
11 th September	WOW Day for Year 4
w/b 16 th September	Commando Joe week for Years 1,2,3
w/b 23 rd September	Commando Joe week for Years 4,5,6
24 th September	Mini Police starts for Year 5
25 th September	WOW Day for FS1/ FS2
25 th September	WOW Day for Year 5
26 th September	European Languages Day
26 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning
30 th September to 18 th October	Padley Harvest Collection
3 rd October	Poetry Day
4 th October	TTRS day
10 th October	Hello Yellow Day
25 th October	Last day of term
4 th November	INSET DAY - school closed to children
5 th November	Autumn 2 term begins - children back in school
7 th November	Flu Jabs
8 th November	Individual and sibling photos
11 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
11 th - 13 th November	Year 6 Residential
15 th November	Children in Need
w/b 11 th November	Assessment Week
26 th November	4.00 - 7.00 p.m - Parents Evening
27 th November	4.00 - 7.00 p.m - Parents Evening
9 th December	KS1 Afternoon and Evening performance of Christmas Play
11 th December	EYFS Morning and Afternoon Performances of Christmas Play

13 th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
16 th December	Carol Concert at St Johns
w/b 18 th December	Christmas Parties
20 th December	Last day of term
6 th January, 2025	Spring term begins - children back in school

Proposed / Planned dates for 2025, to give you plenty of notice.

w/b 12 th May	KS2 SATs week
22 nd May	Year 6 Careers Fair
w/b 2 nd June	Year 4 Multiplication Check
w/b 9 th June	Year 1 Phonics Check
24 th / 25 th June	Transition days for Wilsthorpe, Friesland and Long Eaton Schools
26 th June	Transition day for Long Eaton School
4 th July	Sports Day
9 th - 11 th July	Year 4 Residential
17 th July	Year 6 afternoon and evening performance of end of year play
23 rd July	Year 6 party
24 th July	Last day of term

INSET Days

4 th September, 2024
4 th November, 2024
14 th February, 2025
4 th April, 2025
2 nd June, 2025

Thank you for your continued support. *Mrs Dainty*