



Longvernal Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

It is with a sigh of relief on everyone's behalf that I am penning this final **Longvernal Newsletter** of Term 3. I feel that children, parents and teachers and teaching assistants all deserve and need a break from home schooling this half term. We are therefore NOT setting any specific homework tasks for the holidays. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all and say that we have been overwhelmed with the commitment of our Longvernal community to embracing remote learning. Although the situation is far from ideal, the tremendous efforts of both children and parents will have gone a long way towards ensuring children's learning continues during these unprecedented times. Well done also to those of you who created wonderful window displays for the PTFA 'Winter Wonderland' - the results were truly stunning and evidence of a lot of talent! I do hope that the slightly more flexible and relaxed activities this week, for Longvernal Children's Mental Health Week has eased pressure a little. Please note: our Bath Spa University students are not with us this week so we have fewer staff available to record lessons, deliver lessons and respond to work that is submitted. Thank you for your understanding.

At the point of writing, we have had no Covid cases at school this term and I would like to thank all children, staff and parents for their care in following guidance in order to prevent cases. The number of pupils attending school has gradually crept up which makes maintaining safety challenging, so I would like to thank you in advance for your understanding should we need, as previously communicated, to review numbers in school in some classes on certain days. **Home remains the safest place where possible for most families.**

May I kindly remind parents of those attending school of the following:

- Please maintain social distancing when dropping off/collecting your child
- Please supervise your child after they have been handed over to you at the end of the school day - we are not currently closing the road so cars are moving at this time
- Please do not drive into the school grounds at pick up time as it is dangerous with children being collected by the 2 exits
- It is helpful if you could adhere to the timings as some children from KS1 and KS2 have been arriving simultaneously (KS2 8.30a.m., KS1 8.40a.m., Reception and Nursery 8.45a.m.); collection 3p.m. Reception, 3.05p.m. KS1, 3.10 p.m. KS2.

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School will be closed over half term for ALL children. If your child has been attending school and they develop symptoms within 48 hours of last attending school, it is crucial that you follow this procedure : Please complete this google document https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe0yWC_fzSJn8DWPO7akxOM-hlx5EUDVwep3_pTO25pcrCqWQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Longvernal Book Week
Please see separate letter.

‘Longvernal Buddy Bears’ (as seen on video posted February 5th)



On Friday February 12th, unless your child is attending school on THAT DAY, please come and collect your child's special individual teddy at the following times:

Between 9.30-11.30a.m.

OR

Between 3.15-4.00p.m.

There will be a supervised table adjacent to the school entrance ready to give you your child's personalised bear. I think that by Friday we shall be glad to send them away as they have been getting up to mischief!

If they continue to naughty at *your* house, let us know!

Comic Relief's **Red Nose Day** is scheduled for Friday March 19th. Whether or not school is open, we shall be marking this day with various events. If you would like to purchase merchandise:

<https://shop.comicrelief.com/collection/noses-rednoseday-2021/products/plastic-free-red-nose-2021>

[Big Bath Sleep-Out | Julian House | Charity Sleep Out](#)

Big Bath Sleep-Out: At Home- Friday 5th March 2021 Stand up against homelessness. Challenge yourself to sleep out for just one night at home and help raise vital funds and awareness for men and women forced to do so every night.

www.bigbathsleepout.co.uk

Finally, **thank you** for your continued support, patience and understanding.
I wish you all a restful half term break and hope that you all stay safe.

Karen Bazeley

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