



The Longvernal Letter

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Newsletter
2022/2023

Term 5

News from Mrs Bazeley...

Dear Parents /Carers

I know I say it every term but this term really has flown by in a whirlwind of activity! We've had tadpoles and frogs, hatching chicks and finally the sun has come out to confirm that it really is summer! Many of the children have been enjoying pond dipping and playing in the large sandpit and it's been lovely watching our Early Years children whizzing around the playground on the balance bikes. Cherry Class trip to Great Wood went smoothly with the children enthusiastically trying many new experiences including archery and low ropes.

SATs

Chestnut Class has been busy working hard on their end of Key Stage 1 challenges and Sycamore Class calmly and valiantly approached SATs week - aided by a cooked breakfast each morning! Last week Sycamore then visited Big Pit, donning hard hats and descending 90 metres underground in the cage. They also explored Blaenavon Ironworks including the mineworkers' cottages where they enjoyed discovering the 1940s house which looked as if it came straight out of the pages of Goodnight Mister Tom!

Visits and Trips

Willow Class reliably visit Combe Lea residential

home every fortnight and all classes are still visiting the town library on a rotational basis. Additionally, Acorn Nursery, Holly and Oak Classes have enjoyed visits from the Library Bus.

The term started with a multitude of action; whilst Cherry Class was on camp, other pupils in Key stage 2 were treated to a dance spectacular from AKA Dance. Sycamore and Cherry Class visited the Bath and West Showground for the Field to Fork event where some tried (and many enjoyed!) pigeon. Maple Class intrepidly visited the caves at Cheddar Gorge and climbed Jacob's Ladder to enjoy the views of the surrounding Mendips.

Performances

Willow Class and Sycamore Class have been auditioning for roles in their upcoming performance of The Wizard of Oz, which they will be performing at Writhlington Theatre in July.

Longvernal has been sounding very musical recently all in all with the combination of Maple and Cherry Class rehearsing for Raise the Roof and the children in Key stage 2 who are participating in the Star Dust event at Wells Cathedral soon.

Celebration Assemblies

Several children take advantage of individual

piano lessons and it is a joy to hear children sometimes performing in Celebration Assemblies. Please remember to send in your children's out of school achievements to be celebrated in school on Fridays.

Also, a reminder: it is not too late to continue with the Citizenship Award; take a look and see what your child could have a go at towards this award over the remaining few weeks of this academic year.

We would like Citizenship Awards to be returned to your child's class teacher by Friday 7th July; this will enable us to do presentations on July 21st.

Term 6

Next term is already looking exciting with two upcoming residential camps; Willow and Sycamore to Mill on the Brue and Maple somewhat closer to home plus various day trips for younger pupils. Busy, busy, busy!

We were delighted recently to have received a donation from Rotary towards school trips to help close a deficit. School's budget is so squeezed that we simply cannot fund trips so trips will not go ahead if they are not paid for with the requested donations from parents.

As soon as we have all costings for next year's Year 4 and Years 5/6 residentials, we shall send out a payment schedule as soon as possible, breaking payments down into chunks. In order to take part in a residential trip, 100% payment must be made.

In other news, we are proud to have been awarded the accolade of being a Jigsaw Flagship school for our commitment to PSHE and personal development.

Longvernal children continue to be an absolute delight to teach and it is a privilege to work with them- they are a credit to you all and to the school. Have a lovely half term. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes
Karen Bazeley

PE Days for next term

Holly - Wednesday
Oak - Wednesday
Chestnut - Monday
Maple - Thursday
Cherry - Friday
Willow - Friday (swimming)
Sycamore - Friday

Dates for your Diary:

Friday 26th May - End of Term 5
Monday 5th June - Start of Term 6
5th - 7th June - Y5 & 6 Mill on the Brue camp
Friday 9th June - YR Chew Valley
Wednesday 14th June - YR1 & 2 Hear my Voice
16th June - KS1 Movie Night PTFA
29 - 30 June - Y3 Sleepover
7th July - Sports day option 1
14th July - Sports day option 2
Friday 21st July - End of term 6

Please remember Headlice don't go on holiday!

We have had a number of cases in school recently so please keep checking (and treating if necessary) your child/children's hair over the holiday.

Thank you!



REMINDERS:

- If your child is absent, it is your responsibility to contact school at the earliest opportunity to inform us of the reason.
- Please ensure that your child has a sunhat in school and that suncream has been applied over the coming weeks as we intend to get outside as much as possible.
- Remember- long sleeves and long-legged trousers/leggings required for Forest School even in summer.
- School finishes at 3.15p.m. Unless your child is doing an extra-curricular club or is in After School Club, you are responsible for supervising your child from this point. The Alley Gate will be locked at 3.30 p.m. in order that After School Club and other clubs can use the playground and field safely.
- In the mornings, there is a DROP OFF system only. Parking should only be off-site unless you have a blue badge or exceptional circumstances which have been agreed with the Headteacher recently.

Please remember to order your child's school meals by midnight on Thursday every week. The kitchen will only order food based on these orders. If you don't order we will be unable to guarantee a meal for your child. Remember you can order several weeks in advance if you prefer.

Children learn with mud on their hands and smiles on their faces