



The Longvernal Letter

"part of the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership"

Term 5

Newsletter 2020/21

We are building a community where learners have no ceilings to their aspirations and successes. Everyone is respected and loved in their own right.

Dates for your Diary:

Friday 28th May - End of Term 5

Monday 7th June - Start of Term 6

Fri 11th June - PTFA 'Topsy Turvy' day

Wed 16th June - Coffee Morning Holly Class Parents 9-10am

Wed 23rd June - Coffee Morning Sycamore Parents 9-10am

Wed 30th June - Coffee Morning Oak & Chestnut Parents 9-10am

Thurs 1st July - Shuffle up day

Fri 2nd July - Sports day (option 1)

Wed 7th July - Coffee Morning Maple & Willow Parents 9-10am

Thurs 8th July - National Hearing awareness day - Wear purple/pink

Fri 9th July - Reserve Sports day



Dear Parents/Carers

This term seems to have absolutely flown by in a whirl of activity. School is gradually beginning to feel more 'normal' and the children have settled back into their routines and work as well as re-establishing friendship groups. Breakfast Club and After School Club for working parents are once again thriving and children have been enthusiastic about signing up for the range of extra-curricular activities.

Our curriculum offer for P.E. has been strengthened throughout the school with specialist providers working with various classes. These including Michelle Rochester from Dance Umbrella offering choreography, football coach Martin Phillips, Somerset Cricket and Bath Rugby.

Additionally, when weather allows, there are lunchtime Rounders and Athletics clubs and an external provider has been offering Orienteering. The children are pro-active at playing a variety of ball sports at lunchtimes in addition to fully using the play equipment, sandpit and whizzing around on scooters. It is fantastic to see children enjoying the outdoor space and keeping fit after for so long living with restrictions.

Eco-Club is thriving. I invite you to read some of their comments below.

Ollie Yr6 'I enjoyed planting the trees'

Maya Yr6 'We've been helping bees by making a meadow and planting trees. We brainstormed what we needed to do to help our environment, I enjoy all of it but the meadow especially'

Elsie Yr3 'I enjoyed making posters so people don't mow our meadow!'

Jack Yr3 'I liked planting trees because it's fun and we need trees for the animals'

Bertie Yr3 'I enjoyed planting the trees, we're writing letters about recycling'

Josie & Florence Yr6 'We've enjoyed making the posters and the spider web. It told us what animals need to live in, it was fun'

Gracie & Ivy Yr3 'We're looking after animals in nature by making habitats. At the moment we're making a meadow for the bees'

Macie Yr5 'We've planted some trees and did a spiders web. We talked about why we needed all animals and bugs. I'm looking forward to putting seeds in the meadow'



Design Technology this term has been exciting with Maple Class busy making pneumatic systems whilst Willow and Sycamore Class have been receiving support from experienced D.T. specialist Colin Barlow to build moving toys using cams.

This term, we were proud of our children who all took part in the Captain Tom 100 Challenge, raising money for local charity SWALLOW.



At lunchtimes now, EYFS and KS1 children are once again able to eat in the Hall and we have begun 'bubble' assemblies for weekly Celebration Assembly. I strongly hope that before this academic year is through, we can return to all children playing outside together at lunchtime so that siblings, cousins and friends who have been unable to socialise together can do so and in order that our oldest pupils finally get the chance to 'buddy' our youngest pupils, which is an important aspect of The Longvernal Family.

Please see class pages on the website for detailed class news for this term.

I wish you all a fun-filled, relative and friend-filled, sunny half-term break.

Karen Bazeley

We have trialled using only positive yellow stickers in Reading Logs. Sadly, since we have ceased using the red reminder stickers, there has been a decline in children reading at home. We shall therefore resume the yellow/red sticker system next term as reading remains of crucial importance for children to make progress.

Polite reminders:

- Please supervise children off site before and after school to keep them safe from traffic and to avoid trespassing on neighbours' properties.
- Please avoid parking on Mandy Meadows. If you do so, be prepared to wait until all pedestrians have left before driving.
- If dropping by car in the morning please wait in queue until you reach the teacher at the top of the steps before your child gets out of the car. Some children have to exit their car on the driver's side because of baby siblings in fixed car seats on the passenger side. Cars passing on the right having let out children at the top pose danger. Drivers who do not comply will be asked not to use drop off facility.

Thank you for your support.

Drop in Coffee and Chat

Where - The Snug (new BBQ lodge) and the school grounds

When 9am-10am

Wednesday 16th June - Holly Class

Wednesday 23rd June - Sycamore Class

Wednesday 30th June - Oak & Chestnut Classes

Wednesday 7th July - Maple & Willow Classes



We are aware it has been a difficult year with restrictions so we felt that it was a good time to offer some drop in coffee and chat sessions on the above dates.

Please try and drop in. It is a great way to meet other parents.

We look forward to meeting you all.

Carole Macdonald

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COVID 19 - Test over May Half Term Holidays

Please use this link to report a positive covid test within the first 48 hours of the start of half term - i.e. up to Monday 31st May.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe0yWC_fzSJn8DWPO7akxOM-hIx5EUDVwep3_pTO25pcrCqWQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

REMINDER

Breakfast Club and After School club should be paid for in advance

On Parentpay

Please also remember that school dinners need to be ordered in advance by the Thursday of the preceding week.

Thank you

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Ammerdown Park, Radstock, Somerset BA3 5SW

Adult £12.50
Child £8

Tuesday 17th August - 3pm

Booking: www.quantumtheatre.co.uk 0845 450 5157



Ammerdown

Please see advertised poster for a theatre production of Peter Rabbit at The Ammerdown Centre during the Summer Holiday. Please use following link for tickets.

<https://www.quantumtheatre.co.uk/event-details/the-ammerdown-centre-radstock-2>

Class news

Holly Class

In Holly Class, we completed 100 Star Jumps as part of Captain Tom Moore's 100 challenge! We raised money for the SWALLOW Charity.



In Holly Class this term we have enjoyed our PE lessons with a football coach in the sunshine!



Oak Class



Forest School cooking – yum!



Hong Kong sculpture making.



Painting our creations.



Cricket Taster for Oak Class.
Olympics.



Oak Class have been taking part in the Somerset Cricket



Making mud pies!



Football practice in Oak Class.

Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class have had a great term! Have a look at our website page to find out more about our learning and special activities.



Maple Class

We have loved being back in school after the Easter holidays. For history, we have been learning about the Stone Age to Iron Age using our core texts, 'Stig of the Dump', and 'Stone Age Boy'. The children have enjoyed creating their very own 'Stone Age' stories based on the text. We've made links to 'Rocks and Soil' in science and we've made our own fossils using salt-dough after learning the fossilisation process. To deepen our understanding of soil we created our own compost!

We have managed to create plenty of 'real life' Stone Age experiences in Forest School by building shelters, becoming hunter gatherers, making fire and improving our survival skills!

As always, we have been using and applying our maths learning in an outdoors setting, using the brilliant grounds we have at Longvernal. So far, we have been focussed on unit and non unit fractions of amounts, fractions on a number line and adding fractions. On Friday afternoons for DT, we have started to design pneumatic moving monsters. Needless to say, the children have been enjoying their learning so far this term! We can't wait for term 6...

Willow Class

Throughout this term, Willow Class have worked extremely hard and enjoyed their learning, whether playing cricket, creating moving toys in DT or learning to play the glockenspiel in Music. Writing is always a favourite and recently we have written formal letters to Mrs Bazeley trying to persuade her to let us get a class pet. For a full update, please have a look at our class page on the website.



Sycamore Class

Dance Umbrella is now well under way – it is linked to our History WWII topic. We are very fortunate to have Michelle's creative expertise, working with the children to produce what will be a brilliant performance.

Sycamore class have been working hard in preparation for their SATs assessments. We hope they will really enjoy a well-deserved cooked breakfast both mornings, which will set them up ready to do their very best – we are so proud of how hard they have been working. We look forward to our trip into Bath on the last day of this half-term.

We have welcomed a new Bath Spa student, Miss Baker, to our class. She is currently teaching our new Geography topic (Kenya), our R.E topic (Humanism) and our Science topic (Living Things). We are also fortunate to have Miss Leyman teaching I.C.T and Colin is working with the class in Design Technology to make moving toys.

Thank you for the continued support you provide. The class have been superb all year with their reading and homework completion and we do appreciate your help and encouragement.

Our thanks and best wishes for a relaxing half-term,

Team Sycamore.

Acorn Class

This term in Nursery has been all about minibeasts! We went on a minibeast hunt around the Nursery garden to see what insects and bugs we could find. The children loved talking about what they had found and drawing their own pictures of bugs. We learnt about the life cycle of a butterfly through our favourite story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and made some beautiful butterflies of our own. Alongside this we have developed our maths skills by counting spots on ladybirds. We have loved our messy play of cooked pasta and shaving foam this term.



Don't forget to check out the school website for more class news!

