



The Longvernal Letter

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Newsletter
2022/2023

Term 6

News from Mrs Bazeley...

Dear Parents /Carers

At the point of writing, I am hoping that our Sports Day will not be rained off; the weather is so unsettled currently that it's hard to predict. Thank you in advance to all who attend and apologies in advance if you have booked time off work and it does unfortunately get cancelled.

I say it every term but this really has been an extremely busy term! Once again there are lots of events to look back on and celebrate. Well done to Willow and Sycamore classes for their wonderful, talent-packed performance of The Wizard of Oz, held at Writhlington Theatre on Monday 3rd July. A huge thanks to the children, staff and parents involved in this.

Congratulations too to all the children who have sung beautifully in public recently; Oak and Chestnut in Hear My Voice, Maple and Cherry in Raise the Roof and the Key Stage 2 children who took part in Stardust at Wells Cathedral. Well done also to the 7 children who bravely performed piano solo to the residents at Combe Lea. On Saturday 8th July, the Maypole Dancers won two trophies for their performances in the Midsomer Norton Summer Fayre; thank you to all involved - again, fantastic ambassadors for the school.

This jam-packed term has also seen two residential trips. Willow and Sycamore enjoyed an action-packed and adventurous time braving many challenges at Mill on the Brue at the start of June and at the end of June Maple enjoyed their first school residential with a Forest sleepover, BBQ, trip to Silver Street Nature Reserve and swim. Additionally, Holly Class had a fabulous time at Chew Valley Farm.

Learning has continued to be strong and we are very proud of our outcomes. You should have received your child's school report on 12th July which I hope gives you a clear insight into your child's progress and areas for development. If you have any concerns from the report, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for all the support you give your children at home with their learning; hearing your child read, practising sounds, spellings, times tables and Doodle Maths really do impact children's outcomes. The culture of Reading For Pleasure is really embedded within school and we can really see the confidence this is giving children in accessing the wider curriculum. Please encourage your child to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge at your local library. We shall celebrate this and any summer holiday 'Doodling' on Doodle Maths in Term 1 next year.

As it gets towards the end of the summer term, we have seen an increase in incorrect school uniform. We understand fully that July is perhaps not ideal for buying new clothing and shoes before children inevitably grow over the summer. However please check that uniform is correct when purchasing over the summer. See information in box below. I shall be enforcing the uniform expectations from September and teachers will be vigilant.

Uniform: Longvernal logo polo shirt, Longvernal logo sweatshirt or cardigan. Black skirt, black shorts or black trousers. PE: Longvernal P.E.shirt, black standard P.E.shorts (**not cycling shorts**) or black joggers (**not leggings**) with trainers or daps. If colder weather, school black fleece or school sweatshirt or cardigan **NOT casual or fashion logo hoodies or sweatshirts**. School footwear: black shoes (**not boots, ankle boots or trainers**). **Jumpsuits are NOT school uniform**. I know some shops make these in green gingham check but they are not suitable for school as they need to be fully removed in order to use the toilet. School skirts should reach the knee and should not be 'tube' style as these are not suited to daily activities such as Move a Mile and playing on the play equipment.

If hair is long enough to be tied up it should be, for health and safety reasons. No jewellery except plain stud earrings. No watches that are internet-linked or have a camera.

I would like to wish our Year 6 children and any other children moving on to pastures new all the very best in their ongoing educational journeys.

Thank you to all our family and friends for your ongoing support. I feel very privileged to be Head of Longvernal working among such a warm community.

In the light of recent concerning events with young people in our communities, please be alert to keeping children safe over the summer - both when out and about in the streets and local parks and also online.

Wishing you all a lovely summer.

Karen Bazeley

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!

Dates for your Diary:

14th July -Sports day option 2

Thursday 20th July - Y6 leavers BBQ

Friday 21st July - Leavers Assembly

Friday 21st July - End of term 6

Friday 1st September - Inset Day

Monday 4th September - Inset Day

Tuesday 5th September - Start of Term 1

Key Stage 2 SATS results 2023

Well done Year 6!

| % ARE or above | Longvernal | National |
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| Reading | 82.4% | 73% |
| Writing | 82.4% | 71% |
| Maths | 76.5% | 73% |
| Reading, Writing, Maths combined | 64.7% | 59% |

REMINDERS:

- If your child is absent, it is your responsibility to contact school at the earliest opportunity to inform us of the reason.
- 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.
- Dinners need to be ordered on Parentpay by Thursday for the following week - if your child requires dinner on the first week back in September please order these by Thursday 31st August
- All Breakfast and Afterschool club sessions should be paid in advance on Parentpay

Parentpay Help

Information for Parents/Guardians

To help parents/guardians, both new and existing, get the most out of ParentPay there is guidance available at:

<https://support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/sections/6089568194577-Parents-and-guardians>

Topics include setting up automatic top ups, setting up alerts for low balances on cashless catering, updating contact details etc.

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