



Longvernal Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this letter find you well. It is hard to believe that it is nearly October - September seems to have flown by! It has obviously been a challenging and emotional start to the school year for many in the Longvernal Family with the sad loss of Mrs. Burney. Thank you for your kind words and understanding around the need to cancel After School Clubs on Friday 30th September. In due course, we shall be liaising with Mrs. Burney's family to arrange a Remembrance Celebration and we shall be organising a permanent memorial in her name.

The building work is now complete -again, thank you for your patience. I am aware that at times we 'dropped some balls' as it was quite difficult working out of a portakabin, making meetings and phone calls tricky. The new classroom is being enjoyed by Year 6 and we look forward to being in a position again to welcome you all on site for events. I am delighted that we are now able to offer vehicle drop off in the mornings again and as soon as we are able, we shall re-open the Woodpecker Path. Thank you for your patience with this.

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our coffee mornings to meet your child's teacher for this year and also to those of you who came along to the Nursery and Reception coffee morning earlier this week with Carole, our Parent Support Advisor and Mrs. Chilcott-Dean, our SENCO. Please remember that Carole is available every Tuesday and Wednesday and is able to support on a wide variety of parenting issues. If she is unable to help, she is fantastic at researching who might be able to help answer your questions.

As a school, we are alert to the cost of living crisis. It is going to be a costly winter for everyone and we continually strive to keep costs down wherever we can. It is a fine balance between offering children lots of opportunities (especially after not having had such chances during the Covid restrictions) and making sure that we do not place undue pressure on parents to have to keep paying out for events and trips. Usually we pride ourselves on offering a huge range of trips, very frequently. However, from feedback from parents, we shall try to rein this in a bit this year. Please speak to us if you have concerns. We have staggered payments of the more expensive residential trips. As usual, we are striving to offer a wide variety of free After School and Lunchtime Clubs. The PTFA has a stock of laundered school uniform items available to buy for very cheap prices.

Please find below a list of key dates for your diaries:

Monday October 3rd Harvest Festival 1p.m.

Friday 14th October PTFA AGM 2.30pm. All welcome

Thursday 20th October Chestnut Class trip to Chew Valley Animal Farm

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Friday 21st October INSET - school closed to pupils
Monday 31st October PTFA Pumpkin Competition
Tuesday 1st and Thursday 3rd November Parents Evenings 3.30-6pm.
Monday 14th November School photographs
Friday 18th November Children In Need
Friday 2nd December proposed PTFA Christmas Fayre (tbc at PTFA AGM)
Wednesday 7th December YR - Y6 flu vaccinations
Wednesday 7th December Reception and KS1 Nativity p.m. time tbc
Thursday 8th December Reception and KS1 Nativity evening performance time tbc
Nursery Nativity tbc
Thursday 8th December Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 9th December Year 6 trip to Theatre Royal Bath
Christmas Dinner Days tbc shortly
Friday 16th December Christmas parties

Monday Drama Club still has spaces for year 5 and 6 students.

Our after-school drama club started this week and the children had lots of fun.

The sessions are run by Rachel, one of the Longvernal mums. She uses drama games and exercises to build children's confidence and explore the world using imaginative play. The club still has a few spaces left for older children if anyone would like to try. Rachel will be starting up a club in Midsomer Norton from January for primary and secondary aged children through 'Somerset Youth Theatre' - so watch this space.

Piano Lessons

We are pleased that we are able to offer piano lessons in the school again! If you have a child in Year 3 or above and they wish to have piano lessons during the school day, please get in touch with Jenny Steward to arrange. Jenny is an experienced local teacher who is replacing Mrs Thompson and she will be teaching on Mondays and Tuesdays in the school. Lessons will be charged at £10 for 30 minutes. You can email her at jennysteward.piano@gmail.com

PTFA AGM Friday 14th October 2.30p.m. in the Hall

The PTFA is a friendly group of parents and friends of the school who are eager to recruit new members to raise money and organise fun events for our children. . Many hands make light work so please do come along!

Do you have an interesting job or hobby?

We are always seeking to inspire our pupils to aim high and try new experiences. Please speak to your child's teacher or drop me an email if you would be interested in sharing your career choice or hobby with the children.

A detailed newsletter with tales of what's been happening in class will be coming out shortly. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Karen Bazeley

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