



The Longvernal Letter

"part of the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership"



Newsletter
2023/2024

Term 1

News from Mrs Bazeley...

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you enjoyed a relaxing summer break and that your child has settled well into their new classes. It is always a big step for children adjusting to slightly different routines so please ensure that your children have plenty of relaxing downtime as they build up their stamina in their new academic year.

Our Holly Class Reception pupils have impressed us with the speed with which they have got to know each other and I am proud of our Year 6 pupils who are acting as effective buddies to our youngest pupils.

Coffee Mornings

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the coffee mornings for their child's class. I appreciate that this is not possible for all parents but please be reminded that we do have an 'Open Door Policy' so if you have any queries or concerns, please try and speak to your child's teacher at drop off or pick up or alternatively phone or email asking them to contact you. Generally a face to face or telephone conversation works better than detailed emails. WhatsApp groups, I am aware, have been set up for most classes and these can be very useful means of communication between parents. I politely request that these are not used to discuss matters

that should be addressed following the procedures mentioned above; speaking directly to the school about concerns.

Clubs

Clubs have started in abundance with a great range of activities on offer. Many clubs have waiting lists, so the expectation is that your child attends every week or they may forfeit their place.

Citizenship Award

Your child will be bringing home their hard copy of the Citizenship Award with an accompanying explanatory letter. We would encourage you to engage in this with your child as it has proven to be a great enrichment in the couple of years since it was launched.

Virtual Tour

We are very proud of Longvernal and its children, who are a credit to you all. Last week we were filming an updated virtual tour which will be uploaded onto the website in due course. In the 11 years since I joined Longvernal, it has grown from having just over 70 children on roll to just over 200, including Nursery- meaning, as you know, that we no longer have any mixed-year classes. We will not grow beyond one form entry, guaranteeing we can maintain our genuine 'Family' feel. We are tucked away in a cul-de-sac with limited footfall so please encourage friends

with pre-school children to visit Longvernal to see for themselves the great education and broader experiences on offer here.

Harvest

Our Harvest Festival takes place on Tuesday 3rd October in Midsomer Norton Methodist Church, Children from years 1-6 will be attending and have been practicing songs for this.

Please feel welcome to join us-9.50am for a 10am start. If you would like to help supervise children on the walk to the church, please contact the office.

Parent Help

If you have a career or hobby that you feel would be of interest to the children, please speak to your child's teacher or email myself or the office. Likewise, we always welcome parents who are available to hear readers or help in other ways such as in clubs. We can organise DBS checks for parents wishing to make a regular commitment.

Please keep an eye on Facebook to see what's been happening on a daily basis in school. Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to make every child's primary school experience positive and fruitful.

Best wishes
Karen Bazeley

Reminders:

- **Parent Pay:**
Breakfast Club and After School club should be booked and 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**. Please set your own reminders to do this as we wont be sending reminders out. Thank you.
- **Forest School Days:**
Holly - Friday
Oak - Wednesday
Chestnut - Wednesday
Maple - Wednesday
Cherry - Tuesday
Willow - Thursday
Sycamore - Monday

PE Days for Term 1

Holly - Thursday
Oak - Thursday
Chestnut - Thursday
Maple - Friday
Cherry - Thursday
Willow - Friday
Sycamore - Friday (Swimming)

Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 20th - Monday 25th September - Book Fair
Tuesday 3rd October - Harvest Festival Service - 9.50am for a 10am start
Friday 6th October - PTFA Tuck Shop & 2nd Hand Uniform Sale
Wenesday 11th October - Flu Jabs YR-Y6
Thursday 12th October - PTFA Coffee Morning @8.45 in the Snug
Friday 20th October - End of Term 1
Monday 30th October - Inset Day
Tuesday 31st October - Start of Term 2
Friday 3rd November - PTFA Tuck Shop & 2nd Hand Uniform Sale
Friday 1st December - PTFA Christmas Fayre, Tuck Shop and 2nd Hand Uniform

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.
Thank you!



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

