



The Longvernal Letter

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Term Newsletter 2023/24

News from Miss Richards...

Dear Parents /Carers

Wow! This term has flown by! It has been a jam-packed term with lots of different events. Please have a look at the school website to read updates from your child's class this term and to find out about the exciting learning they will be undertaking next term.



On Tuesday 5th of March, a record number of children from years 1-6 participated in the Mid-Somerset Festival of Music and Drama in Bath. The children participated in either reading aloud a prepared prose or performing in the verse speaking classes. All children performed to fantastic standard, with some even coming first in their classes. All reaped the reward of their dedication and practice. The Longvernal community are very proud of all the children, some stepping out of their comfort zones and trying something new for the first time and others trying to perfect the skills they already have. Well done to all!



Book Week was a truly magical event that captivated and inspired the children. An absolute favourite was the Extreme Reading Competition, where even staff took part! Amongst other book-based activities, the pupils dressed-up as characters from their favourite books, studied illustrators, penned book reviews, created book box scenes, visited the local library and much more. To top off all of this fun, the Natural Theatre Company delivered spellbinding workshops to each class, based on their class novels. This year, the grand finale of the week was a visit from a travelling theatre company to enthral pupils with its rendition of The Time Machine.



Maple and Cherry Class worked extremely hard to rehearse and perform their production of 'Through the Ages'. It is fair to say, the children captivated each audience with their amazing singing and professional acting as they visited each decade.

Only positive things were fed back about the production, the 'jokes' were received particularly well. Miss Collins and Miss Friend were very proud of all children, as they should be of themselves. Thanks again to Miss Edwards and Mrs. Caney who worked tirelessly to create all the many props used and a thanks to all the adults who supported each pupil learn lines and provide costumes.



On the 18th March, Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a trip to the Assembly Rooms in Bath to perform 'Hear My Voice' songs with other local schools. The children learnt warm up songs, created harmonies and enjoyed singing with expression and volume. Well done to all the children involved, their behaviour was fantastic and their singing was beautiful!

A message from Mrs Bazeley ...

I am looking forward to returning to school after the Easter break. I am now strongly on the road to recovery. I shall have a planned phased return for a couple of weeks or so, with the aim of being back full time within Term 5. I have missed the children and school life tremendously and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and children for their kind messages; it really helped me through a difficult time. I cannot thank the Longvernal team enough for soldiering on professionally, diligently and enthusiastically under the resilient and efficient leadership of Miss Richards. The many and varied activities, trips and visitors together with the strong progress that the children have continued to make are testament to their superb teamwork and efforts. I wish staff, children and parents a wonderful Easter holiday and Hector and I will see you all soon.

Happy Easter everyone from all at Longvernal



Forest Days for next term

Holly - Friday
Oak - Monday
Chestnut - Tuesday
Maple - Tuesday
Cherry - Monday
Willow - Tuesday
Sycamore - Tuesday

P.E. and Forest Kit

Correct kit consists of:

- Black jogging bottoms or shorts
- Black Longvernal fleece or green Longvernal jumper/cardigan
- Trainers or daps
- Hair tied back.

Forest Kit:

- Warm, long sleeved top
- Trousers
- Waterproofs
- Wellies

PE Days for next term

Holly - Tuesday (Football)
Oak - Thursday
Chestnut - Wednesday
Maple - Friday (Netball)
Cherry - Thursday
Willow - Friday (Swimming)
Sycamore - Friday (Athletics)

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:

Please do not park in the school car park at drop off or pick up times. There are limited spaces and these are for staff and visiting external staff only. The exception is if you have a blue disability badge which is genuinely needed by the driver or child being collected. We need to restrict cars pulling out of school and driving up the hill for the safety of all as most people are walking.

Please do not park in the Combe Lea Residential Home car park as they need constant, unrestricted access. Thank you.

Slap Cheek, Scarleth Fever and Measels: Please be advised that these illnesses are in the community and can present with similar symptoms. If concerned, parents should seek advice from their GP or 111-and can access advice via the NHS website. If your child is diagnosed with one of the above illnesses please can you inform school.

Term Dates:

Monday 15th April - Start of Term 5
Wednesday 17th April - Y3 & 4 Field to Food
Monday 29th April - Scoot/Cycle/Walk to school week
Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday
13th - 17th May - KS2 SATs Week
Thursday 23rd May - Y3 Sleepover
Friday 24th May - End of Term 5
Monday 3rd June - Start of Term 6

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**. If you don't order by this time, you will be asked to provide a packed lunch.

Thank you

