



Longhoughton C of E Primary School
November 2022
Newsletter

Well it does feel like we are getting back to a more normal school life after the disruption of the last 2 years. Thank you for continuing to test when it is needed and keeping children off if they do have COVID.

Since September we have been very busy – below is an update of some of the things we have been doing and information about things to come before Christmas.

Charity Work

Thank you so much for all the generous donations for the different charitable events we have taken part in



- Harvest Collection for Self Help Africa - £160 (including £13 Gift Aid)
- Jeans for Genes - £91.03
- Alnwick District Food Bank – we had a lovely message from ADFB after our October Dress Down Friday – “Thank-you to all the children for such great donations. We are incredibly busy at the moment, sadly, so all the food will be going out in the next few weeks. Thank-you again for your ongoing fantastic, support.” ABFD
- In school we recycle all the pens we use through TerraCycle UK (we do get through a lot of pens – handwriting, felt tip and whiteboard pens – in a year!). We have just used the points earned to contribute towards a seal bag with ‘British Divers Marine Life Rescue’.
- **Children in Need** – we will be taking part in Children in Need again on Friday 18th November – the children can dress up in something Pudsey based or spots.



Act of Remembrance

Thank you to Mr Ron Creasey for once again making our Act of Remembrance very special. The whole school gathered on the front playground just before 11am on November 11th to mark a two-minute's silence. Mr Creasey played The Last Post and Reveille.

Please take a look at the school website for photographs of the event –

http://www.longhoughton.northumberland.sch.uk/website/act_of_remembrance/630355

Welcome

Welcome to new Governors who have joined the Governing Body
Parent Governor – Karen Sayer
Co-opted Governor – Charlotte Best (Station Commander)

Worship

It was lovely to be back in church again for our Harvest Service in October – Rev Alison Hardy presented bibles to the Reception children and older children who have joined the school this year. The bibles are a gift from the church and are kept in the classrooms for the children to read and then given to them when they leave the school.

Our themes for the Autumn Term have been Generosity and Compassion.

We have also enjoyed a number of worships led by Padre Richard

School Games

Once again, we have been awarded the **Silver Sports Mark** (2021/22).

Through the use of the Sports Funding that we receive, we have been able to employ **Newcastle United Foundation** to deliver PE sessions on a Monday.

St David Class were taught **cricket** in Autumn 1 by Tom Vickers. Further cricket sessions will take place for all classes later in the year and Newcastle Thunder will be delivering **rugby** sessions next year.

St Patrick Class attended a **multi skills festival** on Wednesday 2nd November

Swimming

Following the KS1 swimming parent questionnaire in the summer we have organised swimming sessions for St Patrick Class in the summer term:

St Andrew Class – Autumn Term

St David Class – Spring Term

St Patrick Class – Summer Term

We have recently received our **Commando Joes**’ resources and St David Class have started their Commando Joe sessions with coaches from Newcastle United Foundation. Each class will get a chance to work with the coach and complete challenges to build and develop their attitude, skills and understanding across the areas of:

Respect	Empathy	Self-Awareness
Passion	Excellence	Communication
	Teamwork	

School Games Competition

Each half term the children take part in PE competitions, collecting points for their team on the day of the competition and also for their castle and these points build towards the winning castle across the year.

Following the Autumn 1 Newcastle United Foundation competitions and a cricket competition for St David Class the current points are:

Alnwick – 60 points

Bamburgh – 71 points

Dunstanburgh – 43 points

Warkworth – 70 points

Christmas Performances

We are delighted to say that once again, we are going to perform a whole school Christmas production, this year it is called ‘Lights, Camel, Action!’

All children will take an active part in the performance with St Andrew Class taking on the lead parts.



Performance dates:

Afternoon performance – Tuesday 13th December – 2pm (**Adults only**)

Morning performance – Wednesday 14th December – 9:30am (**Adults & pre-school children**)

Evening performance – Wednesday 14th December – 6pm (**Adults only**)

As in previous years, we will be charging £1 a ticket to cover the cost of copyright and photocopying fees.

Further details for ordering tickets will follow at a later date.

The PFA will be running a raffle at each Christmas performance and would appreciate donations of items to make up hampers. There is a collection box in the foyer for your donations.



Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 21st December

Mrs Hinson and Miss Dodds will be serving Christmas Lunch on **Wednesday 21st December**. This will be need to be pre-ordered, more information will follow. The cost will be £2.30 for Key Stage 2 children.

RAF Boulmer will once again be organising the Christmas Party for us – more information to follow



Virtual pantomime performance

We have once again organised for the children to watch a virtual pantomime performance by West Midlands Children's Theatre; this year it is Sleeping Beauty.

Friday 23rd December - Dress Down Friday for Alnwick District Food Bank

As it will be the end of another half term the children will be able to wear their own clothes to school (they might want to wear something Christmassy this time) in exchange for bringing something in for Alnwick District Food Bank.



School website

Please keep visiting the school website – now that we are able to take part in more events we are adding to the [News](#) sections with photographs and information



Dates for the diary:

Friday 18 th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 13 th December	Afternoon performance; 2pm (adults only)
Wednesday 14 th December	Morning performance; 9:30pm (adults and pre-school children) Evening performance; 6pm (adults only)
Wednesday 21 st December	Christmas lunch
Friday 23 rd December	Dress Down Friday in aid of The Alnwick District Food Bank
Friday 23 rd December	School closes, 3:15pm.
Monday 9 th January 2023	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 10 th January 2023	School re-opens

This newsletter can also be read on the school website –
<http://www.longhoughton.northumberland.sch.uk/website/newsletters/103877>