



Longhoughton C of E Primary School  
**October 2019 Newsletter**

Wow – we have now completed the 5<sup>th</sup> week of the school year – where does the time go?

### Harvest

We will be going to church for our **Harvest Service** on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Once again we are working with the Aln & Coastland parishes to raise money for **Self Help Africa**. The children will be bringing an envelope home this week; if you are able to make a donation to support this charity then please return the envelope to school by Thursday morning so we can take the Harvest gifts to church when we go.



### Halloween – PFA Events – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 16:30



As you will have seen advertised, the PFA are holding a Halloween Creepy Bug Beetle Drive.

Tickets are £5 a head or £15 for a family ticket and includes a hot dinner and drink – please see the posters or the PFA Facebook page for details.

If you are not sure how a Beetle Drive works then you can find out more here <https://www.better-fundraising-ideas.com/beetle-drive.html>

### School Grounds

As you may have noticed there have been some developments in the schools grounds. We have used some of the Sports Premium money to purchase new outdoor equipment to support physical activity and development in PE lessons and during playtimes. The children know that they are not allowed to use this equipment without staff supervision and thank you to parents who have followed this with younger children too.



A huge thank you to Andrew Blake, MKM and the PFA for providing new resources and equipment for the EYFS outside area.

Thank you also to Phil Boulter and Emily McDonough who keep working hard to ensure the school grounds look bright and colourful. Weather permitting each class (Y1 to Y6) will take it in turns to do some additional work in the school garden on Friday afternoons. Botswana Class have already planted some daffodil bulbs and Mexico 1 have potted seeds and bulbs ready for the Spring. Please keep a look out for ParentMail messages about which class will be gardening next and if you are able to come and help please do.

### School Website

Please take a look at the school website for the latest updates:

- News updates > Home page
- Calendar information on the Home page and Calendar tab
- New Class pages > Classes tab
- Sports Premium > School Information tab (update coming soon)
- Pupil Premium – School Information tab (update coming soon)



### New lunch menus

New lunch menus will be starting on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November – these will be available on the school website soon.



## Flu Immunisations

We have been informed that these will now take place on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**.

## Recycling crisp packets and biscuit wrappers - Ellie's Fund

As a school we have spent a lot of time thinking about looking after the planet and what we can do to help. **Ellie's Fund Recycling**

(<http://www.btrs.org.uk/News/Latest-News/Ellies-Fund-Recycling>) is a charity that collects different items that can be recycled and generates money for its work into Brain Tumour Research. We now have boxes available for snack time and lunch time for children who would like to recycle their crisp packets and biscuit wrappers. The Acorn Eco-Warriors will then sort the wrappers ready to be sent off to Ellie's Fund.



We still have the collection point for used batteries and now we have a collection point for used pens, felt tips etc. (<https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/the-writing-instruments-brigade-r>).

## The Book People Bus



We have arranged for **The Book People Bus** to visit school on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November**. The bus will be at school for the full day and will give parents the opportunity to possibly buy a few Christmas presents.

The children will also be bringing home a leaflet about the **Big Book Boost – reading that rewards**. For every £10 you spend online with The Book People they donate £1 to school.



## Aldi Vouchers

We are collecting the Aldi stickers. We have a poster on the main corridor displaying the ones collected so far. Thank you to the people who have already sent stickers in.



## Dates for the diary

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Botswana Class Worship (Y1 & Y2) 9:15am, school hall

Harvest Service in church, staff and pupils only

Flu Immunisations

## Parent Consultation dates:

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October
Parent Consultation Evening 3:30pm - 6pm All classes	Morning appointments Botswana (Y1 & Y2) North America (Y6)	Morning appointments France (Reception) Mexico 1 (Y3 & Y4) Mexico 2 (Y4 & Y5)

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

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Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Dress Down Friday for the Alnwick District Food Bank

School finishes for the half term break

Teacher Training Day

School opens

Book People Bus

This newsletter can also be read on the school website – [www.longhoughton.northumberland.sch.uk](http://www.longhoughton.northumberland.sch.uk) – through the 'News & Events' link on the Home page