



Longhoughton C of E Primary School

February 2020 Newsletter



I know it is a couple of months ago but thank you for the donations at Christmas for the Children's Society we raised a fabulous £121.90 through the collection boxes at the Christingle Service.

Once again the Alnwick District Food Bank was very grateful for all the donations we made through dress down days in December and February. The next one will be Friday 3rd April.

Useful websites

Please take some time to look at the school website, new photographs will be added by the weekend:

- Latest news
- Classes



Please beware that sometimes it is a little more difficult to navigate on phone/tablets.

World Maths Day – Wednesday 4th March

On World Maths Day we will be giving the morning over to maths. We will be planning a series of maths problems and activities for the children to tackle.



For World Maths Day we would like the children to come dressed as a rock star (fictional or real) – this could be any rock star type character or they may even like to dress up as their Rock Star Times Table avatar. For a slightly easier option they could wear jeans, a top and sunglasses.

Although Nursery, Reception and Year 1 are not using Rock Star Times Tables they can still come to school dressed as a rock star – jeans, t-shirt, sunglasses, hat/cap, gel in their hair. You do not have to spend any money on this – just what they have in their wardrobe. Please remember dressing up is optional.



World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

For World Book Day this year we are going to spend the day sharing books and completing reading activities.

The children can come to school dressed as a book character, in their pyjamas or a onesie and bring their favourite book to school to share with other pupils.

During the day the classes will be looking at different stories from the '**Just So**' stories by **Rudyard Kipling** and then they will be completing art activities to decorate the classroom doors – please bear this in mind when planning the clothes the children will wear – we will have art aprons for the children to wear but paint can still be messy!

Please remember the children will still be playing outside during the day so they might want to wear a t-shirt under their pyjamas and they will still need to wear their outdoor shoes.

We would also like the children to donate £1 of their pocket money to Book Aid International on World Book Day. There will be a cake stall at the end of the school day, with all proceeds going to Book Aid International.

Sport Relief – Friday 13th March

For Sport Relief the children will be taking part in a variety of sporting activities throughout the day. The children have had a letter outlining the sponsored run/walk and will hopefully be able to collect some sponsors for this. We are asking that the children come to school in their PE kit on that day so we do not need to get them changed for the different events. Parents are welcome to come along for the walk/run but please remember the terrain is not suitable for pushchairs/prams.

EYFS/KS1 – Sponsored walk/run – 11 – 11:30

KS2 – Sponsored walk/run – 2:15 – 2:45

Both events will take place on the recreational field (weather permitting).

New Consent Forms

We have updated the photographic/video/social media consent form in line with GDPR regulations. The children will be bringing home a copy and we would appreciate if it could be completed (1 per child) and returned to school as soon as possible. The permissions given on the current forms will remain in place until the new form has been completed.

Acorns

Whilst we do want to keep bookings for Acorns as flexible as possible please can we ask that parents complete a booking form in advance so staff can plan resources for snacks and activities.

We can always make alterations to the bookings when necessary but requirements known ahead of time really helps planning. Changes can be made by telephone or email. If changes are to be made on the actual day; please telephone, so you know that the message had been received, as emails may not be seen.

Dates for the diary



Wednesday 4th March – World Maths Day (am)

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Monday 16th – Friday 20th March – Book Fair Week

Wednesday 11th March – Reception Class Worship, 9:15am in the hall, parents & grandparents welcome

Friday 13th March – Sport Relief

Wednesday 18th March – Y6 Class Worship, 9:15am in the hall, parents & grandparents welcome

Wednesday 25th March – Y3, Y4 & Y5 Class Worship, 9:15am in the hall, parents & grandparents welcome

Wednesday 1st April – Y1 & Y2 Class Worship, 9:15am in the hall, parents & grandparents welcome

Friday 3rd April – School closes for Easter (Dress Down Friday for The Alnwick Food Bank)

Monday 20th April – School re-opens

This newsletter can also be read on the school website –

<http://www.longhoughton.northumberland.sch.uk> – through the 'Newsletters' link on the Home page