



Longhoughton C of E Primary School
September 2019 Newsletter

We are all getting settled into the new routines of the new school year – it is lovely to have all the children back into school.

A **huge** thank-you to all the staff for their hard work over the summer; everyone has put a lot of time and effort into getting the school ready for the new school year.



Start of a new school year – parent meetings

On Tuesday 17th September we will be holding a meeting for the parents of children in Y1 to Y6. We will deliver the same information twice on the same day; at 9:10am and again at 2:30pm; so that hopefully you will be able to attend one of the meetings. During the meeting we will explain how homework will work this year and the general expectations and procedures for the all classes.

Mrs Whaley will deliver an information sharing session for parents of Reception children on Wednesday 18th September at 2:30pm in the hall.

Jeans for Genes

We will once again be supporting the charity Jeans for Genes on Friday 20th September. The children can come to school in their uniform tops with jeans/denim, they don't need to wear school shoes. For the children in KS2 please remember that they will be going to Willowburn for their swimming, free style gymnastics and dance fit sessions. They can go to Willowburn in their PE kits and take denim/jeans to change into.

School meals and snacks

Please remember that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are still entitled to free school lunches. Mrs Hinson, our school cook, serves a hot main course and pudding every day. The 3 week menu can be seen on the double doors near the hall and can be downloaded from the school website. The current week menu is displayed on the 'banana' in the entrance hall.

If your child has a food allergy (not that they just don't like something!) please can you let the office know so that Mrs Hinson can update her records for preparing food. Please can you also let us know what the specific medical condition is.

Free fruit is available for children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2. Children are permitted to bring a snack to school for playtime. This is restricted to a cereal bar, a plain biscuit or fruit. Please no sweets, crisps or chocolate.

Please can you make sure that your child has a named water bottle in school so they can keep hydrated throughout the day.



Just to make you aware we have children in school who have **nut allergies**. Please can I ask everyone to be very vigilant about the content of the children's lunch boxes and snacks. Please **do not** send any food or drink items, into school, that clearly contain any type of nut or that you think may contain any type of nut.

Some examples of these foods are:

- Peanut butter
- All chocolate spreads
- Nutty whole grain breads
- All kinder chocolate i.e. Hippos
- **Some** cereal bars

We appreciate that this may be problematic for people but we do need to look after the health and safety of these pupils.

School Uniform and PE kits

As already stated in all the class newsletters - Please can you ensure that the children always have a full PE kit in school (especially if they attend an after school sports club). Often the children wear their kit home after a club and forget to bring it back the next day and they may have PE on that day or have another club to attend. It is not safe for children to borrow PE shoes from another child and we cannot store lots of spare kits to accommodate children who do not have kits in school for PE lessons.

If children have their ears pierced it is best that they do not wear their earrings on PE days.



Please, please, please ensure all PE clothes and all items of school uniform are named – we already have a pair of PE shorts in lost property without a name!

Harvest

Once again we will be working with the church to raise money for Self Help Africa.

The children will bring a collection envelope home in a few weeks so that donations can be taken to church for the Harvest Service on Thursday 10th October.



Dates for the diary

Week beginning 16th September

Tuesday 17th September

Wednesday 18th September

Thursday 19th September

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Friday 20th September

Wednesday 9th October

Thursday 10th October

After school Clubs start

Y1 – Y6 Parent Meeting in the hall at 9:10am and 2:30pm

Reception Parent Meeting in the hall, 2:30pm

Keyboard and Guitar lessons to start with Mrs Wilshire

School photographer in school to take individual pupil photographs and siblings in school

Jeans for Genes Day to raise money for the charity

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

Harvest Service in church, staff and pupils only

Parent Consultation dates:

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

Friday 25th October

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Monday 4th November

Tuesday 5th November

Dress Down Friday for the Alnwick District Food Bank

School finishes for the half term break

Teacher Training Day

School opens

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