



Longhoughton C of E Primary School
November 2021
Newsletter

I am not sure where the time goes; we have 4 weeks of the term left and it will be December next week!

Fundraising

Harvest Collection for Self Help Africa raised £125.55
Children in Need raised £142.85
Thank you so much for all your donations.



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 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/news/94697>

Retirement Announcement

Sadly, Mrs Woodhouse will be leaving school on Thursday 16th December as she is retiring at the end of term. Mrs Woodhouse has been at Longhoughton CE First/Primary School for a great number of years as a pupil, a parent, a volunteer, a grandparent and a much-valued member of staff. We wish her all the best in all that she does in the future.



COVID Update

We are continuing to follow Government guidance regarding hygiene and ventilation. We have received our carbon dioxide monitors from the Government and these are helping to ensure we have adequate ventilation. This does mean that classrooms can be cooler than usual, therefore children can wear additional layers.

Christmas Performances



Following advice and guidance from Northumberland Local Authority, based on the continuing number of cases of COVID within school aged children, we have had to make the decision that we will not be able to present a school performance again this year. Unfortunately, we cannot bring all of the children in school together and then invite parents in to watch.

I know that families will be disappointed with this news but the last thing we would want to do is bring a large number of people together in the school hall and spoil Christmas with family members being ill or having to isolate.

Once again, each class is going to record a Christmas song that will be shared with parents. We will let you know how the videos can be accessed during the final week of term.

Christmas Cards



As you will be aware we are trying to limit the number of items coming into school from home, therefore we are asking that the children **do not bring** Christmas cards into school to distribute to friends. If they would like to they can send one card to their class and this will be displayed in their class bubble.

This will also support our work as a biodiversity school that thinks about our effects on the planet.

Christmas Lunch & Party Day – Tuesday 7th December

Mrs Hinson and Miss Dodds will be serving Christmas Lunch on **Tuesday 7th December**. The children will have their Christmas lunch within their classes and there is no need to pre order.

The cost will be £2.30 for Key Stage 2 children.



RAF Boulmer are organising the Christmas Party again this year and it will take place in school on Tuesday 7th December. The children will play party games in the morning and RAF Boulmer have organised an entertainer and some party food for the afternoon.

The children can wear their own clothes.



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 Jack and the Beanstalk.

Friday 17th December - Dress Down Friday for Alnwick District Food Bank

As it is 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.



Dates for the diary:



w/c 29 th November	Advent Services in school
Tuesday 7 th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Party No Y3/4 curriculum rugby or rugby club after school
Thursday 9 th December	Final swimming session for St. Andrew Class
w/c 13 th December	Christmas Services in school
Monday 13 th December	Flu immunisations
Tuesday 14 th December	Y3/4 curriculum rugby & rugby club after school
Friday 17 th December	Dress Down Friday in aid of The Alnwick District Food Bank
Friday 17 th December	School closes, 3:15pm.
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 5 th January 2022	School re-opens

This newsletter can also be read on the school website –

www.longhoughton.northumberland.sch.uk – through the 'News & Events' link on the Home page