

Long Whatton C of E Primary School

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Live, Learn, Grow and Be Thankful



Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful summer and managed to have some time to recuperate. The children have settled well back into school and are enjoying their new classes. The children have been busy taking part in whole school Geography field work days, writing days and completed a day of our No Outsiders program.

I'd like to extend a special welcome to new pupils and parents who have joined us this academic year; I know that both you and your children will be very happy here. Thank you to our PTA for putting on the Tea and Tissues event to welcome us all back.

Please note below the dates for your diaries for the half term ahead. Please do come and join us for Reading Buddies and our Honours Assemblies.

12.09.24 - Shang Dynasty Workshop - Owls
17.09.24 - Religion Workshop - Diseworth Community Centre-Robins
01.10.24 - Individual/Sibling School Photographs
03.10.24 - School Census Day Lunch
07.10.24 - Grandparents Day Lunch
11.10.24 - Harvest Festival (2.30pm)
11.10.24 - PTA School Disco (6.00pm-7.30pm)
14th & 15th Oct 24 - Parents Evenings - (3.30pm-6.00pm)
18.10.24 - Break up for half term
01.11.24 - School Open Day (1-4pm)
11.11.24 - Remembrance Day Lunch
02.12.24 - Whole school Pantomime visit
06.12.24 - PTA School Disco (6.00pm-7.30pm)
3rd-6th Dec 24 - Bikeability - Owls
09.12.24 - Creswell Crags Trip - Robins
10.12.24 - Nativity - morning and evening performances
11.12.24 - Nasal Flu vaccinations (whole school)
12.12.24 - Carols by Candlelight (6.00pm at the church)
13.12.24 - PTA Christmas gift sale
18.12.24 - Christmas Party - Robins and Owls
19.12.24 - Christmas Party - Hedgehogs and Squirrels
20.12.24 - Break up for Christmas

HONOURS ASSEMBLY

13.09.24 - Reading Buddies: 2.30pm - 2.45pm
Honours Assembly: 2.45pm - 3.10pm
27.09.24 - Reading Buddies: 2.30pm - 2.45pm
Honours Assembly: 2.45pm - 3.10pm
08.11.24 - Reading Buddies: 2.30pm - 2.45pm
Honours Assembly: 2.45pm - 3.10pm
22.11.24 - Reading Buddies: 2.30pm - 2.45pm
Honours Assembly: 2.45pm - 3.10pm
13.12.24 - Reading Buddies: 2.30pm - 2.45pm
Honours Assembly: 2.45pm - 3.10pm

This year the children have the opportunity to be part of one of our active groups within the school. We held an assembly with the children last week to discuss the groups and the children have voted which group they would like to belong too. We will be revealing these next week. Here is a little more detail regarding each group:



Our SNAG (School Nutrition Action Group) look after our healthy tuckshop, the chickens and poly tunnel as well as awarding stickers in the dinner hall.



Our School Councillors help with school improvement across the school. This group will be showing around our new potential parents and children this year.



Our Global Neighbours group will be making an impact on the global community.



Our leading lights plan and assess our collective worship. They will also deliver worship over the year.



Our reading ambassadors will be leading on world book day and promoting reading across the school.

Happy Hedgehogs

The Hedgehogs have settled in really well. They have enjoyed picking produce in the poly-tunnel, exploring the outdoor environment and experiencing school lunches. Fun has been had by all.



Geography Fieldwork Day



The Squirrels, Robins and Owls had a fantastic day using their geography fieldwork skills: asking questions, collecting and representing data. The Squirrels explored the school grounds created maps, looked at human and physical features. The Robins went to the local brook measured the depth, looked at how it was formed, the water speed and local plant life. The Owls tackled the big question: Is Long Whatton School sustainable? They explored the school grounds recording their results, researched and gathered their facts which they presented to the rest of school.



No Outsiders

For 'No Outsiders' afternoon the Owls, Squirrels and Robins discussed diversity and inclusion, and celebrating difference. The Owls created an art piece that welcomes everyone. Squirrels focused on celebrating differences just like in the book 'Elmer'. The Robins created posters showing how welcome our school is.



Highlights from the Summer term

Spectacular Sport



This month the children have been busy participating in numerous sporting activities including, Quad Kid athletics at Charnwood College, with 7 children from the Robins taking part and 8 children from the Owls. A group of Owls tried their hand for a golf festival where they all had lots of fun learning new games. They all showed excellent teamwork and determination.



Summer Fayre Fun

Thank you to our PTA for organising this event which was a big success and enjoyed by all. There were a wide variety of stalls, rides and activities, including a visit from the fire service and a few Pokemon.

The Squirrels and Hedgehogs baked lots of goodies and treats. Their cakes and biscuits were very popular and didn't last long! The children also ran their own Welly Wanging stall where the competition was fierce! With wellies reaching great distances.

The School Council did an excellent job with the Teddy Tombola and the Guess the baby photos was a lot of fun.



World War at Long Whatton

The Owls have had a fantastic experience with 'Past Presents' learning all about World War I and World War II.



Zoo

The Hedgehogs Class had a super day exploring Twycross Zoo. Ending their 'Animal Safari' topic in style.



Forest Fun

The Squirrels and the Robins had a fantastic Forest School day, luckily missing the terrible weather. They built dens, made nature crowns, boats, enjoyed pond dipping and even lit fires! All the children showed excellent team work skills and had a great day.



We are really looking forward to the Autumn term ahead. Best wishes, Mrs Gray and The Long Whatton Team.