

Long Whatton C of E Primary School



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Live, Learn, Grow and Be Thankful

Welcome back to the summer term. I hope you and your families have had a lovely Easter and managed to have some well earned rest. Let's hope for some sunshine this term!

The summer term is always busy so I have included as many dates for your diary as possible. There are some changes to Honours Assemblies and Reading Buddies due to Key Stage 2 swimming.



Swimming

Key Stage 2 - due to other events the swimming has been split into 2 blocks of 4 weeks. Please check the dates carefully.

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| 11.04.24 | 06.06.24 |
| 18.04.24 | 13.06.24 |
| 25.04.24 | 20.06.24 |
| 02.05.24 | 27.06.24 |

HONOURS ASSEMBLY

Due to KS2 swimming on a Thursday afternoon, Honours Assembly has changed to a Friday afternoon (2.45-3.10pm)

Friday 19th April 2024

Friday 24th May 2024

Friday 28th June 2024

**** Please note that Reading Buddies will not be taking place this term ****

May Day



As part of our May Day celebrations this year, the children will need to bring along their own hobby horse ready for our traditional hobby horse race.

We will then race the horses and share our May Day dances with you all.

- 19.04.24 - (6.00-7.30pm) PTA School disco
- 23.04.24 - Owls trip to De Montfort Hall
- 30.04.24 - EYFS visit to places of worship
- 02.05.24 - Year 1 BeSkilled event at St Botolph's
- 03.05.24 - 1.30pm May Day celebrations
- 08.05.24 - PTA Bag2School collection day
- 09.05.24 - Year 5 BeSkilled event at St Botolph's
- 13.05.24 - Robins visit to New Walk Museum
- 15.05.24 - Class Groups and Whole School photos
- 17.05.24 - PTA Colour Run
- 20.05.24 - Hedgehogs trip to Twycross Zoo
- 21.05.24 - Owls World War I & II workshop
- 23.05.24 - Year 3 BeSkilled event at Thorpe Acre Juniors
- 24.05.24 - Break up for half term
- 03.06.24 - Return to school
- 06.06.24 - Hedgehogs BeSkilled event at St Botolph's
- 07.06.24 - 2.30pm Summer Fayre
- 11.06.24 - Robins visiting 'linked school' in Leicester
- 13.06.24 - Father's Day lunch
- 14.06.24 - PTA Father's Day gift sale
- 14.06.24 - Sports Day
- 19.06.24 - Year 2 BeSkilled event at Saint Hardulph's
- 21.06.24 - Year 4 BeSkilled event at Long Whatton
- 26.06.24 - Year 6 Drayton Manor trip
- 02.07.24 - Year 6 BeSkilled event at Saint Botolph's
- 4.07.24 and 5.07.24 - Transition days in new classes
- 08.07.24 - Owls performance and Year 6 leavers presentation
- 12.07.24 - Finish for the summer holidays

Sporting success



The children have been super busy with sport. A group of children from KS2 went to Woodcote Primary School for a gymnastics competition and did an amazing job.

Charnwood College hosted a hockey tournament for the 5/6 children and a Cross Country event for KS2. All of the children showed excellent sportsmanship and determination.

The annual Duathlon once again was a huge success. Despite the cold weather

all the children selected from across the BeSkilled group did an amazing job.

10 of the Robins attended the 'Change for all' sports festival and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Let's get designing

The children across the school have been busy being designers in Design & Technology. They have researched, experimented, created and evaluated their designs. The Owls have been designing bridges and the Squirrels beach huts — all showing excellent skills and creativity. Thank you to our Governor John Fitzgerald for coming in to help the Squirrels with their woodwork skills.



Extraordinary Easter!



Easter was a huge success with a very creative 'Messy Easter' afternoon where the children immersed themselves into different activities to learn more about this special occasion.

As well as Messy Easter the children delivered a beautiful Easter service including musicians, singing, performing and poetry which the parents were invited to enjoy.

Finally our Year 5 children went to Sutton Bonington to take part in the Easter Journey, an interactive workshop about the Easter story.



Mother's Day Lunch

On Thursday 14th March, we had our Mothering Day lunch which was a huge success. The children got to enjoy lunch with their special ladies as well as share stories afterwards.

Thank you to everyone who came in to enjoy this special occasion.

World Book Day!

The children got into their pyjamas to enjoy World Book day in comfort. They enjoyed stories, comics, books, audios and hot chocolate. Lots of fun was had by all.



Positive Social

Positive Social came in to visit the Owls, teachers and parents to talk about using social media and a positive and safe manner.



PTA Break the Rules Day!

The children thoroughly enjoyed 'Break the Rules Day'. They wore their favourite clothes and brought in their favourite cuddly toys which joined them while they worked.



Long Whatton in Bloom!

Spring is in the air. The daffodils the children planted earlier in the year have finally come out in bloom creating a beautiful sea of yellow to the village.



Astonishing Art

The Hedgehogs, Squirrels, Robins and Owls once again show cased their artwork in an exhibition for parents at the end of last term. They all did an amazing job showing how different artists had influenced them.

Thank you to all the parents who came to visit the children and their artwork.



Courageous Advocacy



The children went off timetable for our Courageous Advocacy Day. Across the school they have been learning about Alan Turing, Emmeline Pankhurst, Marcus Rashford and Queen Elizabeth II, which inspired the children to think about how they could become a courageous advocate.

All about Eid

In assembly we had a special guest who talked to the children about Islam, Ramadan and Eid which they thoroughly enjoyed.



We look forward to working with you this term. Best Wishes Mrs Gray and the Long Whatton Team.