

Long Whatton C of E Primary School



Newsletter 09.12.2021

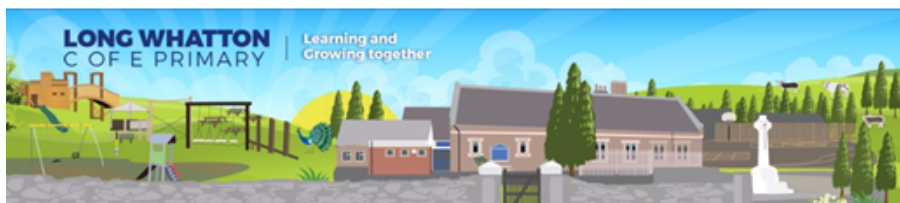
Live, Learn, Grow and Be Thankful

We have had such a lovely half term and the children are now very excited for Christmas. It was lovely to wave them off on school trips and watch the performances they have worked so hard on. But most importantly it has been lovely to have you all back with us again to watch their performances. Thank you for adhering to the school risk assessment and supporting us when we have sent out tickets. We have tried our very best to accommodate everyone whilst adhering to Government restrictions.

School has now been advised that members of staff and visitors are to wear masks again in communal spaces in school. Our risk assessment has again been updated.



- 10.12.21 - Christmas Lunch and Jumper day
- 13.12.21 - PTA Christmas gift sale
- 13.12.21 - 2.00pm Hedgehogs and Squirrels Christmas Party
- 14.12.21 - 2.00pm Robins and Owls Christmas Performance
- 14.12.21 - 5.30pm Robins and Owls Christmas Performance
- 15.12.21 - 2.00pm Robins and Owls Christmas Performance
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- 16.12.21 - 2.00pm Robins and Owls Christmas Party
- 17.12.21 - Finish for Christmas holiday
- 05.01.22 - Children return to school



Thank you so much for supporting the PTA with the Santa Run. The children had a lovely time. Thank you for your donations.

The orange bucket is in the entrance if there are any further sponsorship forms or donations to come in.

A huge thank you to Mr Slaney who organised the event.

Support, Inspire, Change, Make a difference!
Long Whatton Primary School Needs You!
A Parent Governor Vacancy will be advertised in the new year.

Did You know?

Governors are volunteers who work with our schools' senior leaders to set the culture, values and help to manage the budget. Through monitoring and support challenge, they make a real and noticeable difference to our children and the broader community.

You do not need an in depth knowledge of the education sector, just the time and desire to contribute positively. Your skills and work place knowledge have the potential to change lives.

It's challenging but rewarding work!

If you think you would like to be a Parent Governor, please complete an application when they are sent out in January.



Remembrance

We were so proud of our children on Remembrance Day. The children laid down the class wreaths on the village cenotaph and held a 2 minute silence to remember those who had lost their lives in conflict. Our Year 6 children read some thoughtful poems.



Children in Need

A huge thank you for your donations for Children in Need. We raised a grand total of £79.00.

Parent helper afternoon

A big thank you to Mrs Afonso for coming in to help in school. Mr Waite and Mrs Afonso were able to finish the gravel in the prayer garden. In the new year Mr Waite would still like some help to create the chicken run and put up a shed. We will send a new date in the new year.

Trips and Visitors

Our children have been so lucky this half term to be out on visits again and to have visitors on site. The Hedgehogs had a visit in school with Birds of Prey. They loved watching the birds fly.



Trips and Visitors

The Squirrels enjoyed finding out about space at the National Space Centre.



The Owls were lucky enough to go to the New Walk Museum to find out more about the Egyptians and visited the HTL church in Leicester to explore the big question 'Why do some people believe in God and some people don't.'



All of the children enjoyed the trip to Loughborough Town Hall to watch Aladdin at the pantomime.

Mrs Conway and the team were overwhelmed by your generosity for the Christmas shoe box appeal. 37 shoe boxes were donated. I know that children around the country will appreciate these gifts at Christmas.



Staffing update

Mrs Mayfield will be leaving us this Christmas as she is starting a new venture working for the family business. Mrs Mayfield will be running toddler clubs around the local area.

We wish Mrs Mayfield the best of luck in her new job and we are really excited for her.

She will still be coming along with us to the residential in February.

Thank you Mrs Mayfield for all of your hard work!

Mr Bicknell has now taken over from Mrs Conway and is settling in well with the Squirrels.

Mrs Plummer will be returning to school in January on Thursday's and Friday's in the Squirrels alongside Mr Bicknell. She will return full time after February half term.

We are looking forward to having Mrs Plummer back with us again.

Mrs Conway has had her baby. He is called Reuben and was born on Sunday 28th November. Mum and baby are both safe and well.



A huge congratulations to Mr and Mrs Conway!

As we reflect on 2021, and this Autumn term in particular, most of us agree it has been another challenging term. However, it has been amazing to see how our staff and parents found ways to overcome personal anxieties, fears and challenges in order to support each other and the children. It has been lovely to see a glimpse of normality this term.

We continue to adapt our practice and procedures and are sorry for any inconvenience that this entails. I cannot promise that the Spring term will be any less complex, but I am confident that our team will rise to that challenge.

I would like to wish you and your families a restful and peaceful break over the Christmas period and best wishes for a safe and prosperous New Year. Stay safe!

Mrs Gray and the Long Whatton Team