

# Long Whatton C of E Primary School

Newsletter 31/08/21



I would like to begin by saying a huge welcome to our new families who have started with us this academic year in the Hedgehogs and welcome back to the rest of our families. I hope you have had a lovely summer and a well earned rest. It has been so lovely to see to see all of our children again, they have settled back in to school so quickly.



After School **Clubs**

 **ClubsComplete**

This academic year school clubs will focus on catch up. We would like to support the children as much as possible to fill any gaps created due to lockdowns. The clubs will either have an English or Maths theme.

Tuesday- TT Rockstars club- years 3 and 4 with Miss Hellawell -.3.15-4.15

Tuesdays - Letter writing club- years 1 and 2 with Mrs Conway- 3.15-4.15

Wednesday- SATs club for year 6's with Mrs Norris- 3.15-4.15

Thursday- Newsletter club for year 5 with Miss Sharp 3.15-4.15

These clubs will start from week beginning 6th September. Please email the office to secure your child's place.

If you would like your children to attend a school club and be handed then over to clubs complete for further child-care then please email the office so that we know who we are handing to.

Clubs Complete have now started to run our breakfast and after school club this term . Thank you for supporting them by coming to their taster days in the summer. They are very keen to run more of their holiday clubs over the year.

After school for this half term they will be offering a range of activities including:

Monday- Craft Madness

Tuesday-Multi Sports

Wednesday- Bake Off

Thursday -Construction Club

Friday- Mad Lab

These can all be booked direct with Clubs Complete, their booking information can be found on the front page of the school website.



As Mr Lawson will be taking the children for Science and the children will be in the forest each week please can we ask you to bring in your child's forest school kit, along with their PE kit for the half term. We will of course send it home if it needs washing in between but we would prefer it to stay at school so that we can access our outdoor provision at all times in all weathers.



Thank you to our PTA for providing tea and tissues for our new parents, it is a wonderful way for our new parents to get to know each other.

I know the PTA are keen to provide activities for the children this year as guidelines and restrictions have become less restrictive. I know we are all looking forward to seeing our children have some fun together again!



23rd September will be individual and sibling photographs.

Class photographs will be taken in the summer.



The children have had a lovely start to break times and lunchtimes and are enjoying being able to play outside of their bubbles again.



We have begun to have our assemblies back altogether again in the school hall. It has been so lovely to have them again in person rather than online.

This half term we will continue to keep our Honours assembly just with the staff and children and again review our risk assessment as we approach the winter months. Although freedom day was announced over the summer schools still have government guidelines that we must follow in order to keep everyone as safe as possible.

You are still more than welcome to send in the children's achievements from home so that we can share them as a whole school. The dates for our Honours assemblies are:

Friday 3rd September 2021

Friday 17th September 2021

Friday 1st October 2021

Please drop any certificates from home into the office with their name on and the reason for their award.



### Drop Offs and Pick Ups

Thank you all for your support on drop offs and pick ups. The cones on the car park appear to be working well to keep the children safe.

Standing by the cones helps us to keep the children off the small path and also allows staff to still see who is coming in and out of school which is vital for safeguarding our children.

I really value the feedback I receive from you on how the drop offs are working as we again navigate a new way of working.



**Mrs Lois Sarson**  
Teaching Assistant

After a high number of applicants for our teaching assistant post we are pleased to welcome Mrs Sarson to the team this academic year. She will primarily be working in the Squirrels.

We are really looking forward to working with you all this year.

If you have any questions or suggestions please email the office and we can either answer via email or book an appointment for you with the appropriate person.

Best Wishes

Mrs Gray and the Long Whatton Team