

Long Whatton C of E Primary School



Newsletter 07.09.22

Live, Learn, Grow and Be Thankful

A huge welcome to all of our parents and families that are either starting with us this year or returning for the Autumn term. I hope you have all had a lovely summer, managed to enjoy the sunshine and taken some time to relax.

The children have made friends in their new classes and settled back into school already. We are excited to start the Autumn term with you.



We have recently been notified that we had the highest Key Stage 2 SATs results in North West Leicestershire in 2022. I am extremely proud of the children and the team who taught them over the years.

We are very grateful to the parents of our previous Year 6 cohort who read regularly with their children which enabled us to have 100% of our children pass the reading SATs and 50% of them to have received the grade of greater depth. Without parental support over the years this would not have been possible.

Please support us as much as possible by reading with your child 4 times per week. This allows your child to practise fluency so that we can work on the comprehension of what they are reading at school.

We will be leading workshops on supporting reading at home over the autumn term.

I would like to say a huge thank you to those parents and grandparents who kindly volunteered their time to come into school to read with your child over the summer term. Again this helps your child to become fluent in reading.

If you would like to join our team of parent and grandparent readers please contact the office and Mrs Axon will add you to our list. If you could spare any time, even just an hour we would be so grateful.

Please read with your child 4 x per week and record this in their reading record.

Please can you ensure that **book bags** are used for reading bags so that class teachers can access the books and reading records quickly. Teaching staff are really busy and do not have time for either the child or themselves to hunt through rucksacks. The PTA do kindly donate a book bag to all new starters each year.

This term we will continue to celebrate our children's achievements fortnightly in our Honours assemblies. We would love our families to join us again for these assemblies. These assemblies will start at 2.45pm.

We would also like to invite our families back to reading buddies. These sessions will start at 2.30pm and will be held before our Honour assemblies. The children will be split into their house groups and will be reading with a partner. You are more than welcome to come into school and join us for these sessions.

Dates for these sessions

Friday 9th September:

2.30pm-2.45pm Reading buddies

2.45pm-3.10pm Honours Assembly

Friday 23rd September:

2.30pm-2.45pm Reading buddies

2.45pm-3.10pm Honours Assembly

Friday 7th October:

2.30pm-2.45pm Reading buddies

2.45pm-3.10pm Honours Assembly



I would like to thank the PTA for organising the tea and tissues event for our parents last week. It was lovely to see so many parents there.



Google classrooms for Squirrels, Robins and Hedgehogs will be set up and running from the 16th September. You will be able to access homework on the classroom. Reading books will be sent home this week. The children are currently being assessed in reading.



After school clubs (run by school) Google Form links will be sent out next week and will begin in week beginning 19th September and will run for the whole term. These will include:

Tuesday - Key stage 2 SATs Club- Mrs Plummer 3.15-4.15pm

Tuesday - Newsletter Club - Years 2-6 - Miss Sharp 3.15-4.15pm

Wednesday - Forest School Club-Years 3-6 - Miss Hellawell 3.15-4.15pm

Thursday lunchtime -Young Voices - Mrs Levenston - Years 3-6

Thursday - Cooking Club - Mrs Conway - Years 1 & 2—3.15pm-4.15pm

Book Clubs Complete directly with them using the link below:

<https://myclub.clubscomplete.co.uk/settings/long-whatton-primary-school>



Monday: Multi Sports

Tuesday: Nature Detective

Wednesday: Street Dance

Thursday: Mad Labs



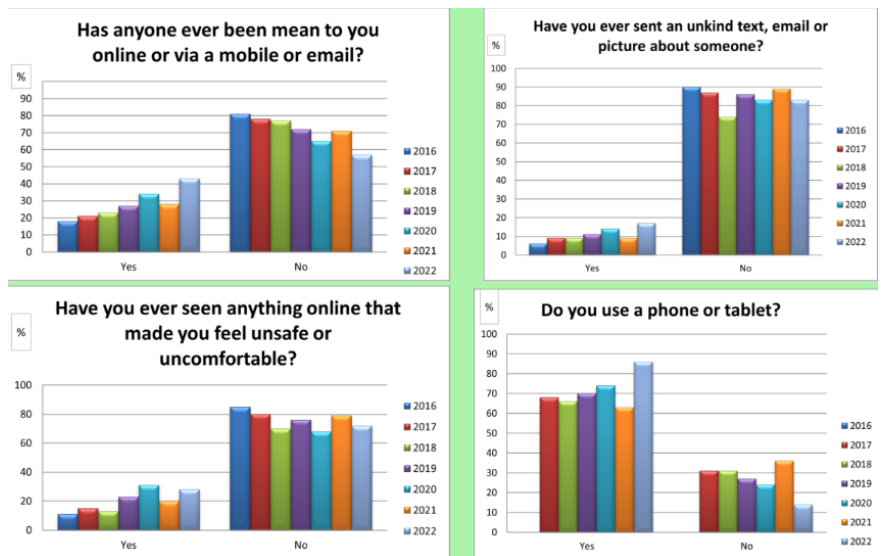
Our Harvest Festival will be held on 06.10.22 at 2.40pm.

Please bring in any donations for Shepshed foodbank on the 06.10.22 ready for the children to bring over to the church.

Each year our Year 6 children complete an online safety survey for Leicestershire County Council. County hall then compile the results and send them through to school.

There has been an increase in all four areas surveyed in this past year across Leicestershire. We will of course continue to work with our children in school on online safety and use of the internet. Please keep talking to your children about online safety. The NSPCC have some really useful resources to open these discussions at home.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>



We are really looking forward to working with you all again over the next half term.

Best wishes, Mrs Gray and the Long Whatton Team