



19th December 2019

Dear Parents,

The autumn term has once again been a busy one for Longney CE Primary Academy. A few of our events have included:

- Whole school visit to Westonbirt Arboretum.
- Sport which has again been a big part of our school life with the netball and football teams having some success in their leagues again. Pupils have had a chance to try Handball this year too. It has been a shame that some matches have had to be postponed but hopefully they will be played in the new year.
- Year 6 pupils taking part in a debating event.
- School Council visit to Randwick Primary School.
- Fundraising for Link Ethiopia, including the sponsored run!
- A thoroughly enjoyable Nativity performance by Swallow and Skylark.
- Whole school visit to the pantomime.
- Goldfinch singing carols to the residents at Queen Anne Court
- And the enjoyable Carols round the Campfire. Thank you for all the parents, families and friends who came to sing with us and to Mr Pritchard for organising the morning.

In our pupil surveys and conferencing this term, children have been overwhelmingly positive about coming to our school with 100% of Key Stage 2 pupils saying people at Longney CE Primary are friendly and 84% (53/63 pupils) saying they really enjoy school. 97% (61/63) said they learn new things in lessons. Our 'Expectations' afternoon sessions for parents were well attended and we will be following these up with further information sessions in the new year. We have had a focus on reading once again as this is the main driver to a child's academic success. We are grateful to the support our pupils get at home with their reading as this makes a real difference to their progress and also their enjoyment of books.

I would like to thank everyone who is involved in the life of our school and contributes to providing such a range of activities whether this is through extra-curricular clubs, fundraising activities or as part of the FOLS. The Promise Auction started off our year very well, we 'took over' the Junior House Parkrun, the Christmas Hamper was amazing and everyone enjoyed the Christmas Fayre. Thank you to everyone who works so hard to put these events on, we are very lucky to have such support from parents, governors and staff. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Christmas Fayre

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair. The children enjoyed making their Christmas gifts and we raised a fantastic £300 at the Fayre and £350 on the Christmas Hamper Raffle! Thank you to everyone for making this event such a success and for all the donations to the Christmas hamper.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

There will be no after school clubs the first week back apart from Choir. Please see the club letter.

Yours sincerely

Penny Howard
Headteacher

Dates for Spring Term 2020

Tuesday 7 th January	Back to school
Wednesday 8 th January	Swift class – indoor rowing
Thursday 9 th January	Goldfinch to Forest School
Wednesday 15 th January	Knex Challenge – Swift Class
Thursday 16 th January	Skylark and Swallow to Skillzone Young Voices concert No Forest School
Tuesday 21 st January	Skylark and Swallow to Birdland Goldfinch to Christingle at Gloucester Cathedral
Thursday 23 rd January	Swallow class to Forest School
Wednesday 29 th January	Swift Class to Skillzone
Thursday 30 th January	Skylark class to Forest School
Thursday 6 th February	Swift class to Forest School
Thursday 13 th February	Goldfinch to Forest School
Friday 14 th February	Break up for half term
Monday 24 th February	Inset Day
Thursday 27 th February	Swallow class to Forest School
Thursday 5 th March	Skylark to Forest School
Thursday 12 th March	Swift to Forest School
Thursday 19 th March	Goldfinch to Forest School
Monday 30 th March – Thursday 2 nd April	Swift Class to Morfa Bay residential trip
Friday 3 rd April	Break up for Easter holiday