

Building Community, Enriching Lives

Newsletter: 29th March 2023

#### **End of Term Round Up**

This has been a short but very busy half term that has included our Science Week, a Samba Day, Year 5 and 6 residential visit, Bikeability training, cricket coaching., an indoor rowing competition, World Book Day, our Dance Squad taking part in The Great Big Dance Off at the Wyvern Theatre in Swindon, FOLS Easter Fayre and a visit from the Carducci Quartet to round off this week! Yesterday, our Wildlife Quiz team played the first round of the Gloucestershire Wildlife Quiz against Whitminster School and came away with a win! I would like to thank the staff who work very hard provide these extra curricular activities for our pupils and we know that the children really enjoy their experiences beyond the classroom. Please visit our website for photos of activities. www.longney.gloucs.sch.uk

This term has also seen the appointment of our new Executive Headteacher and I know everyone is looking forward to meeting Miss Heather Francis next term when she will start to get to know our Longney community.

We also say goodbye to a member of staff this term. Mrs Gemma Taylor will be leaving us to take up a new post at Robinswood Primary School commencing after Easter. We wish her the best of luck with her new role.

#### Communication and Class Dojo Messages

As a legacy from Covid, we have still been using Class Dojo messenger for communication between parents and teachers. We have recently reviewed our communications and have decided that after Easter we will no longer be using the messaging part of this site. If you need to get a message to a member of staff, please send it via the

admin@longney.gloucs.sch.uk email address with 'FAO teacher's name' in the subject heading and the message will be forwarded.

#### School Dinners—Price Increase

Caterlink are increasing the cost of a school lunch to £.2.54 per day after Easter. This is due to the cost of food and staffing increasing dramatically over the last 12 months.

We are having to do a lot of payment chasing for hot lunches, please ensure that your child's Parentpay account is in credit <u>before</u> your child orders a hot lunch.

Please find attached menu for the Summer term.

### **Friends of Longney School**

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Easter Fayre last Friday either by helping or attending. We were lucky with the weather and the children thoroughly enjoyed entering the Easter bonnet and colouring competitions, the Easter egg hunt and the chocolate tombola!

Thank you to FOLS for organising the Mother's Day gifts too. Through the fundraising across the year, FOLS have reached their final target for the payment towards the canopy which has been erected in the adventure play area. The next round of fundraising will help restore and refurbish the outdoor play equipment.



#### Building Community, Enriching Lives

Newsletter: 29th March 2023





#### Science Week

During Science Week, pupils took part in a range of activities including workshops with Severn Trent and Gloucester Energy where they learned about the incinerator, looked at how different scientists worked, thought carefully about sustainability and our environment, built bird and bug houses and visited Forest Green Rovers.

Please look at the website for photos and recounts from our Year 6 pupils. Further photos and work will be posted to the class pages in due course.

http://www.longney.gloucs.sch.uk/web/science\_week\_2023/646543

## Regular Reader Awards

It has been lovely to see children enjoying Reading for Pleasure and earning lots of raffle tickets for their reading. This term's Regular Reader awards go to:

> Hunter, Mabel, Karys, Imogen, Alfie, Sophie & Freya

We hope you enjoy and sharing reading your new books!

## Forest School – Term 5 Tuesday mornings

Please ensure you child wears long trousers and has a long sleeve top and waterproof clothing for Forest School

18th April: Hedgehog Class

25th April: Rabbit Class

2<sup>nd</sup> May: Squirrel Class

9th May: Hedgehog Class

16th May: Fox Class

23rd May: Rabbit Class



# Building Community, Enriching Lives

Friday 31st March	Year 5 & 6 back from residential
	Last day of term 1.30 pm finish
Monday 17th April	Term 5 starts
Tuesday 18th April	Hedgehog Class Forest School
Tuesday 25th April	Rabbit Class Forest School
Monday 1st May	May Day Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2nd May	Squirrel Class Forest School
Monday 8th May	King's Coronation Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9th May	Hedgehog Class Forest School
	Year 6 SATs begin
Monday 15th May	Fox Class Swimming —1st session of 8 week block
	KS1 SATs begin
Tuesday 16th May	Fox Class Forest School
Sunday 21st May	Stonehouse Junior Parkrun takeover
Monday 22nd May	Fox Class Swimming
Tuesday 23rd May	Rabbit Class Forest School
Friday 26th May	Last day of term