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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year and an especially warm welcome to our new Reception pupils. I know you will make sure our new parents and children are given a Longney welcome and made to feel part of our community.

I hope you have all had a lovely summer and your children are rested and ready for the term ahead. We already have some exciting activities planned for this term including the Friends of Longney School (FOLS) Pet Show on Friday 21st September. This term we will be celebrating our Harvest festival, we have class trips planned and this year will be taking part in the Gloucester Lantern Parade in November.

PET SHOW

On Friday, 21st September, the Friends of Longney School (FOLS) will be holding the Pet Show. This is a social event and everyone is warmly invited; please come along and support it again. More details to follow soon.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

At Longney we offer instrumental lessons for guitar, keyboard, flute and clarinet. This year we are also offering Violin lessons with Mrs McCarthy.

LIVING VALUES

This term our Living Values are Respect and Generosity. Please find the Home – School Value sheet for Respect attached. There are ideas for you to explore with your child/children at home.

HEALTHY EATING - REMINDER

At Longney we encourage pupils to think about eating healthily.

Break times – If you want your child to have a snack please send fresh fruit, dried fruit, (not fruit winders as they are so sweet and sticky), or a healthy cereal bar. Please do not send loose nuts as they may choke on these in the playground. Sweets, chocolate and biscuits are not suitable for a mid-morning snack.

Lunch - All pupils in Class 1 and 2 are now entitled to a free school lunch. If, however, you do decide to send your child with a packed lunch – please try to include a variety of food groups for your child. We do notice a deterioration in behaviour in those children who have a lot of chocolate, cake and biscuits in their lunch box and not a lot else.

Water bottles - Pupils are encouraged to drink water during the day to keep them hydrated. All pupils should come to school with a labelled sports bottle. Only water is permitted during lesson time.

MEDICAL/DENTAL APPOINTMENTS IN SCHOOL TIME

If you need to collect your child during the school day for an appointment, please first go to Heidi in the office so she knows your child is going out for class. On return to school please would you again go to the office to check your child back in. This enables us to know exactly who is in school at any one time in case of an emergency e.g. fire

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

As you are aware, we work hard to ensure that all our pupils attend school and we are very grateful for your support in this area. The research demonstrates there is a direct correlation for children between attendance and achievement. We have always been very proud of our attendance.



If your child is unavoidably away from school due to illness, please phone Heidi in the office before 9.30am. If you know you will be late to pick up at 3pm due to traffic or some other problem, please also ring and let us know. If you need to request time out of school for your child, you must inform us in writing.

I am not able to authorise absence from school unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you do need to request time out of school for your child, please complete the absence from available from the office or on our website. Your request must be submitted two weeks prior to your child's absence.

Class registers are taken straight away and any pupil arriving after 8.50 am will be recorded as late. If your child is late after 9.00 am when registers have been close, a mark of unauthorised lateness will be recorded. Registers are scrutinised by the Education Welfare Officer and persistent lateness will be addressed.

MEDICINES

Medicines should be taken to the office in a labelled container which clearly states the child's name and dosage required and an authorisation form must be signed. If your child has a medicine that they self-administer, such as an inhaler, please send a note to school authorising the use and setting out clear dosage levels. We do not hold Calpol in school for general use.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Pupils at Longney look very smart in their uniform and this is part of the high expectations of the school. The dress code is a purple sweatshirt or cardigan, white polo shirt or white shirt or blouse, grey or black trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafore dress, purple gingham summer dress and black shoes. Trainers are not considered suitable footwear for the whole school day.

Watches and one set of plain studs or sleepers are the only jewellery that may be worn and long hair should be tied back. Both of these are for health and safety reasons. Nail varnish is not acceptable in school.

Please ensure pupils do not wear bracelets of any type including loom bands to school.

P.E. KIT

All the children need to have their kit in school every day. Years 3 to 6 will need their football boots and trainers as well so that they can take part in PE on the Maze throughout the year. All classes will need trainers, please to not send dabs in as they get wet very.

WELLINGTON BOOTS

We allow the children to play on the Maze and in the Adventure play area at lunchtimes unless it has been very wet as long as they have their wellington boots in school. Please ensure a named pair of wellingtons are on the class wellie rack every day.

FOREST SCHOOL

When your child's class attends their Forest School session (approximately once every four weeks), they may come to school in the clothes they are going to wear for the session. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately as these sessions take place in nearly all weathers and the children will be outside for the whole morning. Two pairs of socks are good with wellington boots along with a spare pair in case they get wet. Jeans are not recommended as they take a long time to dry if they get wet and this leggings are not suitable. Please make sure your child brings a coat on these days.

Please ensure all uniform/clothing is named.

Yours sincerely
Penny Howard
Headteacher



Provisional Term 1 and 2 2018

Thursday 6 th September	Swift Class to Forest School
Friday 7 th September	Swimming starts – Swift Class
	No Parents' Celebration Worship this week
Monday 10 th September	Clubs start this week (not archery)
Wednesday 12 th September	Swift Class – Life Education Mobile Classroom
Friday 14 th September	Parents' Celebration Worship – 2.40 p.m.
Wednesday 19 th September	Skylark and Swallow to Berkeley Castle
Thursday 20 th September	Swallow Class to Forest School
Monday 24 th September	Individual Photos –a.m Harvest Festival – p.m
Wednesday 26 th September	Parents Evening
Thursday 27 th September	Skylark Class to Forest School
Friday 28 th September	Goldfinch Class to STEAM museum
Monday 1 st October	Parents evening
Thursday 4 th October	Swift to Forest School
Tuesday 9 th October	Swift Class – Knex Challenge
Thursday 11 th October	Skylark Class to Forest School
Thursday 18 th October	Break up for half term
Friday 19 th October	Inset day
Monday 29 th October	Back to school
Wednesday 31 st October	Indoor rowing starts for Swift class
Thursday 1 st November	Swallow to Forest School
Thursday 8 th November	Book Fair in School
Sunday 18 th November	Lantern Procession, Gloucester
Thursday 22 nd November	Skylark to Forest School
Friday 23 rd November	Year 6 to Police Headquarters – Online Safety session
Thursday 29 th November	Swallow Class to Forest School
Tuesday 11 th December	Christmas Disco 1.30 pm
Friday 14 th December	Whole school visit to the Pantomime, Everyman Theatre
Friday 21 st December	End of term – Celebration Collective Worship in St Laurence's Church at 1.30 pm

