

# Weekly Newsletter

22nd November 2024



## Message from the Head

### AUTUMN TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### Severe weather plan

This week saw the first snow of the season. The children had great fun building snow men at break time and playing in the snow. A reminder please, if we have snowy conditions again, could all children come wearing welly boots, gloves and a hat. We want to make the most of the excitement snow brings and it's best enjoyed when dressed for the occasion!

If we have deep snow that means it isn't safe for staff or parents/ carers and children to get to school, we may need to close the school. If that was the case, you would be notified by email as early as possible and a message will appear on our website. We are very much hoping this will not be the case but check the website by 7.50am if you are unsure.

#### Breakfast and After School Club Cancellations

As you appreciate, we have a very flexible system with After School Club which most schools do not adopt. This means you are able to book based on requirement as long as the space is booked by 10pm the night before. Unfortunately, unless you inform us of a cancellation before 10pm the night before you have booked a club then we will not be able to offer a refund for the place. Places and staffing are fixed at this time and we are unable to fill your child's space at such late notice. Apologies for the inconvenience.

#### Christmas Fair Saturday 7th December

The PTA have some very exciting plans for this year's Christmas fair, including farm animals, present wrapping and the ever popular bottle tombola. Please save the date for this important day in our calendar as our biggest fundraiser of the year. Thank you to everyone who brought a small gift for today's non uniform day. The next one is on Friday 6th December (bring a bottle). If you are able to help for even an hour on the day, please sign up on the PTA section of the newsletter. Many thanks.

Kind regards, Mrs Laura Whateley

### Values Award

*Kindness, Respect, Resilience*

#### Class 1

**Freja** for demonstrating resilience by persevering with a tricky board game until the end.

#### Class 2

**Francesca** shows all of our values but this week particularly for being resilient in her learning, especially English and maths.

#### Class 3

**Jasmine** for showing resilience in her excellent work in English.

#### Class 4

**Paige** for her exceptional kindness and thoughtful approach to supporting a friend.

#### Class 5

**Georgie** for always being respectful, ready to learn, and putting 100% effort into everything.

### House points

Larks 193

Martins 227

Swifts 134

**Congratulations to the Martins!**

### Attendance this week

Class 1 90.6%

Class 2 95.4%

Class 3 93.0%

Class 4 95.3%

Class 5 96.4% Well Done!

**Whole School Attendance this year: 94.4%**

**Target for this year: 96%**

### KS2 TT rock stars competition

Congratulations to Class 3, the highest scoring class.

Class 5 winner was Savannah

Class 4 winner was Jack A

Class 3 winner was Finley M

These children were presented with a certificate in assembly today.

The overall winner was Finley M. Well done to everyone who took part!

### Milk - Spring Term

[Click here](#) for details of milk orders for next term. Please can you ensure that if you would like your child to have milk that the jotform is completed and payment, where applicable, is made.



*'Together we grow and flourish with hope'*



### Coming Up

#### Monday 25th November

- Gardening Club
- French (KS2)
- Gymnastics Club

#### Tuesday 26th November

- Summer sports (KS1 & KS2)
- Tennis (KS1 & KS2)

#### Wednesday 27th November

- Multisport Club (KS1 & KS2)

#### Thursday 28th November

- Girls Football - lunchtime
- Game on Football Club (KS2)
- Netball (KS1 & KS2)
- French (KS1)
- Piano and guitar lessons

#### Friday 29th November

- School Closed - Occasional Day

### Additional Information

For this week's letters [click on the image below ...](#)



### PTA Update



**Christmas Fair:** 7th December from 2-4 p.m.

We need volunteers to help us at the Christmas Fair, please sign up [here](#)

**Christmas Fair Cake Sale:** The PTA needs cakes! Drop off bakes at the school from 11 a.m. on December 7th or email [pta@longmarston.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pta@longmarston.herts.sch.uk) to drop off on Friday. Please ensure all items are nut free.

#### Parents' Holiday Craft Event

December 11th from 7:30 p.m.

Learn the Japanese art of **Furoshiki** - wrapping with fabric.



A fun and sustainable way of wrapping your Christmas gifts. Learn how to make the 3 main wraps. All materials provided. Tickets £15 including material and a drink and mince pie.

Please email

[pta@longmarston.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pta@longmarston.herts.sch.uk)

to join in.

### Dates

Date	Time	Event
Fri 29th Nov		Occasional Day - No school
Mon 2nd Dec		INSET DAY - No school
Weds 4th Dec		Advent service in Church
Fri 6th Dec		Non uniform—bring a bottle for the tombola
Sat 7th Dec	2-4pm	Christmas Fair
Mon 9th Dec		Class 1 and 2 Dress Rehearsal
Weds 11th Dec	9.30am	Class 1 and 2 play
Thurs 12th Dec	9.30am	Class 1 and 2 play
Weds 18th Dec		KS2 Christmas party
Weds 18th Dec		Whole school Christmas service in Church - parents welcome
Thurs 19th Dec		KS1 Christmas party
Fri 20th Dec		Christmas lunch
Fri 20th Dec		Last Day of term 1.30 finish
Mon 6th Jan		INSET Day
Tues 7th Jan		Children return to school

#### World Antimicrobial week

It's World Antimicrobial Awareness Week, 18<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The attached letter explains what antimicrobial resistance is and what parents can do to ensure that antibiotics are not used unnecessarily. The document has some links to resources which may be useful.

#### Christmas Lunch

The school Christmas lunch (traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings and a vegetarian Quorn option) will be on Friday 20th December 2024 (the last day of term). If your child doesn't usually have a school lunch on a Friday and would like the Christmas lunch please provide consent on Arbor. Payment will be taken automatically through Arbor. Junior Meal £3.20 and Infant meal £2.94.

#### KS1 Christmas Concert

Tickets are now available for the KS1 Christmas Concert held on the 11th (Class 1 parents) and 12th (Class 2 parents) December at 9:30 a.m. Please purchase on Arbor shop. If you have a problem attending one date, we will certainly see what we can do to accommodate you.



#### Class 4 Shang Dynasty

Just a reminder that we have a company coming into school for a fabulous workshop with Class 4 about the Shang Dynasty. Please can you make your voluntary contribution via Arbor.

If you have any questions or are unable to make this contribution, please don't hesitate to contact the office.

#### Raring2go Winter

##### Magazine

This edition has lots of ideas to help families have fun over the festive period.

Please [click](#) here for the full magazine.



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Monday 2nd December

Inset Day

