

Weekly Newsletter

8th November 2024



Message from the Head

AUTUMN TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

Class 3 Update

This week Class 3 has been taught by Mrs Rhodes (who teaches French Club and covers absence for us) and Mrs Whiting (who also teaches Class 4). Unfortunately, Mrs Stephenson broke her ankle over the holiday and will be out of action for the time being. Both Mrs Rhodes and Mrs Whiting know the school well and have started the half term positively with Class 3, supported ably by Miss Dell. We wish Mrs Stephenson a speedy recovery and I will update you when I know more about her return.



Remembrance



On Monday, our whole school will be marking Remembrance with a minute's silence. Children will be taking part in a Remembrance worship and Class 5 children will be walking to the Long Marston War Memorial to lay a wreath of remembrance which they have made with poppies and prayers.

Long Marston School was greatly affected by WW2. A stray bomb was dropped and landed directly on the school. The Infant Mistress was killed and the shop, directly opposite was destroyed. Ironically, a child who was evacuated here from London was also injured. This is what led to the 'new' Long Marston School building being built. The children are taught about this as part of our history curriculum. If you would like to know more about this local history, please follow the link [here](#).

Equality and Diversity Week

Next week, the children will be learning about equality and diversity across the curriculum. In PSHE, lessons are focussing on 'Celebrating Difference' including LGBT+. English lessons are focussing on texts from other cultures and classes will be learning about the history of Racism and 'Black Lives Matter'. Whilst this week raises these important issues, it is certainly not tokenistic, as these areas are also woven throughout our curriculum all year round.

Kind regards, *Mrs Laura Whateley*

Game On Schools' Cup

Just before half term Game On organised the 1st instalment of the Game On Schools Cup. Four times a year children compete in the School Cup and represent their house based on the sports we have been covering in PE. This term the competition was played in great spirits and everyone seemed to enjoy it. Below are the scores which have been shared in assembly.

House – Sport – Rounders	Points	Position
Larks	211	1 st
Swifts	176	2 nd
Martins	171	3 rd

The next instalment of the schools cup will take place after Christmas where we have our Cross Country event.

Class 3 - Film consent

Class 3 will be watching Matilda on Friday 15th November as they have been reading the text in class. As this is a PG rated film please could you provide consent for your child to be able to watch via Arbor.

Values Award

Kindness, Respect, Resilience

Class 1

Remy for demonstrating his resilience and independence daily.

Class 2

Chloe for showing resilience in all of her learning, especially English.

Class 3

Hendrix for being a helpful member of the class.

Class 4

Jessica for showing great resilience when questioned during her 'Dragons Den' pitch.

Class 5

Ben for his resilience in learning which has led to making amazing progress in reading!

House points

Larks 96
Martins 100
Swifts 91

Congratulations to the Martins!

Attendance this week

Class 1 91.9%
Class 2 98.6% Well Done!
Class 3 93.1%
Class 4 93.5%
Class 5 95.4%

Whole School Attendance this year: 94.3%

Target for this year: 96%



'Together we grow and flourish with hope'



Coming Up

Monday 11th November

- Gardening Club
- French (KS2)
- Gymnastics Club

Tuesday 12th November

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

Wednesday 13th November

- Multisport Club (KS1 & KS2)

Thursday 14th November

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

Friday 15th November

- Drum Lessons
- French (KS2)

Additional Information

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



Class 1 gate in the morning

Class 1 are trying to encourage the children to say goodbye to parents/carers at the blue Class 1 garden gate in the morning. We have said to the children it is definitely a target for all Reception children, but also the Nursery children that are settled and have been coming for some time.

We want to encourage their independence. Additionally, some children find a bustling cloakroom very overwhelming, and we are trying to support them too. Many thanks for your help in encouraging this independence. We've been very impressed by how many have managed this already. Mrs Garner Veal.

PTA Update

Christmas Art Project: Thank you for all the support, this fundraiser raised £179! All artwork has been sent for production and orders will arrive early December.

Neon Party: Rescheduled to February 8th

Christmas Fair: 7th December from 2-4 p.m. Volunteers needed for the event and donations for raffle items would be greatly appreciated. Please contact pta@longmarston.herts.sch.uk if you can help.

Parents Holiday Craft Event

December 11th from 7:30 p.m.

Bored of battling the sellotape? Learn the Japanese art of Furoshiki - wrapping with fabric. A fun and sustainable way of wrapping your Christmas gifts. Materials provided. NO experience needed. Learn how to make the 3 main wraps. All materials provided. Extra materials to buy available. Tickets £15 including material and a drink and mince pie 🍷🍷🍷🍷



KS2 TT Rock Stars Competition

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, we are taking part in a friendly competition involving schools in England. The competition runs from 7.30am Tuesday 12th November 2024 to 19.30pm on Thursday 14th November 2024. It's all done via play.ttrockstars.com. Children can play in any game mode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and their school a point. The Times Table Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average. Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

To support player wellbeing, there is a daily limit of 60 minutes per player. In other words each player can earn competition points for up to 60 minutes between 7.30am-19.30pm on Tuesday 12th November to 19.30pm on Thursday 14th November. Once the player goes beyond the 60 minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but no longer earning towards the competition. In the spirit of competition please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans.

Dates

Date	Time	Event
w/c 11th Nov		Equality and Diversity Week
Weds 20th Nov		Bags to school, 9am drop off
Weds 20th Nov	1.30	Open afternoon for 2025, R and N Parents
Fri 29th Nov		Occasional Day - NO school
Mon 2nd Dec		INSET DAY - No school
Weds 4th Dec		Advent service in Church
Sat 7th Dec		Christmas Fair
Mon 9th Dec		Class 1 and 2 Dress Rehearsal
Weds 11th Dec	9.30	Class 1 and 2 play
Thurs 12th Dec	9.30	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



Open Afternoon

Wednesday 20th November at 1.30pm, open afternoon for prospective parents of children who will join Nursery and Reception in 2025.

Stop Means Stop Campaign

Some lollipop men and women across Hertfordshire will be wearing a bright 'stop means stop' tabard this November (4/11/2024 – 15/11/2024). The 'stop means stop' campaign is run to remind drivers how important it is to stop for a patrol, who keep you and your children safe every time you cross the road.

Further information about this campaign can be found in the supporting letters.

Gymnastics Club

We are excited to announce that we have secured a new company to provide a Gymnastics club after school - The London Ballet Company. This will be available for all children aged 4 and over. Sessions will take place on Monday after school 3.15-4.15pm.

If you would like your child to attend please book them onto club [here](#).



Bags to School - clear out old clothes
Wednesday 20th November 9am

