

# Weekly Newsletter

18th October 2024



## Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

### AUTUMN TERM

#### Apple Parade



Huge thanks to everyone who came along to the Apple Parade on Saturday. We had 30 Long Marston children taking part, which was fantastic to see.

We didn't win the scarecrow competition this year but everyone had a great time taking part.

#### Toyhub

We are acutely aware that we are living in financially challenging times, particularly with the cost of living increase and the ever rising energy prices. We know that there will be many parents/carers within our school community who will be approaching the expensive Christmas period with financial worries. Long Marston has, in recent years, worked alongside Toy Hub (a local charity) and secured some gift bundles for our families who may need some extra help at Christmas. These gift bundles vary by pupil age, gender and interest and Toyhub even hope to include wrapping paper. Gifts in the past have included things like board games, puzzles, construction toys, soft toys, stocking fillers and books.

We would like to open up the offer of these Toyhub gifts to all our parents / carers, so if you are struggling financially this Christmas and would like a few extra gifts for your child, please email: [head@longmarston.herts.sch.uk](mailto:head@longmarston.herts.sch.uk), in strictest confidence.

Please ensure you add TOY HUB in your email's subject line and it would be very helpful if you could also let me know your child's interests. This includes any children aged 0-16 in your family, not just those at Long Marston. Toyhub try to match up gift donations as best they can. Areas of interest might be Sports, Music, Art & Craft, Puzzles & Games, Dolls, Books, Lego, science etc. The deadline for requests is **Friday 8th November**, please email me before this day.

All requests are treated in the strictest confidence and no names are shared with Toyhub. Gifts can be collected from the school office without your child's knowledge.

If you are in a position to be able to support this charity, donations can be made [here](#). Maybe you might be like to volunteer with the charity? - further information can be found here [Link to volunteering with ToyHub](#)

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### Values Award

*Kindness, Respect, Resilience*

#### Class 1

**Chester** for lovely kind and inclusive play.

#### Class 2

**Harrison** for showing respect and resilience in all his learning.

#### Class 3

**Iqra** for showing kindness when helping a friend write a poem.

#### Class 4

**Finley** for being a good role model with his respectful behavior in class.

#### Class 5

**Ruby** for her resilience in all her learning and applying what she knows to different problems.

### House points

**Larks 123**

**Martins 172**

**Swifts 141**

**Congratulations to the**

**Martins!**

### Attendance this week

**Class 1 90.8%**

**Class 2 85.2%**

**Class 3 98.9% Well Done!**

**Class 4 94.6%**

**Class 5 98.0%**

**Whole School Attendance this year: 94.7%**

**Target for this year: 96%**



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18th October 2024 continued.



*Headteacher's update continued...*

ToyHub Message:

Our offer of support applies to families who claim free school meals (FSM) or qualify for pupil premium (PP) and any other benefit. IT ALSO APPLIES to families who do not currently qualify for FSM or PP (or any other benefit). One of the reasons we think it's really important to support schools so we can provide support to these families, who otherwise wouldn't qualify. Will the gifts be new? Your delivery will contain a mix of new and nearly new gifts. We hope to be able to provide one new gift per child. Subject to donations received. We make sure any nearly new gifts are in great, working, condition with no missing pieces.

### Headteacher Award

Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded the Headteacher's award for this half term. This is a prestigious award for children who have gone above and beyond to demonstrate our school values. I look forward to meeting with them all next Tuesday for a delicious afternoon tea to celebrate.

Class 1's award goes to Bobby. Bobby has grown in maturity and demonstrates a kind approach to his peers. He can be relied upon to help others if they need help, include others in his play and he says kind things to make people feel happy. Bobby has shown resilience this term, adapting to new and varied routines, approaching each situation with determination. He tries his hardest and to do his best. Well, done Bobby!

Theo has had an amazing start to the year and deserves this half term's award. He is a very patient child who is happy to help his peers and the adults in class 2. Theo enjoys all of the challenges he is set and completes all tasks to a high standard. He listens well to new learning and applies this to his work which is always beautifully presented. Theo has a great sense of humour and enjoys being with his friends. Through everything that he does, Theo demonstrates the school values. Well done Theo, another great start to the year.

Class 3 has chosen David for this half term's award. David is a kind and gentle member of Class 3. He works hard in all his lessons and enjoys a challenge, always producing his best work. He is kind to other children and is very respectful. In fact, he shows our school values of respect, resilience and kindness every day. Well done David.

Class 4's Headteacher's award goes to Jack C. We have been extremely impressed with the mature, calm and settled way in which Jack has begun Year 5. He consistently sets a great example to his classmates with careful listening, good focus and making maximum effort in all his work. Well done Jack, a great start to the year!

Class 5's Headteacher award goes to Georgie. Georgie is exceptionally hardworking, demonstrating a great amount of resilience; she always produces work of the very highest standard. Georgie can always be relied upon to be doing the right thing and is an excellent role model to others across the school. She shows care and kindness to all those around her. She is proactive and always notices things that need to be done and offers to help. Well done Georgie!

I look forward to having tea with all these children next week.

Last week it was lovely to see everyone in their non-uniform and I am pleased to say we raised **£139.39 for the CGD Society**.

Kind regards,  
Laura Whateley



**Thursday 31st October @ 5.30 to 8pm ish**

Hot Dogs and Prayers at All Saints Church, Long Marston.

If you are out and about on Halloween, call in for refreshments, donate some sweets to Foodbank, and light a candle to remember those we love.

More info Rev Jane [jane@tringteamparish.org.uk](mailto:jane@tringteamparish.org.uk) (Tel: 01442 822170)



## Coming Up

### Monday 21st October

- Gymnastics
- Gardening Club
- French (KS2)

### Tuesday 22nd October

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

### Wednesday 23rd October

- Multisport Club (KS1 & KS2)

### Thursday 24th October

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

### Friday 25th October

- Drum Lessons

## Additional Information

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



### Monday 21st October 1.30pm

Open afternoon for prospective Nursery and Reception parents. If you have a child who will be starting school next September, or who will be turning 3 before September, please come along to meet the Headteacher and have guided tours from some of our older children to find out more about life at Long Marston.

### PTA update

**Reminder.** Please place orders and return Christmas card artwork to school by 23rd October 2024. We can not accept any late orders. Orders will be delivered by the beginning of December (see last week's newsletter for more information).

Get free money for the school with Easy fundraising. Easyfundraising partners with over 7,000 brands including Argos, Boots, TUI and M&S who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. **It won't cost you any extra.** The cost is covered by the brand. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/longmarstonschool/>

### Flu Immunisations

Please see this week's letters for the E-consent letter of how to consent to your child's flu vaccination on 6th November 2024. Please note that you can consent for either the Flu nasal spray, OR the non-gelatin IM Flu vaccine. Please make sure you complete the form online as soon as you can. The portal will close 48 hours ahead of the Flu session.

[Vaccination UK East Anglia Immunisation \(schoolvaccination.uk\)](http://vaccination.uk)

Flu can be very unpleasant for children and can sometimes cause serious problems, such as pneumonia. Children can catch and spread flu easily. Vaccinating them also helps protect others who are at higher risk of getting seriously ill from flu, such as babies and older people.

Please be aware that children can NOT receive this vaccination with their GP unless they are clinically vulnerable.

### Class 5 - Film Consent

Class 5 would like to watch 'Holes' next week as a part of our study of the book in English this half term. As the film is rated a PG, please could you log on to Arbor and give your permission for your child to watch the film. We will be watching it in class on the afternoon of Wednesday 23rd October, so please complete permission by 5:00pm on Tuesday 22nd. Thank you!

## Dates

| Date                | Time | Event  |
|---------------------|------|--|
| Mon 21st Oct        | 1.30 | Open afternoon for R and N '25 parents                     |
| Tues 22nd Oct       |      | Headteacher afternoon tea                                  |
| Thurs 24th Oct      |      | Perform Workshop to Class 1 and 2                          |
| Fri 25th Oct        | 3.15 | Break up for half term. No After School Club .             |
|                     |      | <b>HALF TERM</b>   |
| Mon 4th Nov         |      | Children return to school                                  |
| Thursday 7th Nov    |      | Class 4 Forest School starts                               |
| w/c 11th Nov        |      | Equality and Diversity Week                                |
| <b>Fri 29th Nov</b> |      | <b>Occasional Day - No school</b>                          |
| <b>Mon 1st Dec</b>  |      | <b>INSET DAY - No school</b>                               |
| 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                               |
| <b>5th Jan</b>      |      | <b>INSET Day</b>   |
| 6th Jan             |      | Children return to school                                  |

### Class 3 cake sale total

Thank you to everyone who brought in cakes for the Class 3 cake sale and those who bought them. We raised £137.75 for Class 3 funds!

### Class 4 forest school

A reminder that Class 4 have forest school starting Thursday 7th November and every Thursday for next half term. The children need to come dressed for the weather with suitable waterproofs and footwear.



### Book Wishlist

We are currently aiming to update all class bookshelves with a range of books celebrating diversity. Please do take a look at our [wishlist](#) and consider purchasing a book for us! The school then receive 25% of the book price as a credit to spend on more books.

### Forest school volunteers

Letters are being sent home today. We would very much appreciate some parent volunteers to assist with the sessions (morning session 9.30-12pm, afternoon session 12.45-3pm). If you can help with any session please contact the office.

### Author Visit - Hannah Peck

She is coming to talk about her wonderful new book – The River Thief. A fantastic book that involves a remarkable friendship, a close-guarded secret and a quest to the sea.

She will be signing books for the children at the event.

IMPORTANT – Parents, you can order her books from Our Bookshop- click below including your child's name & class as a reference.  
<https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/the-river-thief/>



**End of half term**  
**Friday 25th October**

