

Weekly Newsletter

27th September 2024



Message from the Head

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Dear Parents and Carers,

[Google Classroom and Parent Workshops](#)

This week, children have been given their updated logins for Google Classroom, which is where teachers post useful information and communicate. In the last week, your child should have come home with a QR code / emoji login card, Class 1 + 2 children will also have printed instructions. KS2 children have been taught how to use these in school, instructions are attached to this newsletter for reference. I am flagging this as it's a really important way that teachers communicate with you about upcoming events and learning.

This is especially important for Class 1 parents. For Class 1 children, all of their home learning and updates about what children have covered in school is shared on Google Classroom, enabling you to talk to your children about what they learnt at school that day. At the parent workshop for Class 1 parents, Mrs Garner Veal and I will be telling you more about our reading programme and how we teach it. You will have the opportunity to see your child's phonics lesson (both Nursery and Reception), before the training, so you understand how it works in practice. The training videos for phonics and sounds the children have been learning will also be posted on Google Classroom.

For the workshops for Classes 2 to 5, you will be taking part in a lesson with your child and learning a bit more about what your child gets up to each day. A reminder of the dates for workshops are as follows:

30th Sept 9-10 - Class 5
 Tues 1st Oct 9-10 - Class 4
 Weds 2nd Oct 9-10 - Class 2
 Fri 4th Oct 9-10 - Class 3
 Mon 7th Oct 9-10 - Class 1

We look forward to seeing you there.

Links to sign up to parents' evening will be coming out in next week's newsletter.

I hope you have a lovely, rain-free weekend,

Kind regards, *Mrs Laura Whateley*

[Dr Kathy Weston – Raising Children in a Digital World](#)

Please see letter attached about a presentation by Dr Kathy Weston at Tring School on Thursday 17th October at 6pm for all parents of children at Tring schools.

[School Council Elections](#)

School council elections will be held on Monday next week. If children are keen to be councillors, they need to prepare a short speech explaining why they would be good candidates. The class will then vote anonymously. School councillors lead on environmental issues and raise pupil voice across the school.

[TT Rock Stars](#)

It's great to see so many of you engaging with TTRS. We've had a notification that some of you may be using an old version of TTRS. Please follow the advice below so that you are using the most up-to-date version. It's important that children use the latest versions of the APP and website to ensure they receive the most secure, feature-rich and enjoyable experience of Times Tables Rock Stars. Some of the versions are so far behind that they're missing out on key updates. If using the website at home, please visit: play.ttrockstars.com/reset

to load the latest version in your device's browser. Otherwise please update the Times Tables Rock Stars app from the app store.

Many thanks Laura Annett (Maths leader)

[Crossing Astrope Lane](#)

Please be careful when crossing Astrope Lane on your way to school as the visibility is limited due to an overgrown hedge on the Marston Court Side.

[MacMillan Coffee Morning](#)

Saturday 28th September 10.30-12.00
 All Saints Church, Long Marston.

Values Award

Kindness, Respect, Resilience

Class 1

Charlotte - for awesome kindness sharing the resources and inviting others to play with her.

Class 2

Luella for being resilient in all of her learning.

Class 3

John-Paul for showing kindness to all of his class.

Class 4

Jack for demonstrating all our school values with his mature, sensible and hard-working attitude.

Class 5

Liam for his resilience when planning his writing this week—super focus and determination and lots of ideas.

House points

Larks 150
Martins 174
Swifts 229

Congratulations to the Swifts!

Attendance this week

Class 1 93.4%
Class 2 93.5%
Class 3 98.1% **Well Done!**
Class 4 92.4%
Class 5 96.9%

Whole School Attendance this year: 95.1%

Target for this year: 96%



Coming Up

Monday 30th September

- Gymnastics
- Gardening Club

Tuesday 1st October

- Summer sports (KS1 & KS2)
- Tennis (KS1 & KS2)
- Game on Football Club (KS1)

Wednesday 2nd October

- Multisport Club (KS1 & KS2)

Thursday 3rd October

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

Friday 4th October

- French (KS2)
- Drum Lessons

Additional Information

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



Tring Apple Parade Saturday 12th October Reminder to Sign Up

This year, Long Marston children have been invited to walk in the Tring Apple parade. We will be running a scarecrow club at lunchtimes to make our scarecrow to walk with in the parade. Some children who are walking in the parade will be invited to help make it.



We will be meeting at 10.10 outside The Old Church House (what3words ///copiers.sadly.bagpipes) on 12th October.

If your child is in Year N to Year 1 then they will need an adult to walk with them. If they are in Years 2-6 they can walk in the parade on their own, supervised by Mrs Whateley. The parade ends at the market where you can collect your child. The theme of the parade is 'Olympics' so children can come wearing any sports wear. If your child is keen to take part, please sign up via Arbor

Hertfordshire Survey into Supporting Children and Young Peoples' mental health Hertfordshire

Looking at the wellbeing and mental health support available for children and young people in Herts and would like to ask you a few questions about this. To take part please [click here](#).

Harvest Service Wednesday 9th October

Our Harvest Service is being held in school this year and we are asking children to bring donations for DENS, our local homeless charity. Please see below the DENS high needs list:

- Tinned Ham
- Tinned Corned beef
- Jars of cooking sauces
- Sponge puddings
- Custard
- Tinned rice pudding
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Vegetables
- Cereal bars
- Tea Bags
- Biscuits
- 200ml juice

Please no perishable items to be donated as DENS are unable to take and store these.

Dates for this half term

Date and time	Event
Mon 30th Sept	9-10 - Class 5 parent workshop
Tues 1st Oct	9-10- Class 4 parent workshop
Weds 2nd Oct	9-10 Class 2 parent workshop
Fri 4th Oct	9-10 Class 3 parent workshop - please bring vege knife, chopping board and a peeler
Mon 7th Oct	Year 4 pedestrian skills training 9-10- Class 1 parent workshop
Weds 9th Oct	Class 3 visit to St Albans Cathedral Whole school Harvest service in school—bring in food donations for DENS
Thurs 10th Oct	Class 3 cake sale
Fri 11th Oct	Non uniform day for CGD society - £1 donation
Sat 12th Oct 10.10	Tring Apple Parade children meet 10.10 The Old Church House. Dress in sports wear.
Mon 14th 3.30-6.00	Parents' evening in person in school
Weds 16th 5.00-7.30	Parents' evening online
Thurs 17th 6.00	Dr Kathy Weston— raising a child in a digital world presentation. Tring School.
Tues 22nd Oct	Headteacher afternoon tea
Thurs 24th Oct	Perform Workshop to Class 1 and 2
Fri 25th Oct	Break up for half term

Peanut Contamination—Important Information

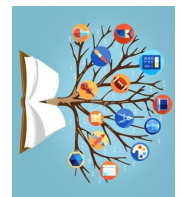
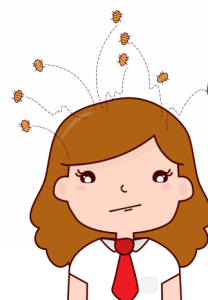
The FSA is advising people who have a peanut allergy to avoid consuming foods that contain or may contain mustard, mustard powder, or mustard flour because they may have been contaminated with peanuts. We can confirm that none of the ingredients used in school have been affected .



Nits/Headlice

Please check your child's hair today.

Could you please ensure that all children (girls and boys) with long hair long enough to be tied back have the means to do so throughout the school day. It is very easy for headlice to transfer between pupils. Headlice aren't fussy, they like clean and dirty hair, so it is therefore important you make regular weekly checks for nits or headlice.



Parent Workshops
w/c Monday 30th September 2024

