



LONGWELL GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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What's on in school next week:

Wednesday 28th—Road Safety Presentation to Years 3 and 6

Thursday 29th—Level 2 Cycle Training for Year 5 pupils

Thursday 29th—Dance and drama club presentation to parents at 4.30

Friday 30th—Dance and drama club presentation to the school at 9.15

Friday 30th—Level 1 Cycle Training for Year 4 pupils

Year 5 will be receiving Healthy Relationships education through the week.

What happened in school this week:

- *At last our cycle storage has been installed! We are delighted that children will be able to use this facility every day, and hope that this will encourage as many as possible to cycle. We have many children who have successfully undertaken cycle training and the weather looks fair, so cycling could be a popular option. We have provided cycle storage for 10% of the school population and I expect that we will be pretty full! Look out for an official opening soon.*
- *We had the BBC in school this week, filming for a new programme called 'A Wild Night In'. Several of our children were involved in the filming, which will help to raise money for conservation and wildlife. The programme is due to be shown on BBC2 at 8pm on 20th June.*
- *The first part of our new grounds development is being completed and it looks fabulous! It is a wonderful climbing structure that will help to promote active and imaginative play. Thanks to Mrs Tancock, mother of Daniel in Year 5, who secured an RBS 'Supergrounds' grant that has funded the work.*
- *Unfortunately the air traffic problems have impacted on the school, with Miss May, Year 6 teacher, being stranded in Miami, and visiting Ugandan farmers unable to fly to the UK. Hopefully now that the problems seem to have been sorted out we can look forward to Miss May and the Ugandan farmers joining us soon.*

Friends of Longwell Green meeting

Just a reminder that the closing date for applications for the position of Chair of Friends of Longwell Green is Monday 26 April 2010. Please send applications into the office. The EGM to elect the new chair will be on Wednesday 28th April at 7.15— all parents are encouraged to attend. Thank you

Homework meeting for parents

I met with some parents on Thursday to gather some information about homework; I am holding another meeting on **Wednesday 5th May at 6.30** and hope that parents can come along and share their thoughts about current homework and possible future plans.

Parenting Courses

There are new parenting courses starting in May. Details are available from Jenny Hatcliffe, Family Mentor or in the family and community room. A parent who attended one of the last courses has given very positive feedback. The course was very useful, gave lots of new ideas about dealing with behaviour issues and good to meet other parents with the same issues and realise you are not alone with parenting issues.

Update from Eco Council

Morrison's Vouchers

Thank you to everyone who helped us collect Morrison's vouchers. We have just received the gardening equipment and greenhouse that we were able to order.

School Allotment

We are getting ready for the growing season in our allotments. Each year group is responsible for a raised bed and a particular crop. We would welcome cuttings or seeds, especially of flowers to attract butterflies and insects and herbs.

We would like to ask for help from our school community. If you are free on the afternoons of Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday next week (26th, 27th or 28th April) and can spare an hour or so, and have a garden fork or spade, we would love to have your help in the school allotment. We need help specifically with the slightly heavier work such as digging in our delivery of well rotted horse manure (thank you Horseworld!) and turning over the contents of the compost bins.

If you have some spare time on any of those afternoons please see Mrs Murdoch in M1 to make arrangements.

Jewellery and Papercraft Workshops

Evening jewellery making and papercraft workshops starting soon.

Make and customise your own jewellery using a variety of techniques and materials.

Create cards, scrapbooks, decorations etc without the costly outlay for tools/equipment or learn new techniques from fellow crafters!

Contact Di on 07876208247 to book a place for either or both classes.

South Gloucestershire Singers

Do you like singing? Are you 9-13 years old? Come and join us.

Summer term starts 26th April 2010 at Little Stoke Primary School 6.00-7.30 pm.

Application forms can be downloaded at www.southglos.gov.uk@music-service or call Music Service on 01454 863147 to request an application form by post.

There are no auditions and no membership fees.

Keynsham Fun Run and Road Race

The fun run is due to take place at Cadbury's Sports Ground in Keynsham on the 16th May at 10.00 am. It is a great event and youngsters can run 1, 2 or 3 miles around the Cadbury's Sports Ground.

This year sponsorship money raised will be shared equally between Teenage Cancer Trust Southwest and Keynsham Scout Group.

Entry forms for the fun run and road race can be obtained by visiting the road race website at www.1stkeynshamscouts.org.uk/roadrace.

Literacy for Parents

Would you like the opportunity to improve your literacy skills and to achieve a qualification equivalent to a GCSE?

If so, this FREE 10 week course is for you!

Starting on Thursday 29th April 2010 at 6.30pm until 8.30pm, at Mangotsfield Secondary School, Rodway Hill, Mangotsfield BS16 9LH

For further details and to reserve a place, please telephone Teresa on 01454 864619.