



## LONGWELL GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL - Newsletter No 2

‘Creating an inspirational learning community for all’

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Newsletter Date: : 16th September 2011

### What’s in your newsletter this week:

- Parents focus groups
- Family Mentor
- Introduction to the Classroom meetings
- Staff Absence
- Starting School in September 2012
- After School Clubs
- School News
- FOLG Nearly New Sale
- Community news

### What’s on in school next week:

- Wednesday, 21st - Introduction to the Classroom - see separate item for times
- Thursday 22nd, School Council Elections (results will be announced on Friday 23rd)
- Thursday 22nd, Year 4 are having a special Bike It literacy workshop

### What happened in school this week:

- *Year 6 have been on their residential trip to Stone Farm near Dartmoor. They have been providing regular updates on Twitter and the school website. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their time at the Eden Project and on Dartmoor, as well as looking after the animals on the farm. They will be telling us all about it in an assembly on*

*23rd September at 9.15*

*(parents welcome to attend)*

- *We held our parents’ meeting on the school behaviour policy on Wednesday. There was a good mixture of parents, staff and governors and a positive sense of steps being taken to ensure behaviour is excellent around school. One message that the parents at the meeting would like to share with other parents is about the use of inappropriate language in the playground by adults*

‘BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY  
AROUND CHILDREN- OUR SCHOOL  
IS A SWEARING FREE ZONE’

### *New focus groups for parents*

#### *Behaviour Policy focus group*

Some of the parents at the behaviour policy meeting agreed to join a focus group to help the school continue to monitor the effectiveness of the policy. This group will meet before Christmas and then again twice in the year in the early evening time slot.

We also have two other focus groups starting:

#### *The reporting to parents focus group*

This group will help the school develop a new process for how we report children’s progress to parents. We want to see if the end of year report can be improved and you may want to make a suggestion or two!

#### *The newsletter focus group*

This group will give the school advice on the newsletter; contents, layout etc

If you would like to join any of these focus groups please sign and return the reply slips at the of this newsletter.. Thank you!

## Family Mentor at Longwell Green School

Jenny Hatcliffe, Family Mentor, is available to discuss any school or family issues at the following times:

Tuesday from 3.30 pm  
Thursday from 3.00 pm  
Friday from 2.00 pm

Please contact the school office if you would like to make an appointment to see her.

### Introduction to the Classroom - Wednesday, 21st September

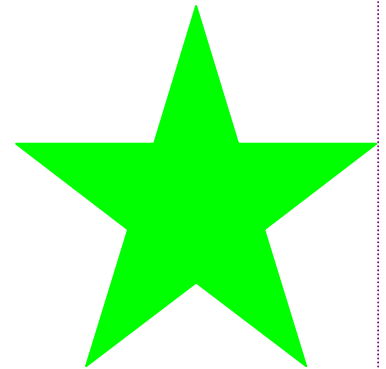
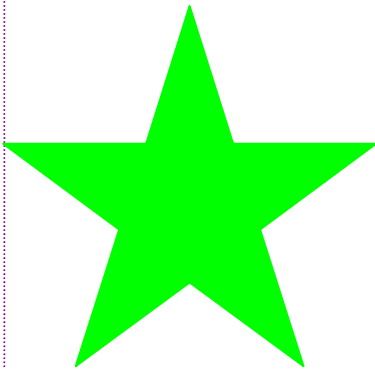
Next Wednesday all parents are invited to attend introductory meetings in their child's class (with the exception of Foundation Stage who will make separate arrangements). These meetings give parents the opportunity to learn more about the structure and timings for the year ahead and meet their child's class teacher. The times will be as follows:

**Years 2, 4 and 6 - 5.30 pm and Years 1, 3 and 5 - 6.00 pm**

Staff Absence next week:

Monday, Miss Wood will be away and Mrs Saunders will be in W2

Thursday morning, Miss Ryman will be in L1 - Miss Lock will be training



***STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2012?***

**Mr Sibley, the Staff and Children**

**of**

**Longwell Green School**

**invite you to visit our school on**

**TUESDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2011**

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – 2011/12**

<b>Club</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Year Groups</b>	<b>Organiser</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Time</b>
Sports Heroes	Monday	Y2, Y3	Sports 1 <sup>st</sup>	School Hall	3.15- 4.15 pm
Gymnastics/ Cheerleading	Tuesday	Y1 – Y6	Kingswood Gym	School Hall	3.20-4.20 pm
Football	Tuesday	Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6	Raphael Burke	Field	3.20-4.20 pm
Dance & Drama	Thursday	Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6	Mrs Stewart	School Hall	3.20 – 5.00 pm
Football	Thursday	Y1, Y2	Raphael Burke	Field	3.20 – 4.20 pm

**Please note that no after school clubs will be running on the following dates:  
18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October 2011 and 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

**School News**

Congratulations ..... To Levi in M5 and her family on the arrival this week of a new baby brother!!

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Last chance to enter the Summer holiday photography project. **A reminder**– you can take part in the summer holiday photography project. We would like you to take eight photos, each photo to feature one of these themes: **LIGHT, ANIMALS, FAMILY, WATER, HAPPINESS, TRAVEL, NUMBER, FOOD**. You can either print the photos off and send them into school, or email them to school for us to print off. Entries must close next week.

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Missing gold box - a member of staff has lost a gold cardboard box which was last seen in the staffroom. This item went missing on Tuesday, 6th September, and its contents are of tremendous sentimental value. If you have come across or seen this item please contact the school office. Thank you.

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Earlier this year we produced a leaflet giving information about the support we can provide to separated families. If you would like a copy of this guidance please call at the school office.

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Football trials for Year 6 will take place next Friday, 23rd September.

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Congratulations to Keely from B3 who gained her 25 metre swim badge on 15th sept 2011. Keep it up Keely!!

### Friends of Longwell Green - Nearly New Sale

The next Quality Nearly New Sale is on Saturday 8th October 2011 commencing 12noon to 1.30pm. On sale are nursery items (e.g.cots, prams, stair gates), children's toys, games, outdoor play equipment and clothes. Seller packs will be available from Monday 26th September. If you wish to become a seller or would like to volunteer to help at the sale, please contact FOLGS on <tel:07947315824> or email: [qualitynearlynewsale@live.co.uk](mailto:qualitynearlynewsale@live.co.uk)

### After School Gymnastics Club

Kingswood Gymnastics still have spaces available for gym and cheer-leading for reception to year 5 children held on Tuesdays 3.00pm—4.05pm.



Morrisons Let's Grow vouchers are now back in store. Please ask friends and family to collect all they can and send them into school.

Thank you



## Circuit 16 JUNIOR CHOIR



***Does your child enjoy singing and making new friends?***

The choir is open to boys and girls aged 7-12 years (school yr 3 – 8) Circuit 16 is a well established group and has won many awards and competitions since it began in 1996.

Rehearsals are held each Friday during term time at Kingswood Congregational Church, Hanham Rd, Bristol. 5pm – 6pm.

Please visit our website to find out more - [www.circuit16.co.uk](http://www.circuit16.co.uk)

**No audition required. Just a love of singing.**

If you would like to sing with us, please contact

**Cara Clark (musical director)**

**0117 9600214**

## *Macmillan Cancer Care Coffee Morning*

*Is being held on Friday 30th September  
between 10.00 am and 12pm  
In the United Church (under Busy Bees)*

*Donations of cakes and raffle prizes would be gratefully received. Please either pass them to Michelle Litchfield, Michelle Weeks or Louise Parsons. Alternatively, a box will be situated in the Family Room to collect any donations.*

*Please pop along—it would be lovely to see you.*

*Contact Michelle Litchfield 07813070543 with any queries.*

### **Are you a Circus Star?**

Did you join the summer reading challenge at the library this year?

Have you finished and collected your certificate and medal?  
Congratulations if you have but if you haven't there is still time.....

### **REPLY SLIP FOR PARENT FOCUS GROUPS**

I would like to put my name forward for one of the parent focus groups:

Name: .....

Child/Children: ..... Class: .....

The group(s) I would be most interested in is:

Behaviour Policy focus group

Reporting to Parents focus group

Newsletter focus group