



LONGWELL GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL - Newsletter

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What's in your newsletter this week:

- Year 6 News
- Staff Absence
- Attendance matters
- Strike action
- Courtesy Cup
- Christmas Tombola
- Facebook
- Community notices
- Update from FOLG

What's on in school next week:

- **Monday**, 9.15 Celebrating Talent assembly
- **Monday**, 3.30 Football home against Our Lady of Lourdes
- **Monday**, 4.30 Newsletter Focus Group meeting for parents
- **Thursday**, 4.00 pm Open Afternoon for Reception classes in 2012
- **Friday**, 2.15 pm Year 6 Personal Challenge

What happened in school this week:

On Friday, we all wore spots to raise lots of money for Children in Need - more details next week.



Year 6 children have been involved in the Active Play Project with Bristol University. The physical activity of each child is measured and used within the university for research purposes.

We had 5 male visitors on Tuesday who spent the day in school finding out what it would be like to be a teacher in a primary school. They are at present working in other areas and are considering a career move under a scheme to bring more men into teaching.

Staff Absence next week:

Tuesday am, Miss Rogers is absent - Mrs Streatfield will be covering in RR
Friday, Mrs Phillips will be away all day, Mrs Perez will be in PPR
Friday afternoon Mrs Harris will be away, Mr Handley will be in H4

Year 6 News

Personal Challenge

Year 6 parents, friends and families are warmly invited to come and see the children's Personal Challenge work on the topic of Ancient Egypt next Friday, 25th November. The Year 6 classrooms will be open from 2.15pm. We look forward to seeing you then.

Mental Maths Support Session

This will be held on Tuesday, 29th November, from 3.30 pm - 4.15 pm - see separate letter.

Attendance Matters

Congratulations to W2 (KS1) and M5 (KS2) who achieved the highest attendance in term 1; also to the 213 pupils who managed 100% attendance in term 1.

This week your child will be bringing home the Attendance Leaflet - Information for Parents. Please take the time to read through the procedures for letting school know if your child is absent. Just a reminder that holidays taken in terms 1 and 5 will not be authorised.

POTENTIAL STRIKE

You will have heard in the media about a day of action to be held on 30th November. The following unions are involved: NUT, ATL, NAHT, NASUWT, UNISON, UNITE and GMB. As yet we do not know how the school will be affected, but parents may want to make alternative child care arrangements for the 30th November in case staff take part in the action. We will confirm arrangements for the day in next week's newsletter.

Courtesy Cup

Children saying please and thank you, holding open doors and politely asking adults how they are– we are seeing a lot of these things in school because the children want to win the Courtesy Cup for their class, which is presented weekly.

The winners so far have been:

3.11.11 £3

10.11.11 £1

17.11.11 W2



Oldfield School - Out of Hours Learning Opportunities

In the Family Room we have leaflets from Oldfield School for classes from Age 5+ in the following:

‘Raise your Voice’ - a group to focus on developing the skills of speaking and acquiring personal self-confidence

KS2 Boys and Girls Dance Club

Judo Club

Please call in to pick up a leaflet if you are interested.

Christmas tombola

Children - please bring in your festive jars ready for Saturday's Christmas Fayre. Decorate an old jar or clear plastic tub and put in some sweets. Your teachers will keep them in class until Friday



Mini Messiah Family Concert

Bristol Choral Society are promoting a concert at the Colston Hall on Saturday, 26th November from 4.30 pm. Accompanied children under 18 are admitted free, further details are available in the Family Room.

For ticket and other information visit www.bristolchoral.co.uk or www.colstonhall.org or telephone 0117 922 3686.

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We have become aware that some of the older children in school have a Facebook account. Our E-Safety guidance requires us to inform all parents that children under 13 should not be accessing Facebook and we strongly encourage parents to closely supervise children's on-line activities at home. Thank you.

Gymnastics After School Club

The Tuesday after school gymnastics club will be holding a display for parents of those who attend the club on **Tuesday, 13th December, at 3.30 pm**

Childcare Information

If you would like information about local providers of childcare facilities from 8am to 6pm, please contact Jenny Hatcliffe, Family Mentor, who has a comprehensive list.



UPDATE FROM FRIENDS



A big thank you to all the sellers, helpers and people who came to buy new books at our book sale last weekend. We sold over 720 books and purchased 124 books for School (these were chosen by the teachers and will benefit all year groups)

**FESTIVE FAYRE PREPARATION EVENING—
WEDNESDAY 23RD NOV FROM 7:30pm IN SCHOOL—
ALL WELCOME TO COME ALONG TO HELP**

FESTIVE FAYRE—Don't forget to complete your helpers forms—without your help we will not be able to run all our stalls. If you can spare an hour, please leave your details with the school office or e-mail Longwellgreenfriends@googlemail.com

Don't forget to purchase your grotto tickets—complete your form and leave with the school office or in the FOLGS post-box.



SOFT TOYS WANTED

Do you have any good quality cuddly toys you would like to donate for the Festive Fayre—if so, please leave them in the School Office before Wed 23rd Nov—Thanks

If any parent/carer would like to receive a copy of the weekly newsletter in large print, Braille or a language other than English please enquire at the school office.