



LONGWELL GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL -

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‘Creating an inspirational learning community for all’

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Welcome to our new look weekly newsletter. Following a very useful meeting of the Newsletter Focus Group on Monday we have changed the format to make it easier for parents and carers to identify the most important school information. Page 1 will give details of important school information, such as diary dates and staff absence; Page 2 will have more general school news such as football and visit reports, followed by community news. Any feedback on this new format is most welcome.

Industrial Action - Wednesday, 30th November

You may be aware that a number of public sector trades unions have balloted for industrial action in connection with the government's proposals to introduce fundamental changes to the relevant pension schemes. Members of the unions involved are being called upon to take strike action on Wednesday 30 November 2011.

This is proposed as a national day of action and the dispute is not with the school or local authority. The majority of teaching staff and a significant number of support staff in schools are in the membership of one of the unions proposing strike action.

I have given consideration to the anticipated impact of the strike action including the associated health and safety implications and I am writing to inform you that **School will be closed to all children on Wednesday 30th November 2011.**

Next week's events

Monday, 3.30pm Football match against The Park at Longwell Green School

Tuesday, 3.30 pm - 4.15 pm Year 6 Mental Maths Support Session for parents

Wednesday, School Closed

Thursday, Wessex Water visiting Year 5

Thursday, Year 6 Health Screening

Friday, Guitar assembly 9.15 am - **all parents/carers of guitarists welcome**

Staff Absence for w/c 28th November 2011

Monday, Mr Barton will be away from school in the afternoon, B6 will be taken by Mr Horn **Thursday**, Mrs Murdoch will be away from class, Miss Ryman will be in M2

Friday, Miss Flook will be away from school all day, Mrs Saunders will be in F1

Friday, Mrs Harris will be having specialist maths teacher training in the afternoon, Mr Horn will be in H4

Parking and Traffic Congestion

As parents are already aware there are some major gas works going on around the school; this is adding to the disruption and congestion which already exists with parents dropping off and picking up from school. This work is likely to be going on until after Christmas.

We have seen parents parking on zigzags, double yellow lines, corners and pavements which puts the safety of all our school community at risk. Please could you exercise additional care during this time and, if possible, use the parking facilities at the United Church, Harvester pub or the Community Centre.

Parents who are identified as parking inappropriately may be contacted directly by school. The PCSO is monitoring the situation.

Staff & Visitors Car Park

Polite reminder that the staff and visitors' car park is not to be used by parents dropping off and collecting children from school. This does not apply to the disabled parking space.

KS2 Carol Service

We would like to remind parents and friends that this will take place in the United Church at Longwell Green on Tuesday 13th December at 10.30 am. We will be rehearsing in the church on the morning of Monday 12th. On both these days the children will walk in supervised class lines to and from the church.

If you do not give your consent for this, please contact your child's teacher by Friday 9 December. Information about the community carols event on 14th December can be found in a separate letter in this week's Friday Folder.

SCHOOL NEWS

Children in Need - Friday, 18th November

On Children in Need day Longwell Green School dressed up in spots, we decided to "wear spots, raise lots" for Children in Need. We raised £279.00! Thank you to everyone who donated.



We had a special assembly and even the teachers wore spots, even if it was only a tie! We all like not having to wear our school uniform.

Longwell Green School always likes to celebrate!

By Emily and Sam (H4)
(Earth Zone Publicity Officers)

Football Match against St Annes - 17th November

Longwell Green travelled to St Annes for their third match. St Annes started the game, we were playing very well, we passed the ball to Joe who ran down the wing and cut in and shot and scored bottom corner. St Annes had the kick off and were passing it about when Charlie E intercepted and ran down the wing, crossed it and Luke had a shot at the edge of the box but it went over. The goalie took the goal kick and it fell to Charlie E who ran down the middle of the pitch and had a big shot and scored.

Second Half

St Annes were having shots and out of nowhere had a shot at goal. Charlie K couldn't get to it and it rolled in bottom corner; the score was 2-1, after that both teams had shots but none of them went in.

Man of the match: Tom Hill

Thank you very much to Mrs Davies for organising the match

By Charlie E and
Matthew C6



School Christmas Lunch

On Friday, 9th December the school kitchen will be serving a traditional Christmas Lunch.



For this week only the usual Friday lunch of Fish Fingers will be served on Thursday, 8th December.

The menu for Christmas lunch will be as follows:

Traditional Roast Turkey
with sage and onion stuffing
chipolata sausage wrapped in bacon

Vegetarian Option - Courgette and Red Pepper Tart

Rosemary Roasted Potatoes
Glazed Carrots
Garden Peas
Brussels Sprouts
Gravy
Cranberry Sauce

A choice of puddings:

Chocolate Yule Sponge with custard or cream
Vicarage Pudding with custard or cream
Fresh Fruit Salad with ice cream

If your child would like to stay to Christmas Lunch please send the correct money (£1.70) into school in an enveloped marked with their name and class on Monday, 5th December.

If you have already paid for the term, Christmas Lunch has been included.

Christmas Boxes for Romania

Thank you to everyone who prepared a Christmas Box for transportation to children in Romania. A total of 46 boxes were donated and these have now been collected by The Eleanor Childrens' Charitable Trust.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Tree Dressing Event

Kingswood Park (next to the Tennis Courts)
Saturday, 3rd December
10.00 - 1.00 pm

This is a fun family event (entry free) which will involve, tree dressing, bird feeder making workshop and orchard planting. There will also be a cycle fun trail on the way to the workshop for more information phone Brian on 01454 862296 or visit www.southg.os.gov.uk/A4L and follow the links to Active 4 Life for families.

Andrews Estate Agents are at it again.....

With Christmas well and truly on the horizon, property group Andrews is looking to beat its EAF fundraising achievements from last year, as the company today begins a month of festive fundraising. Here is where Longwell Green school and the children can help us by entering our competition to draw a wintery picture. There will be prizes to be confirmed.



www.andrewsonline.co.uk

ANDREW'S CHRISTMAS COLOURING COMPETITION



Draw your house in a winter/Christmas scene. (Feature an 'Andrews' board for bonus points)!

20p Per entry. All proceeds will help the homeless at Christmas.



- Entries to be handed in at school office or directly to Andrews Estate Agents.
- Draw will be made on Friday 16th December at the Cake Stand after school.

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