



LONGWELL GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL - Newsletter

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‘Creating an inspirational learning community for all’

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What's in your newsletter this week:

- Miss Christelle Picard
- Free School Meals
- Harvest Service
- FOLG AGM
- Sian Rollings, PCSO
- Staff absence
- Community news
- Report on Year 4 Bike It workshop
- FS and KS1 coffee and cake afternoon

What's on in school next week:

- Monday, Celebrating Talent assembly
- Tuesday, Explore Learning in B3
- Tuesday, 2.15 pm Open Afternoon for parents of children due to start school in 2012
- Tuesday, 7.30 FOLG AGM
- Thursday, Individual photographs, FS year group, as well as B6, C6 and L3

Miss Christelle Picard

Next week we will be welcoming Christelle into school as a French assistant; she will be working with all classes and will be with us until July next year.

I hope you will join us in welcoming her to the Longwell Green School community.

What happened in school this week:

Year 5 children have been on a residential visit to Hooke Court in Dorset; the weather has been wonderful and they have been involved in shelter building and a river walk. You can see more about their visit on our website.

Explore Learning have been working in L3 on maths problem solving

Free School Meals

I thought it would be timely to remind all parents of the basic criteria for free school meals. Even if your child does not have a hot school lunch, they may be entitled to other benefits such as help with school trips and additional resources may be available to them. If you meet any of the following criteria you may be entitled to claim free school meals:

- You are in receipt of income support or a Job Seekers Allowance (income-based)
- You are entitled to child tax credits with income no greater than £16,190. *If you receive working tax credit then you are not eligible*
- You receive the guarantee element of state pension credit

If you think you may be eligible you can download a form from the 'Do it now' section of the Free School Meals page at www.southglos.gov.uk or pick one up at the school office or telephone South Gloucestershire Council on 01454 868008.

Any enquiries about free school meals will be dealt with in the strictest confidence; please visit the school office if you would like to discuss this further.

Friends of Longwell Green School - Annual General Meeting will be held in School on Tuesday 4th October @ 7.30pm.

Everyone welcome.

Harvest Service - Friday, 14th October

Mrs Pam Blackmore, a Community Governor, will be leading this year's harvest service. We have again decided to support Julian House, a charity providing many different services to homeless men and women. Although they would be delighted to receive any donations of non perishable items they have given some suggestions of items which would be particularly helpful:

- **Toiletries (eg deodorant, razors, toothpaste)**
- **Canned items, in particular rice pudding, fruit, custard**
- **Tea and coffee**

Any donations should be brought into school on the Friday morning and taken to the hall.

Parents, carers and family members are welcome to attend our Harvest celebrations, the time will be confirmed next week.

Staff Absence next week:

Mrs Harris will be away on Monday afternoon, Tuesday and Friday for training as our Maths specialist teacher - Mr Horn will be covering H4

Message from our Police Community Support Officer - Sian Rollings

Hi, my name is Sian Rollings I am a Police Community Support Officer for Hanham and Longwell Green, most of you probably know me or have seen me around the school by now, but for the ones that don't I wanted to write a little bit about how I work with the school, pupils and parents.

I have worked closely with the school over the last school year, having began on the beat in May 2010, I aim to pop into the school at least once a week and have a chat to ensure all is going well and that the school have no issues or concerns either in school or out. I am the dedicated PCSO for the school meaning that I am a regular friendly face for all, I have carried out various talks to all pupils on topics such as personal safety, stranger danger, criminal damage and have had some good question and answer time from the pupils with some very imaginative questions! I have also been involved with parent's evening.

I aim to be a PCSO that the pupils can find approachable should they have any issues or just want to tell me how their day went, but this also applies for parents and guardians. Longwell Green Primary is probably one of the best schools in its situ for parking, I seem to encounter few problems, but its just a reminder for perhaps the new ones to ensure that parking is considerate to the residents and that most importantly the yellow zig-zag lines are not parked on, these are the for the safety of the pupils. I hope to carry out many more school talks and get involved with the school where possible. Please feel free to either approach me outside the school gates or give me call on 07917883883.

Many thanks Sian Rollings.

Author visits Year 4



On Thursday 22nd September author and film star John Chapman (he was in the first Star Wars film) came with Bike It Ryan to talk to both year 4 classes about his new book called Jonnie Rocket. He told us about how he loved riding his bike and how he used to enjoy going on amazing adventures. We read his first book and got a sneaky peep of his third book which hasn't been released yet. He helped us make up our own magical bike stories on story mountains and encouraged us to become authors. We thought it was lots of fun and exciting.

By Ollie, Lindsey and Emily

Avon Wildlife Trust
Autumnwatch Festival - Willsbridge
Mill
Sunday, 23rd October 2.00 - 5.00pm

- Free entry
- Music
- Fun family wildlife activities
- Apple pressing
- Cafe
- Market stalls
- Storytelling

Avon Valley Railway

The Avon Valley Railway's Santa Specials run on selected dates between 27th November and Christmas Eve. Tickets cost between £9 and £12 and include a steam train ride for everyone and a present from Father Christmas, on the train, for every child. We also offer special rates for groups of over 20 until 10th December. For details contact 0117 9325538 or

Performing Arts School at Longwell Green Community Centre

The Jamie Allen School of Performing Arts is open to children from 7 - 17 and runs on Sunday afternoons. If you would like more information visit www.jaspabristol.co.uk, telephone - 07557 680008 or email jaspainfo@gmail.com.

Dear Foundation Stage and Key Stage One
Parents,
You are invited to a
Coffee and Cake afternoon
on Friday 14th October at 2.15pm.
An opportunity to meet on
an informal basis.



Jenny Hatcliffe,
Family Mentor



Coffee and Cake afternoon, 14th October, 2.15 pm
Reply slip

I would like to attend the coffee and cake afternoon.

Name Child's name

Please return by Monday 10th October.