



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:

- Reporting to Parents Focus Group
- Children in Need
- Poppy Appeal
- Mr Farr
- Staff Absence
- School Visit costs
- Christmas Shoe Boxes
- Just Different Workshops
- Christmas Card Competition
- News from the Friends

What's on in school next week:

- **Tuesday**, Bristol Water visiting Year 5 in the morning
- **Wednesday**, 1.30 South Glos Road Safety Team “Be Safe Be Seen Assembly
- **Wednesday**, 7.30 FOLG committee meeting at school
- **Friday**, Non Uniform day - donations requested for Festive Fayre
- **Friday and Saturday**, FOLG Second hand book sale - see separate item

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

This year we will again be supporting the Royal British Legion by selling poppies in school; Year 6 children will be selling them during break times.



What happened in school this week:

- This week we launched our Courtesy Cup; this is a weekly award that goes to the class that shows the most courtesy around the school, including saying please and thank you, letting other people go first through a door, answering politely. We have a ‘mystery shopper’ each week who notices all these courteous behaviours and we will give out the cup on Fridays. I am pleased to say that the first winner of the Courtesy cup is

L3!

Well done to L3 and good luck to the other classes next week!

Reporting to parents focus group

This group held its first meeting on Thursday 3rd November. Four parents attended along with Mr Sibley from school. We discussed the timings and content of parents’ evenings and open afternoons, and the group agreed that these were well organised and helpful. We talked about the annual written report and some suggestions were made as to how we could make it more specific to individual children. We will develop some samples for the focus group to look at in future meetings and share the outcomes with parents.

Children in Need Appeal – 18th November 2011 “Wear spots - Raise lots!”

On Friday 18th November we will be trying to raise some money for Children in Need. Every year we always dress up in spots which is a nice easy way to make money for Children In Need. If you want to take part it will involve dressing head to toe in spots and bringing a silver coin into school as a donation.

School Council

Mr Farr

We have spoken to Mr Farr this week, he is continuing to receive intensive treatment but remains very positive and upbeat. He has asked us to convey his thanks to the whole school community for all the good wishes he has received.

Staff Absence next week:

Tuesday morning and Friday afternoon Mr Barton will be absent, Mrs Bush will be taking B6

School Visit costs for 2011-12

In accordance with the School's Charging Policy, please find outlined below details of the approximate amount of voluntary contributions that will be requested for each year group, for school visits, for the remainder of this academic year (residential visits are not included). The exact amount of voluntary contribution for each trip will be confirmed nearer the time I hope you will find this helpful:

	Visit	Term	Approximate Cost
Year 6	Play in a Day	2	£7.80
Year 6	Lifeskills	3	£10
Year 5	Sevington Victorian School	4	£12
Year 4	Swindon Steam	4	£15
Year 3	Roman Baths	3	£12
Year 2	Visit to the Seaside	6	£10
Year 1	Farm visit	5	£9
Reception	Blaise Castle	6	£5

Additional enrichment for all children - Explorer Dome in Term 3 - £3.00

The Friends of Longwell Green School kindly provide £5 for every child in school to help towards the cost of school visits; this amount will be deducted from the above when exact amounts are calculated.

Christmas Box Appeal

We are again this year supporting the Eleanor Children's Charitable Trust who send Christmas Shoe Boxes to Romania. If you would like to prepare a box please call at the office where we have some examples of gifts to send; you will also need a label to indicate if the gift is for a boy or girl and an envelope to send a donation of £2.50 which goes towards the cost of transport.

Boxes should be returned to the school office by Friday, 18th November as they will be collected for transportation the following week.

Just Different Workshops

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their sponsorship form, money and lovely pictures. If anyone else has been involved in a fundraising event for Just Different please send this into the office by the end of next week.

Kevin who carried out the workshops has sent the following message: "I would once again like to thank all of the children and staff at Longwell Green Primary School for making me feel so very welcome during my visit. I was very impressed at the enthusiasm shown by all the children and I really felt the Just Different workshops had a positive impact"

Chris Skidmore MP - Christmas Card Competition



Chris Skidmore, MP for Kingswood, is launching a Christmas Card competition for all primary school pupils within his constituency. Prizes will be given to the three winning designs and certificates will be issued to all children who take part. All entries will be displayed at the constituency offices leading up to Christmas.

- The theme of the Christmas card should be '*what Christmas means to you*'
- The reverse side of your entry must clearly show your full name, age and school.
- Please return your picture to the school office **no later than Thursday 10th November**
- Winning designs will be announced by Monday 28th November.

MUFTI DAY – FRIDAY 11th NOVEMBER

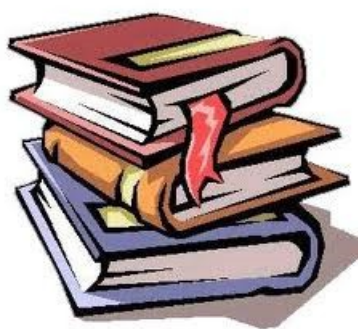
With the festive fayre fast approaching, we are having a non-uniform day on Friday 11th Nov. In return for children wearing their own clothes we would be grateful if you could donate bottles, cans or jars for the fayre. (Please ensure any donations are unopened and within sell-by date) Thank you for your support.

*DON'T FORGET—FRIENDS OF LONGWELL GREEN
COMMITTEE MEETING—WEDNESDAY 9TH NOV—7:30pm IN
SCHOOL—ALL WELCOME*

SECOND-HAND BOOK SALE IN SCHOOL HALL

(WE WILL BE SELLING GOOD QUALITY BOOKS, PUZZLES, GAMES & DVDs)

FRIDAY 11TH NOV—3:15pm ONWARDS &



SATURDAY 12TH NOV—10am—12 noon

There are still a few sellers packs available—if you would like to be a seller please e-mail longwellgreenfriends@googlemail.com

If anybody is available to help on Friday and Saturday please could you leave your contact details at the office or e-mail the above address.

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.