



LONGWELL GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL -

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‘Creating an inspirational learning community for all’

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

Safeguarding children– changes to the beginning of the school day

As part of the school safeguarding audit carried out by staff and governors, we have reviewed the arrangements at the beginning of the day and will be making changes from January 2012 to ensure our safeguarding practices are as effective as possible in keeping the children safe.

What is the problem?

At the moment some parents go in through the corridor doors by Years 1, 4 and 6 in the morning to settle their children or to see teachers to pass on information. This could lead to a safeguarding issue as the school is open and could easily be accessed by anyone unknown to the school. Furthermore, some children in Key Stage 2 are currently in the playground unsupervised before school with the gates open, which could pose another security issue.

Our solution

From January, parents of Years 1 to 6 will be required to drop their children off at the large gates by the playground and the children will then go into school immediately by themselves. The school gates will open at 8.45 (as now) and the start of the day will be 8.55 (as now); between 8.45 and 8.55 children will be in school and will not be unsupervised in the playground.

Any parent who needs to communicate with school to share information at the beginning of the day will be able to do so in the following ways:

By email (head@longwellgreenprimaryschool.co.uk)

By post (the school post box is available just outside the main gates, which will be emptied first thing each morning)

By talking to staff in the office

Children in Reception classes

Because of the special situation for children in Foundation Stage, we are going to open up a different route for parents with children in Reception so that parents continue to be able to accompany their children into class - more detailed information to follow.

Any visitor to school, including parents, should come through the main entrance, be signed in by office staff and receive a ‘school visitor’ sticker.

We realise this is a big change but we hope parents understand that it is made with the best of intentions, the desire to keep all the children as safe as possible.

Arrangements for the end of the day remain unchanged, but we ask that parents respect that they will need to go through the front entrance if they need to see a teacher.

We will have a trial on Tuesday morning, 13th December for Years 1 to 6.

Administration of Medication

The school is happy to administer prescription medication on a voluntary basis (in the case of antibiotics only those which are required 4 times a day). If your child requires medication this will only be administered on completion of a form giving details of the type of medication and dosage and signed by the parent/carer. The form will then be completed by school staff when medication is given.

These forms can be completed at the school office or downloaded from the website - www.longwellgreenprimaryschool.co.uk - follow the link to Parents, then Parent Downloads.

SCHOOL INFORMATION (continued)

Next Week's events

Monday, 12th December, 5.00 pm Behaviour policy focus group meeting for parents

Tuesday, 13th December, 10.30 am KS2 Christmas Celebration at United Church for parents/carers

Tuesday, 13th December, FS/KS1 Christmas party at 1.15 - 3.00 pm

Wednesday, 14th December, 10.00 am, KS2 Christmas Celebration for local community

Wednesday, 14th December, Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party at 1.30 - 3.00 pm

Thursday, 15th December, Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party at 1.30 - 3.00 pm

Friday, 16th December - End of Term 2

Staff Absence next week

Monday 12th December, Mr Barton and Miss Rogers will not be in class in the afternoon, Mr Scott and Mrs Horn will be in B6 and RR respectively.

Lost property clearance

We shall be clearing lost property on Tuesday 13th December between 3.00 and 3.30. While Christmas might be time for giving presents, it seems such a shame that so many good quality items are left at school and never claimed. If you want to search for something lost in school, please come to the shelter outside Year 4 on Tuesday.

SCHOOL NEWS

Lunchbreak Supervisors

This week we are pleased to welcome Mrs Sandra Maggs and Mrs Hannah O'Reilly as permanent members of our lunchbreak supervisor team. Mrs Michelle Weeks and Mrs Louise Parsons have also joined us as temporary members of staff.

Sadly Mrs Lisa Taylor will no longer be working as a lunchbreak supervisor but will continue to help run Breakfast Club.

I hope you will join me in wishing them well in their new roles.

National Deaf Children's Society

Thank you and well done to all of you who took part in the sponsored Spellathon in aid of the National Deaf Children's Society. We raised just over £260 .

Breakfast Club - Addition to Menu

From Tuesday, the kitchen will be providing croissants at Breakfast Club at a cost of 50p.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Andrews Estate Agents

Christmas Colouring competition

If you haven't already handed in your competition entry, deadline is Thursday, 15th December.

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

South West Soccer Development Christmas Courses

South West Soccer Development will be holding a Football course in the Christmas holidays. This will be a great opportunity for your child to learn football skills and drills from the some of the best coaching in the South West, there will also be 5-aside Tournaments, Penalty shoot-outs, Crossbar challenges where there are prizes to be won. If your child is interested in participating then please contact Oliver Corsie on 07585801864.

Jamie Allen - School of Performing Arts

This Performing Arts school will be running on Sunday afternoons in the Community Centre for children from age 7.

For further information please visit www.jaspabristol.co.uk, Tel: 0755768008 or e-mail jaspainfo@gmail.com

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.