



# LONGWELL GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL -

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## SCHOOL INFORMATION

### In school next week:

#### **Friday, 28th September**

- 9.00 am Squirrel and Hedgehog class photos
- 2.45 pm FOLG Second hand book sale in school, refreshments available

#### **Saturday, 29th September**

- 10.00 - 12.00 FOLG Second hand book sale in school, refreshments available

## SCHOOL NEWS

### First Three Weeks as a Deputy Head Teacher

Happy Friday everyone! I thought it might be nice to write a little something for the newsletter this week letting you all know how my new role in school is going.

As some of you may be aware, I have been at Longwell Green for 12 years now and have worked in many various roles: Bath Spa Trainee Teacher, Maternity cover, Class Job Share, PPA cover, Class Teacher, Wider Curriculum Leader, English Leader and now as Deputy Head Teacher. I am really grateful for the opportunity to explore a senior management role in such a wonderful school.

I have been talking to the children in my assemblies over the last few weeks about feelings using the characters from the Disney Pixar film, Inside Out. Throughout these assemblies, I have shared all the mixed feelings I have had during this new challenge for me and it's good for the children to see that adults have feelings and emotions too! Fear that I am going to get things wrong and upset people, anger and frustration with myself when I can't do some things without asking someone for help, sadness that I don't get to spend as much time with my lovely friends in the staffroom etc.

However, I feel a lot of joy in my new role too! I LOVE greeting every child on the door each morning and helping those who find the start of the day a little tricky, I have enjoyed getting to work closer with different teams in the school such as the incredible office staff and the brilliant Lunch Break Supervisors. Seeing the full role that Mrs Hatcliffe, our Family Link member, plays is so crucial and I can see how many children and parents she helps every single day with a smile on her face. It has also been really interesting getting to know how the logistics and management of Longwell Green works and SO MANY things happen every day due to the fantastic team of people involved from children, to parent volunteers in the garden and classroom, to the FOLG and the staff who give their all every day to make Longwell Green such a fantastic place to work and learn.

I'm not the only one in a new role this year: Mrs Bryant has done a fantastic job setting up our outdoor space to run forest school sessions, we have new members of the teaching team Miss Bishop, Mrs Saywell, Mr Pritchard, Mr Gabb and Miss Cranmer working wonders in Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6. I was able to pop along and see the Junior Language Challenge in full swing and see Mrs Brice and her little team so happy and confident learning new languages, meeting new people and welcoming other schools! Each morning I have visited the new reception children in their first classrooms and have been impressed with how independent they are already and they always have a huge smile on their faces waiting for me! So one of the things I have enjoyed in my new role is having time to pop along and see all the fantastic, enrichment opportunities children have taken up and see them enjoying themselves at school.

I don't know if any of you have seen a display that Mrs Smith, one of our 1:1 Teaching Assistants, has put up in the hall but it says:

**W**hen you  
**E**nter this  
**L**oving school  
**C**onsider yourself  
**O**ne of the special  
**M**embers of an  
**E**xtraordinary family

That is exactly how I see myself and my new role – lucky to be part of such an extraordinary family! I hope you all have a lovely weekend and thank you for your support over the last few weeks, I really appreciate it. Mrs Dawson

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Welcome meetings

It was lovely to see so many people in school this week at our welcome meetings ; we hope you found the information useful.

### Pupil Information Sheets

Thank you to everyone who has returned their completed information sheets and medical forms; if you have not yet done one please could they be returned by next **Friday, 5th October**.

### School Meals

There may be a slight delay in school meal accounts being updated - these should be done on Monday.

### Hockey Clubs at Longwell Green Primary School

This is for children from Reception all the way through to Year 6. Some children who have been going to the club so far want others to join and told Miss P why they love it.

Ben says " I really like it because you can learn tricks, I've now learnt how to flick the ball and I think its great when we play matches".

Joshua says "It's fun, it's fair, we do lots of matches which is great!"

Lucy says "I love playing with a stick and ball, its great chasing it around in matches!"

The club will run every Thursday 3.15 – 4.15 and there is a small charge asked to be paid in full. If you would like your child to get involved in this fun and exciting club please ask for a letter from the office! If we don't have more children involved the club will not be able to continue. The coach is Rachel Jay, she is an Ex-Welsh international Hockey player, she has a huge passion for the sport and since retiring from international duty has developed even more so her love of coaching. She is now an England qualified Coach which is one of the highest coaching levels you can get in the hockey world. She started this business from scratch and it is already a success in the South West, with many local schools and hockey clubs using her to teach the skills needed, not just for hockey but other key life skills including; team building, sportsmanship, hard work and long lasting friendships. She wants to instil a love for the sport in all children and we at Longwell Green have the opportunity to have her running a club for us!



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Secondary School Open Evenings

Oldfield School are holding an open evening on 26th September from 6.0 - 8.30 pm and open mornings on 28th September and 1st October from 9.00 am - 10.30 am.

### Oldland Football Club

Oldland Abbotonians are looking for current Year 2 children (Under 7') to join their football team, training is held on a Tuesday evening (5:45pm) at Oldland Football Club. For more information please contact Jamie on [i07951902639](tel:07951902639).



Within our Community News pages we publicise events which may be of interest to the families within our school; however these should not be viewed as being recommended or promoted by Longwell Green School.