

# LONGWELL GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL -

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## SCHOOL INFORMATION

### In school next week:

#### **Monday, 15th October**

- 9.15 am Celebrating Talent assembly - parents and carers welcome to attend

#### **Wednesday, 17th October**

- 3.30 pm to 6.30 pm Individual Parents' Meetings

#### **Thursday, 18th October**

- Individual and Pre-School photographs - see information opposite
- Year 3 visit to Apple Store
- 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm Individual Parents' Meetings

#### **Friday, 19th October**

- Be Safe Be Seen assembly
- Year 3 Visit to Apple Store

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Update from Mr Brown

It has been a wildly busy term - everyone has been working flat out to give the best for all our children and I can't believe that we only have 2 weeks left! As I walk (generally at a very fast pace) around the school, I feel so proud to see such lovely children enjoying learning - many of them eager to share with me some of the great things they have been doing. This week I've had children show me how much their writing has improved and I've also seen the most amazing minibeasts made from autumnal seeds (sycamore, conkers and pinecones) - The excitement in all they do is tremendous.

It's not just the children who are giving their best; our Friends of Longwell Green have been meeting to discuss all the exciting plans for the year. In addition, the Afterschool Club is proving hugely popular and the two afternoons where we have invited parents in to see all our learning have really shown the 'togetherness' of our the Longwell Green community. So in the spirit of Harvest Festival, I'd like to appreciate our good fortune and share thanks with everyone for the part you play in making Longwell Green a wonderful place for our children to grow up in.

### Parent Governor

Unfortunately we have not had any parent come forward following the recent request for nominations for a parent governor at our school. The Governing Board cannot function properly without its full compliment of governors; if anyone is interested in this position please contact the school office.

Mrs Blackmore, Chair of Governors

### Individual and Pre School Photographs

On **Thursday, 18th October**, the photographer will be in school to take individual and family group photographs. Children in Squirrel and Hedgehog classes will have individual photographs as well as photographs with older siblings. All other children in school will have photographs taken in family groups. If you would like individual photographs taken please ask at the office.

If you have pre-school siblings and would like to bring them in for a family photograph please book an appointment at the office.

The Year 3 children visiting the Apple Store will have their photographs taken either before they leave or when they return.

### Parents' Meetings

We look forward to seeing parents and carers in school next week for individual meetings with your child's class teacher. These will take place in the school hall.

Parents of children who have support plans will be contacted separately.

### Privacy Notice

Parents and carers are reminded to visit the school website - <https://www.longwellgreenprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Privacy-Notice-Pupils.pdf> to view our current Privacy Notice for details of the information we hold on your child and how this data is used.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### **Health and Wellbeing**

#### **Mental Wellbeing Award**

I am excited to let you know that during this academic year I will be working with a group of 10 other schools to try and achieve Longwell Green Primary School a Mental Wellbeing award as a recognition of the work we do to support children's wellbeing.

The journey started this week when I led an assembly linked to World Mental Health day, where we talked to the children about worries and the important of talking to people and making connections as a way of sharing those worries. We thought about the different people we could talk to about our worries, both at home or at school.

I will also be looking at running another series of workshops for parents and carers as the first set was so successful. This gave us all the opportunity to step back and think about how we talk to our children, when we give them our time and the best words we use to support them. The feedback from parents was extremely positive and I also really enjoyed having the opportunity to work with families in this way.

I will be working over the next term with staff and children to think about what actions we can take during the year to improve the wellbeing of our children. If you have any ideas or suggestions, I would really appreciate you sending your thoughts via email or letter into the school office to be passed onto me.

This is a really exciting opportunity for our school and I hope we can all work together to give our children more resilience, coping skills and support systems that will enable them to feel happy and secure in school but also prepare them for future life.

Miss Lock

#### **Asthma - Cards and Consent forms**

Thank you for those who were able to make the Asthma session.

If you have not yet completed a form for this academic year please collect one from the school office and return as soon as possible. Thank you to all who have already done so.

#### **Walk to School Project**

At school we are embarking on an exciting project with Living Streets, South Gloucestershire Council. We are committing to walking, scooting and cycling to school for just ONE day a week. Our starter day is going to be a Wednesday. Coordinators from Living Streets will also be coming into school over the year providing workshops for pupils.

Each pupil will be able to track their progress via a click on how I came to school on the interactive board. Each month if they have achieved all of our walk to school days will receive a badge. These badges are made from recycled yogurt pots and are designed by children.

There will be a Launch Assembly and training for our pupil Wow monitors at the beginning of November.

Mrs George

#### **EYFS Coffee Afternoon**

A huge thank you to all the Squirrel and Hedgehog parents who came along to the coffee afternoon this week, it was lovely to see you all! Thank you to Mrs Kelly for making the cakes and to our year 6 children who helped look after everyone and acted as guides.

Mrs Hatcliffe

## EYFS: Our First Term At School

The children in Hedgehog and Squirrel classes have settled in to school so well after their first term. They have already learnt all sorts of new things! These are some of our favourite things about school so far:

Playing lego. I built vehicles, houses and hotels.

Learning new letters

Making lots of new friends and playing hide and seek in the playground.

Seeing my friend's mummy come in and be a nurse.

Having lunch in the big hall

This week the children have really enjoyed a visit from the police, nurse and vet as part of our Superhero topic, thinking about who heroes in our community. We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the grown-ups that came to talk to us about what they do.



We also had a fantastic WOW day when we came to school dressed up as Superheroes or heroes of the community. We did Superhero P.E. with the equipment in the hall and learnt how to call 999. We also tried to learn the number on our house so that we know where we live. The children found this very tricky but it is a very important life skill. Does your child know their address in case of an emergency?

## SCHOOL NEWS

### **RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) Parents' voice for change**

We would like to invite all parents to attend a meeting on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 6PM in the school hall. We will be sharing new proposals from the government regarding RSE and other curriculum areas. We would like to give you the opportunity to express your thoughts so we can feedback to a government panel before final decisions are made and the document becomes statutory.

There will be a short overview of what we currently provide as a school and we also have guests coming in from the local council to support us with the proposed changes. Sarah Godsell is from the Health & Wellbeing Partnership Office and Nikki Giles who is a Specialist Health Improvement Practitioner in Sexual Health.

We look forwards to seeing you and hearing your thoughts and input. This is your chance for your voice to be heard going forwards so we do hope many of you will be able to make it.

Many thanks,

Mrs Dawson and Mrs George

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **Update from FOLG - Mufti Day – 9<sup>th</sup> November**

The Festive Fayre Mufti day is fast approaching, in exchange for wearing non school uniform, we ask that each pupil bring an item for the Festive Fayre tombola. Please can you check the item is in-date before donating, also think outside the tin-of-beans box and consider what you might like to win back – think Festive!

### **Bristol Grammar School**

Bristol Grammar are holding an Open Event on Thursday, 8th November from 10.00 until 12.00 for anyone interested in joining the school in Year 7. To book a place please contact admissions@bgs.Bristol.sch.uk or telephone 0117 9339885.

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.