



# LONGWELL GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL -

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## SCHOOL INFORMATION

### In school next week:

#### **Monday, 14th January**

- Year 2 WOW Day - children come to school dressed as characters from Three Little Pigs
- 9.15 am Celebrating Achievement assembly - parents and carers are warmly invited to attend

#### **Wednesday, 16th January**

- 7.00 pm Friends of Longwell Green (PTA) meeting - all welcome to attend

## SCHOOL NEWS

### A Welcome from Mr Brown!

I wanted to take this opportunity to say hello and a small thank you.

This week has been a superb first week. I want to say thank you to all of the pupils, staff and parents who have made me feel so welcome. I have had smiles and lots of well wishes and I have really been made to feel like part of the Longwell Green family.

Longwell Green Primary School is one that clearly pupils, families, staff and community are all very proud of and rightly so. I have spent much time already in classes just being bowled over by the desire to work, to learn and to be great classmates that has been shown to me by each child.

A change of Headteacher is an unsettling time for many and I know this to be true in the school I have just left after being Headteacher for 8 years. I want you all to know that I have a long history with the area near to Longwell Green, having worked for many years in Barrs Court, where many a time I have had cause to work with Longwell Green. So when I am asked why did you want to come to Longwell Green I am able to say with honesty and real understanding that it is for this reason – Longwell Green is a community school, its focus is on pupils and on the community that is Longwell Green. Longwell Green is a school with a previous track record to be proud of. I will honour and keep alive its traditions and keep its heart whilst keeping us moving with the times, and striving to give the very best education in all its forms to each and every child that is part of our school family.

I look forward to meeting you all, parents, carers and extended families over the next weeks and months and I am excited by the new chapter in Longwell Green Primary School's history that we shall build together.

Most of all however, I look forward to helping each child get the most out of every day in primary school making sure that we as a school community work together to continually provide this.

Darren Brown, Headteacher

### Singing Club

Miss McDonald is setting up a singing club for children and parents, please see information in the letter attached to this newsletter. In order to establish how many people may be interested in this please complete the form or call at the office to collect one.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### **Lunchboxes**

Please could you ensure that all lunchboxes coming into school are marked with the name of your child to stop any confusion and children potentially eating the wrong lunch. Thank you.

### **Relief Lunchbreak Supervisor**

We would love to hear from anyone who may be able to help us out as a relief lunchbreak supervisor. We are often looking for people who may be able to come in at short notice to cover absence. Duties will include:

- Setting up and clearing away the dining hall
- Assisting children with their lunch
- Encouraging social skills
- Develop playground games and activities
- Establish appropriate manners and behaviour which support the School's aims and values

The pay for this work is £8.62 per hour.

If you would like more information or would like to come for a trial session please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

### **Walk to School**

Well what a great start. You have all been brilliant at walking to school. There is a huge difference in the congestion around the school. To see parents and children laughing and chatting on your way in has been fabulous. The benefits will have a positive impact on their learning too.

The next couple of months will be challenging in the cold weather but if we can maintain this level of commitment then we can do it all year round. It's never the wrong weather it's the wrong clothes! We have a couple of exciting events coming up:

- MoMo Theatre show 28th January
- Badge Design Competition. This month pupils can design badges for next year.

Thank you for continuing to support your children in leading healthy lifestyles.

Mrs George.

### **First Aid Accidents**

You may have noticed there are less notes coming home about accidents. This is due to duplicated written information already held in school mainly for very minor incidents which takes up a lot of time. Our process now will be that all accidents are recorded in school.

- Any minor bumped head will have a call or text or teacher informing you regarding incident.
- Any significant head bump or injury we will contact parents as before.

We have a large number of qualified First Aiders within our school. They always treat injuries appropriately as the signs and symptoms present at the time. Sometimes these only present at a later time. However we always encourage pupils to seek help if anything changes.

Mrs George

### **Contact with local police**

You may have noticed our local PCSO was at school this week checking on parking on zig zags and other activities within the area. We really appreciate all of the school community respecting local residents and the rules of the road when driving to and from school.

The PCSO has advised that if you see, or know of, any incident which you feel should be reported to the police (this does not have to be traffic related) you can report it via their online reporting system - <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/contact-us/report-a-crime-or-incident/#/>

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Hanham Woods Adacemy - Free Mental Health session

Hanham Woods Academy are hosting a free hour long session on February, 6th at 6.30 pm. Chris Calland who has over 25 years experience of working and teaching in many areas of psychology, parenting and mental health and appears regularly in the media talking about these issues, will be hosting the session.

### Reach at Kingswood Leisure Centre

Sessions will take place at Kingswood Leisure Centre

Starting: Thursday, 31st January 2019

Time: 4.00 pm - 5.15 pm



4-16 years

**Reach is a free and fun programme for families, children and young people who are above a healthy weight**

Opportunities for group or 1:1 sessions including:

- ★ Activities to boost confidence and wellbeing
- ★ Physical activity
- ★ Ideas for healthy snacks and meals
- ★ A cooking session
- ★ Ideas to improve sleep and bedtime routines

To book a place or find out more contact:

☎ 01454 864005

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### Update from Longwell Green Community Centre

Smoke and Mirrors:

Number 2 on Trip Advisor we are delighted to welcome Smoke and Mirrors Comedy and Magic Show to Longwell Green Community Centre! On the road for the first time ever, this is a show not to miss!

Limited tickets still available for Saturday 12th January, 01179323722



Stage Stars Musical Theatre

Coming January 2019

Fridays 4.30 - 6.00pm

From primary age- Bookings being taken now- Term time only

### Private piano lessons

Local piano teacher Amy Jo in Longwell Green, contact 07738682063

£14 for 30 minutes, £18 £45 minutes