



Longwood Newsletter



Friday 8th January 2021

From Mrs May

I'd like to wish everyone a Happy New Year even though this is not quite what we were all hoping for. I have been overwhelmed with how all the staff have responded to the latest changes. Remote learning is, once again, up and running. The school children have risen to the challenge and we are already seeing some fantastic work being done. I'd like to thank the teachers for adapting their plans and resources to the online platform and to parents for playing their part and helping the children to get organised and settled quickly. We are still open for nursery, preschool children and children of key workers. Thanks to staff running things at Longwood for making everything feel "normal" and as happy as ever. We have received many messages of support, which have been lovely to read. Thank you to parents for such great backing. It means a great deal to feel appreciated! Please make sure that you all look after yourselves and your families in terms of both physical and mental health and keep working to suppress the virus and get our children back to school.



Safeguarding

Parents must not use their phones at the door. Apart from staff finding it difficult to relay messages to parents who are talking or videoing whilst dropping off or collecting their child, it is against our safeguarding procedures.

Save The Children

Thank you to everyone who wore a jumper on 11th December and donated to Save the Children. We raised £125.

Car Park Etiquette

This plea has come from one of our parents, but I wholeheartedly agree.

"Could you please ask all parents who are collecting children to switch off their engines while they wait? I appreciate that it's cold but leaving engines running to keep the car warm is obviously bad for the environment and for the lungs of those of us standing in the queue!"

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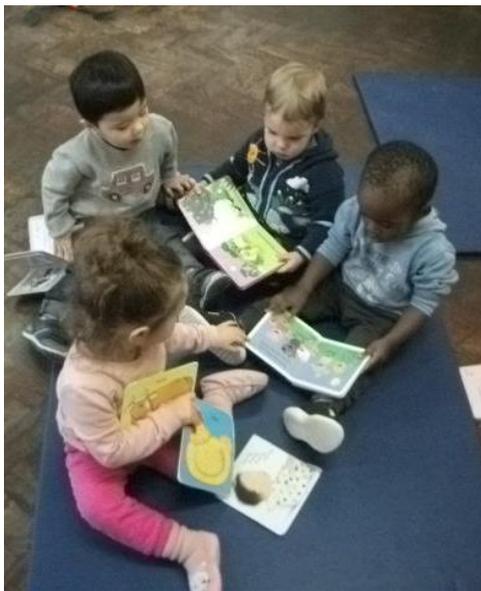


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Nursery News

Here are some photos of the new children who have moved up from Little Willow this week, getting to know their new peers and exploring some of the activities we have on offer for them in Apple room. The children have settled in well to their new surroundings, bonding with their new practitioners and key people. It is amazing to see how resilient the children are becoming, adapting well to new situations.



Parent Guidance

Take a look at this link <https://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss/2021-01-08/> . This week, the virtual assembly is about how the army is being used to help with various tasks. Last week, it questioned whether anyone should be allowed to buy a pet. Each assembly is about 10 minutes long and might provide you and your child with an opportunity to learn about and discuss current events together.

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Friends of Longwood Update

Welcome from Friends of Longwood (FoL) to our update page. FoL are a group of parents that raise money and do the extra bits that make the school a tight-knit community.

To give everyone a chance to settle into home schooling, the FOL meeting will now be held on January 20th at 7.30pm.

Dates for your Diary

NB – All new items are highlighted.

Date	Time & Place	Event	Notes
Wednesday 20 th Jan	7.30pm, Zoom	FoL Meeting	All parents welcome to observe, give ideas, volunteer https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89727827561?pwd=M0VSYUxLRXdESlVEbmVKc1MvbKf5Zz09
Monday 25 th Jan	Leaving school at 8.30, return by 3.30pm	UKS2 trip to Hazard Alley Safety Centre	Postponed!
Friday 5 th Mar	All day	KS1 and LKS2 trip to Kew Gardens	The cost of this trip is £18. Children require a packed lunch and full school uniform.
Friday 5 th Mar	11am	Cash for Clothes collection	Please bring old clothes to reception from 1 st March onwards.
Monday 6 th Sept	All day	INSET day for all staff	Longwood will be closed to all children.
Monday 3 rd Jan 2022	All day	INSET day for all staff	Longwood will be closed to all children.

