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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Hartspring Class. I am Mrs. Bointon and I have been teaching at Longwood for over 20 years. Hartspring Class consists of both year one and year two children which make up the Key Stage One part of the education system.

By now you should have received a copy of this term's timetable. As you can see from the timetable, we have PE lessons on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure that your child has the correct kit – yellow t-shirt, and green shorts for Thursdays, yellow t-shirt, green tracksuit and trainers with grip for Wednesdays. If girls are wearing tights, they will also need socks. If your child does not have the correct kit for the astro-turf – particularly footwear – they may not be able to participate for health and safety reasons.

Homework will usually be given out on a Thursday to be handed in the following Thursday. This may be a game to play or an activity or investigation. Your child will take home a Phonics book and/or phonic sheets which will include the graphemes and some words including the graphemes they are learning each week and some tricky words. Please help your child to learn the graphemes and read words containing those graphemes. When your child is ready, they will have a weekly spelling test. There are lots of games on the internet if you search for Letters and Sounds Phase 5.

We aim to listen to individual readers once or twice a week, either reading a book or flashcards with key words. If we are unable to do this on some occasions, please remember that the children do read from a variety of media every day in class. Do listen to your child read at home and please enter their progress in the relevant section in the Reading Record. When they have finished a book, please encourage your child to remember to get a new one to take home as they will have a different reading book to read in class.

Our topics this term are Schools and the Local Environment, Toys, Everyday Materials and geographical skills. We would appreciate any pictures and artefacts related to these topics, in particular, schools and toys in the past. If any relatives would like to volunteer to talk to the children about their experiences when they were at school, it would be much appreciated. Any volunteers for the above please e-mail me.

Please check your e-mails and the Longwood website regularly for information about trips and events.

I look forward to sharing in the education and development of your children.

Mrs. Bointon