



Long Mountain Newsletter Friday 12th January 2024

'Let Your Light Shine'

Matthew 5- 15:16 Sermon on the Mount

Tales from the Office Friday 12th January 2024



Happy New Year and welcome back to school everyone. We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas holiday.

Unfortunately, when we had the school heating system serviced last week, a fault was discovered and the main school heating failed, however we did not want that to close the school so we arranged for electric heaters and radiators to be delivered to ensure the school was heated. Fingers crossed the system will be fixed over the weekend.

During this term we will be introducing our School House Groups and also our new Reading Competition to help support pupils develop their love and passion for reading. I always remember the quote by Mary Pope Osborne: "Reading is the passport to countless adventures". We really hope that we can foster a love of reading within our children with this new competition.

I have asked all teaching staff this week to ensure that they book in their school trips for this term - I know the children are all desperate to take their learning out of the school and apply their learning to a real world experience. To ensure you don't miss any dates please keep checking our key dates sections in our up coming newsletters.

This is a really short term - but I know it will be action packed with lots of learning and fun!

Anders Rowlands

Headteacher

Stars of The Week



It was lovely to sit and chat with the 'Stars of the Week' in my office. I loved hearing about their Christmas holidays and presents.

Congratulations to this weeks winners :

*Class 1 - **George** for his positive learning behaviour in class.*

*Class 2 - **Rio** for being a conscientious member of Class .*

*Class 3 - **Rosie**- for her excellent work in English using subordinating conjunctions to add detail.*

*Class 4 - **Cody** for working hard to develop his understanding of maths concepts especially fractions. Class Dojo Winner*

Congratulations to :

*Class 1 - **Archie P***

*Class 2 - **Rio***

*Class 3 - **Otis and Toby***

*Class 4 - **Lilly***

Well done everyone this week!

All the points will now be zeroed and it all starts again next week!



Reading Challenge

As Doctor Seuss said, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Reading is an activity that we highly value at Long Mountain. It is such an important activity for children (and adults) to regularly take part in. Over this half term we will be holding a competition to see which pupils can read the most amount of words each week. Using our Accelerated Reader scheme we will be able to track how many words have been read once they have successfully completed the quiz based on their book.

Each week we will be presenting awards to those who have made excellent progress with their reading from each class.

Children in Class 2 to Class 3 have already read 1,695,165 words since September and this equates to 531 different books being read and quizzes completed.

I am challenging our pupils to reach 2 million words by February half-term!

Outside Achievement

It was lovely to hear about Lauren in Class 3 who attends gymnastics every Friday after school. She has been assessed for Rise Award - Explore Apparatus 1. Lauren has now become the first person to go on our new PE display in the school hall for their outside achievement.

Congratulations to William in Class 3 who scored his first goal for Worthen Juniors this weekend. My spies tell me it was a corker, from the halfway line. I was also informed that in the local derby played last weekend there were also goals for Daniel and Rhys. I am sure the Wrexham scouts will be seeking them out soon!



Weather Warnings



We know that everyone loves a 'snow day' and I have seen many of the headlines regarding the big freeze and blizzards heading our way over the next few weeks.

We never close the school unless we feel that weather is too dangerous for people to travel safely. When we are faced with such a decision we will always inform the parents in the same way.

1. Text to parents
2. Class Dojo announcement
3. Shropshire County Council Website
4. BBC Radio Shropshire

We hope this helps you understand where to look if you are unsure how you would be contacted.

School Office Hours

The school office hours are Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm. If your child is going to be off poorly or you need to contact school for any other reason, please could you ring between these hours. If you are unable to contact us via telephone, please email admin@longmountain.shropshire.sch.uk

Outstanding Money

Thank you to those parents who keep up to date with their payments on school money, we really do appreciate it. Unfortunately we have £2860.85 outstanding dinner money, trip money etc. All outstanding balances need to be cleared by the end of this term. Moving forward when your child's outstanding balance for dinner money gets to £20.00 we will be following our policy and contacting parents to pay the outstanding balance or bring in a packed lunch for them. We appreciate that costs are rising and we are always willing to work with parents to support them, so please contact the office if you need to speak about this matter.

Key Dates

Monday 15 January 2024 - **Class 1 SEND Review meetings (Appointment letters sent to parents this week)**

Tuesday 16 January 2024 - **Class 4 SEND Review meetings (Appointment letters sent to parents this week)**

Thursday 18 January 2024 - **Class 2 SEND Review meetings (Appointment letters sent to parents this week)**

Friday 19 January 2024 - **Class 3 SEND Review meetings (Appointment letters sent to parents this week)**

Monday 5 February 2024 - **Assessment Week**

Friday 9 February 2024 - **Break up for Half Term**

Monday 19 February 2024 - **School re-opens**

Tuesday 20 February 2024 - **Mary Webb STEAM Event**

Thursday 7 March 2024 - **World Book Day - Dress up as you favourite Book character**

School admissions - Reception 24 - Deadline 15.1.2024

Waffle Wednesday

Starting on Wednesday 17th January, our school cook will be serving a selection of waffles for pudding. Waffle Wednesday will carry through until the end of term.