



3rd March 2023

Well, this has been a jam-packed first week back!

Thanks to our PTFA for funding the Lego Electro-City workshop which we all took part in on Tuesday; it was a fantastic collaborative effort. Staff were so impressed with the creativity and concentration of our pupils.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in World Book Day—we loved seeing the costumes!

### **Important Dates:**

**Thurs 9th March**—Netball Competition (other schools attending) at Long Mountain

**Friday 17th March**—Red Nose Day (more details to follow)

**Friday 31st March**—End of Spring Term

**Monday 17th April**—Start of Summer Term

**Monday 8th May**—Coronation Bank Holiday

**Tues 9th—Fri 12th May**—KS2 SATs Week

### **Extra-Curricular Clubs/Activities**

KS2 Football—Mondays until 4.15pm

KS2 Netball—Thursdays until 4.15pm

Music/Uke club—**Thursday lunchtimes** (change of time) children who attend music club will be able to have lunch at 12 to enable them to attend club at 12.30pm.

Boardgame Club—Fridays until 4.15pm (places limited to 20, open to Class 2, 3 & 4—please email to book a place)

### **PTFA Update**

Don't forget to put the quiz at The Lowfield in your diaries! Thursday 16th March at 7:30pm. Teams of up to 6 people - please don't worry if you don't have a team, come along on the night and we'll put them together. Great social event to raise money for school & pre-school.

£5 cash per person to include half time snacks (kindly donated by The Lowfield). Prizes to be won and a raffle. Everyone's welcome - please invite your friends and family and let's make it a great night.

Raffle prizes welcome - if you're able to show any extra support with the donation of a raffle prize for quiz night we would be really grateful. Please bring the prize into the school office by the 16th March. Thank you .

**LONG MOUNTAIN PTFA**

# QUIZ NIGHT

**THURSDAY 16TH  
MARCH 2023**

**7.30PM**

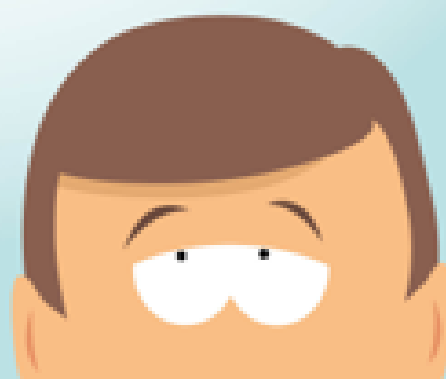
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**Parentkind**  
Member Association





## Lego Electro City Workshop February 2023



### Planned Teaching Strikes

Whilst we respect and support the right of teaching colleagues to take strike action, **we will not be closing any classes due to the planned national strikes.** All staff are acutely aware of the disruption experienced by children over the last years and want to make sure there is as much continuity as possible for all classes.

### Friends of Pontesbury Library (FOPL)

Just a reminder to visit the Library on Saturday, have a cup of tea or coffee, munch some delicious cake, and think about the next book you would like to take out.

Lyn Evans, who sells those lovely torn paper collage cards and prints at Connections is popping in to talk about her work.

#### **MARCH COFFEE MORNING & LOTTERY DRAW**

**This Saturday 4th March from 10.30 am  
at the Pavilion, Hall Bank**



*This weekend would be a fantastic weekend to visit the library; the children are fired up with enthusiasm following World Book Day and Pontesbury Library has very well-stocked children's shelves for you to dive into.*

### School Money

#### Urgent

As we approach the end of the financial year, it is essential that outstanding debts are settled. We have a very large outstanding balance owed to school currently and we will be very grateful to everyone who clears their balance on Eduspot as soon as possible.

Any balances that remain outstanding after the half-term break will be investigated and dealt with in line with our charging and debt recovery policy.

#### *Financial Hardship*

We understand that many families are experiencing increased financial hardship due to the cost of living crisis. Please contact us if you need help—we have services can signpost you to for support.



# HELP US **WIN** A SHARE OF **£12,000**

## BY COLLECTING TOKENS

From March 1 to March 25, 2023 in the Shropshire Star



## Shropshire Star Tokens

Long Mountain has been accepted to take part in the Cash for Schools 2023 campaign for the chance to win a share of the £12,000 prize pot.

Five schools with the most tokens collected per pupil, will walk away with a cash prize. The first placed school with the most tokens collected per pupil will scoop £5,000, followed by £3,000 for second, £2,000 for third and then two £1,000 awards, which will be presented to the fourth and fifth place schools.

Long Mountain will be featured in a special launch supplement on Wednesday March 1, 2023 showcasing the schools taking part. Vote tokens will be published in the Shropshire Star from Wednesday, March 1 to Saturday, March 25, 2023, and we encourage you all to collect tokens on behalf of the school (and encourage your family, friends and neighbours too!).

You can either drop tokens into the school office or post them direct to the Shropshire Star at the address below, as long as you fill out the Token Notification form to say you're collecting on behalf of Long Mountain. The Token Notification form will also appear regularly in the Shropshire Star, throughout the voting stage.

Vote tokens must be counted and returned to the Shropshire Star by Friday, March 31, 2023. If you're dropping them off to Amanda at the school office, please bring them in no later than March 27 so we have time to post them all off together!

If it's easier for your friends/family/neighbours to send their collected tokens direct to the Shropshire Star, the address is:

Cash For Schools, Shropshire Star, 51-53 Queen Street, Wolverhampton WV1 1ES.



### Snow!

Much to my surprise, there is some snow in the forecast for next week. If adverse weather conditions cause any issues for school, we will notify all parents using our text message service. Any school closures will also be announced on Radio Shropshire. If school transport is impacted, your drivers will stay in touch with you and us to keep you informed.

Please make sure we have up-to-date mobile phone numbers for you.

**I do not anticipate we will experience any serious disruption.**



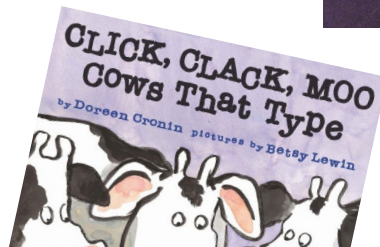


The Cat in the Hat paid a special visit to school and brought treats for us to enjoy!



## World Book Day 2023

A lovely day celebrating stories, books & fantastic characters.



Happy World Book Day from your headteacher and Chair of Governors!