



17th March 2023

We have seen almost every weather this week: wind, rain, hail and gorgeous sunshine to finish the week with today. Thanks for supporting Red Nose Day and for all the donations. We will tot up our grand total and let you know how much money Long Mountain raised.

Many thanks to everyone who attended the PTFA quiz last night. Thanks to The Lowfield for hosting and to the PTFA, who organised everything.

Important Dates:

Thursday 30th March—after school, Messy Church (please contact the office to book a place)

Friday 31st March—1.30pm, Easter service at church (Families may attend and take their child home directly from church. We will not let children leave with other adults unless their parent/carer has notified us that this is planned.)

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) **Please note there will be no boardgame club on Friday 31st March.**

Transport Reminder

Please make sure you are ready to collect your child from their bus drop off point. Our drivers are instructed to bring children back to school if there is no parent/nominated adult there to collect them.



The selfish giant

Dear the selfish giant,

I am disgusted by your awful, awful behavior, why are you so rude and horrible to those poor playful children? Why didn't you let them play in your lovely garden? Those poor kids are now playing on the dusty road outside your house. Every single one of them misses your lushious garden and they are very blue because you shut them out.

Why are you so cold-hearted all the time? The kids loved all of the pink and pearl blossoms, the soft green grass and the sweet tunes from the birds. People will all start to hate you forever and ever if you keep being mean. You are so, so spiteful, disrespectful and mean you really need to change your behavior.

P.S You should get rid of the dusty brick wall and soon.

Dear the selfish giant,

I am ^{so} disappointed in your useless behavior, as you are selfishly not letting these small and kind children play in your beautiful garden! Why are you so spiteful? Sharing is caring and it's massive! You are a disgrace, the poor children are getting sad because you are raising your voice shouting at them their only little... So awful...

Since you're so unhappy and ^{or} arrogant wouldn't you want some friends to cheer you up? You're acting a bit cold hearted and a bit depressed. We don't want that. It's so rude to build the wall also nobody can even admire or see your royal garden with the bees collecting pollen. The ~~to~~ dusty, filled with cars road is filled with ~~to~~ kids because they have nowhere to play. You unhappy rude giant you're acting like horrid henry! because your acting really horrid! I think you should take the wall down please. You never know they could see your delicate pink and soft flowers.

Yours sincerely, Amelia Evans

PS: Please change your horridly disgusting personality to kind, warm hearted and loved ~~of~~ however you better take that wall down and soon soon...



Prepare to have your socks blown off! Look at this wonderful letter writing from two of our fantastic Y4s. They have been inspired by The Selfish Giant—Ila and Amelia wrote these fantastic letters to tell him what they thought of his selfish ways.

Price Increases

Please accept this advance notice that our pre-school hourly rates are planned to increase to £6 per hour after the Easter break. This is a 50p increase per hour (non-funded hours) and is necessary to cover our increased running costs.

Our school meal cost is rising to £2.40/meal (for those in KS2 and pre-school). Once again, this cost increase reflects the increased costs of energy and ingredients.

We would really appreciate payment for dinners to be made in advance at the beginning of the week, where possible. We do understand that occasionally plans will change and this may not always be possible. You may wish to consider paying a lump sum at the beginning of a week, month or half term—to do this, change the amount on Eduspot and add the item to your basket. For more information, please contact Mrs Wagstaff in the office.

Ready Respectful Safe

We have three school rules:

- Ready
- Respectful
- Safe

We are using these rules to understand how to behave appropriately and get the most out of life in school. Our Class 4 pupils have been working on presentations about them to share with the rest of the school. I will be sharing some of these via the school website (have a look on Class 4's page).

Ready

- PE kit in school
- Correct uniform
- Right equipment at the right time
- Listen to instructions.
- Be mentally ready to learn and talk to someone if your head is not in the right place.

Respectful

- Listen to each other (adults and children alike)
- Speak politely and respectfully (no swearing)
- Be respectful of everyone's right to learn in a calm, safe environment
- Respect yourself—eat, sleep, exercise and drink plenty of water

Safe

- Use equipment appropriately (e.g. in PE)
- Follow instructions
- Be where you should be!
- Stay safe online
- Consider other people's safety too

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. Sadly, the school is owed a large amount of money and it is essential you have a zero balance on the 31st March.

Outstanding pre-school fees may result in your child's hours being cut to only those funded by the government. Outstanding dinner money fees may result in you having to provide a packed lunch for your child until the debt is settled.

We will begin our formal debt recovery process for outstanding payments from early next week. Those concerned will receive formal letters urgently requiring the payment to made.



Thank you to the vast majority of our families who park considerately at the start and end of the school day.

This is polite reminder to use the village hall or walk wherever possible.

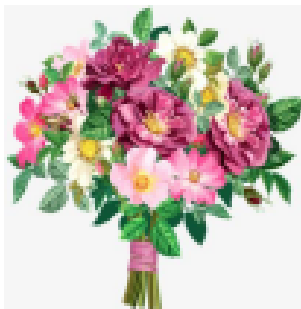
We want to respect our local community and to maintain the best relationships with everyone who lives near the school.

Many thanks, Mrs Rowe

ALL SAINTS CHURCH WORTHEN UPCOMING CHILDRENS EVENTS

TRACKERS OUTDOORS – SATURDAY 18th MARCH

You are invited to attend the Church on Saturday 18th March to take part in Mothering Sunday Activities. We shall be putting together posies of flowers, decorating cakes and making cards. Some lovely surprises for mums or people who care for you.



MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE – SUNDAY 19th MARCH

We hope that some children will come along on our service on Sunday 19th March to help distribute flowers and serve cakes to all the ladies in church. Looking forward to seeing you!

MESSY CHURCH – THURSDAY 30th MARCH

There will be a Messy Church session at school on Thursday 30th March after school - just let the school know if you wish to attend.

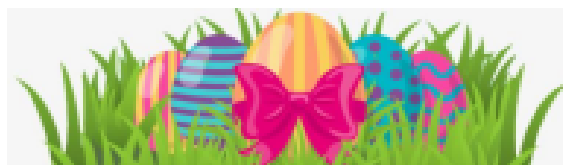
There will be Songs, activities, crafts and food. Come and Join Us!



EASTER EGG HUNT – SATURDAY 8th APRIL

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday 8th April at 10.30 at the Church. It's a lot of fun, all free and there will be a cake stall to buy Easter Treats.

Just let Ann and Vicky know if you are coming by phone on 891456 or via email on victoriajones.allsaints@gmail.com.



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