



19th May 2023

Important Dates:

Tues 23rd May—Y5/6 trip to Crucial Crew

Half term: Mon 29th May—Fri 2nd June

Sun 4th June—Tues 6th June—Y5/6 Residential

Fri 16th June—Aberdovey Bike Ride visiting school & **Harry Johnson Day Fundraiser**

Thur 22nd June - 9—11am—Stay and Play (Recep 23)

Mon 26th June—Mary Webb intake day (year 6)

Mon 26th June—Bag2School day

Tues 27th June— Mary Webb intake day (Year 6)

Thur 29th June - 5pm—Parents welcome evening (Recep 23)

Fri 30th June—non-uniform day: please wear your favourite clothes and bring a donation for the rainbow hampers (PTFA fundraiser) - we will let you know what this is all about a bit closer to the time.

Tues 4th July - 9-11am—Meet your new class (Recep 23)

Weds 5th July—Sports Day (More information to follow)

Mon 10th July - 9am— 12.45pm—Meet your new class and lunch (Recep 23)

Mon 10th July - Whole school move up morning

Thur 20th July—Year 6 Leavers Service 1.30pm (At School—parents welcome to join)

Fri 21st July—Break up for Summer Term

Tues 5th September—Start of the Autumn Term



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Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you that Mrs Emily Walker has resigned from her post and will be leaving at the end of the summer term.

Mrs Walker has been a huge asset to the school and has seen many cohorts of Reception pupils through school, from her time at Westbury through the joining of the schools here and the establishment of Long Mountain CE Primary School. I know you will join the staff and governors in wishing her well for the future and in thanking her for her contribution to so many families at Long Mountain. Whilst she is taking a well-earned sabbatical from full time teaching, we know she won't be a stranger to Long Mountain and we hope to see her again in the future!

We know this will may feel unsettling for those families who have children starting school in September. As soon as we are able to introduce you to Mrs Walker's successor, we will and we will work hard to make sure the successful candidate has an opportunity to spend time with the new intake. Mrs Walker is committed to making the handover as smooth as possible and we thank her for her support with this.

Yours faithfully,

Beth Rowe

Headteacher, Long Mountain CE Primary School

There is a grant available for farming families who may benefit from financial support for purchasing school uniform. Please click on the link below to find out more:

<https://rabi.org.uk/returntoschool/>



This Half Term
come & try

Orienteering

at **Rectory Woods & Field**

Church Stretton, SY6 6DQ
(come through gate by scout hut off Church St.)

Wednesday 31st May start any time between
10:30am & 11:30am.

Courses: V. easy, short (~1km) / Easy, medium (~2km). There *may* be a longer course (3-4km)

Fees: £2 per entry
(could be individual/
pairs/groups, includes
map & hire dibber)

More info:
www.wrekinorienteers.co.uk





School Dinners

We have a really high uptake of school meals and we are very keen to keep developing our menus to suit our pupils and to promote healthy habits.

With this in mind, we will be giving the children a little bit of everything from the day's menu—nobody will be forced to eat anything they don't want to (and all allergies, dietary needs will be attended to), but we will encourage children to eat their dinners up. We certainly don't want anybody feeling hungry in the afternoons!

Following feedback from the children, we will be changing the menu slightly so that chicken curry is replaced with sausages.

There will also be a change to the planned menu on Monday—pudding will be shortbread biscuits, rather than flapjacks.



Tennis in the Sunshine

We had lots of fun earlier this week when Coach Michelle set up tennis nets for us to enjoy during lunchtime. It was lovely to see different ages of children all joining in and having a lovely time together!

Football Cards

We are having problems with children feeling pressured in to swapping cards they don't want to swap, giving away Football Cards to friends and then changing their minds and parents contacting school asking staff to get them back. We do not allow football cards in school, so could please make sure your child doesn't bring them in. If they do they will be kept safe by a member of staff and returned to your child at the end of the school day.



School Jumpers / Cardigans

We have a large amount of un-named school jumpers and cardigans in lost property. Could we ask all parents to write their child's name in their school uniform and P E Kits, this would save parent's money and staff time, trying to find them. if your child has lost uniform recently could you ask them to come to the school office and Mrs Wagstaff will try and find it for them.



I was very privileged to know Harry when he was a pupil at Worthen Primary School. Since his death, his family and friends have worked tirelessly to establish the Harry Johnson Trust which supports families who are facing a cancer diagnosis for a child.

We would very much like to support this charity by celebrating and fundraising on Friday 16th June.

We will be inviting staff and children to wear as much orange as possible (face paints, hair dye, hats, legwarmers—anything!) as orange was Harry's favourite colour. We will ask families to send in a donation to raise money for the Harry Johnson Trust on this day.

During the day we will be sanding down and repainting Harry's bench under the tree on our school field. We would also love to plant some orange flowers in planters—any donations of marigolds etc would be gratefully received.

PTFA

Thanks to everyone who joined the PTFA for their meeting earlier this week. There are lots of lovely events planned before the end of the summer term—keep an eye on the newsletter for updates!



Dear Parent / Guardian

We are pleased to announce that Long Mountain PTA has organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for Long Mountain Primary School.

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 it has now paid out over £36 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

Please use plastic bags to package your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting from Long Mountain Primary School on 26th June. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the school playground and help us have a really good collection.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.