

Long Mountain Newsletter

Friday 15th September

'Let Your Light Shine'

Matthew 5- 15:16 Sermon on the Mount

Tales from the Office Friday 15th September 2023

What a lovely first full week for us all at Long Mountain.

It has been a busy week for the school; we were joined by Rev. Moss who lead our Tuesday morning service and we also had three different music teachers join us in school this week. It was lovely to hear the piano being played outside my office door and I was lucky enough to join Class 4 for part of their Ukulele Lesson.

During the week I have managed to arrange several football friendlies for Year 5 and 6 children and I look forward to taking other classes out soon. I hope to have many takers for my football club starting next week.

On Thursday afternoon, I had the pleasure to meet Claire Owen the Chair of the Long Mountain PTA to discuss how we can work together to support our pupils. We discussed the upcoming trip to the panto and also my plan to turn the ECO-Lab back into a vibrant learning environment.

Please don't forget that on Monday we will be hosting 'Meet The Teacher' after school. I hope to see many of you there and look forward to having a chat about how the school is supporting your child.

Anders Rowlands.

Headteacher

Class Dojo

We have sent home today details about Class Dojo and how you can access the information. Please ensure that you send back the 'Home School Agreement' so we can share all the wonderful work that your children do and also pictures of them. The programme does not require you or the school to pay for any of the services. Stars of The Week and Hot Chocolate With The Head



Congratulations to :

Class 1 - Sophie for her wonderful behaviour and positive learning attitude.

Class 2 - Ronnie for his hard work in English this week.

Class 3 - Toby for his fantastic attention to detail, care and patience in sketching Anglo Saxon Artefacts

Class 4 - Richie for his superb listening skills and having a fantastic understanding in all areas of the curriculum.

Meet The Teacher - Monday 18th September

A great opportunity for families to pop into school for a drop in between 3:20-4:45pm to meet the teachers and discuss the expectations and routines for the new year.

I feel that this is a really important session to attend as it will allow you to see how staff are focused on providing high quality learning for our children and will give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have. If your children are anything like mine, I am sure you will get the same response as I do when you ask them about what they did in school today? ... "Nothing!" Well this is our chance to show you how their day is filled with fun and learning!

This would be a great opportunity for you to ask questions about how we will be using Class Dojo to monitor excellent learning behaviour in school and share work with you.

Class 1 Phonics Parents Session - Monday 18th September 2:30pm



Mrs Walker would like parents in Class 1 to join her from 2:30pm to demonstrate how we introduce the reception children to our phonics scheme. This is a really important session for you to attend as it will explain how phonics is taught and how you can support your child at home. I popped into Class 1 this Thursday to observe a phonics session and I was very impressed with their work on their initial sounds. Keep it up Class 1

Pre-School News

Preschool have been busy this week harvesting the tomatoes that we planted in the spring. The children have loved looking after our vegetable garden again this year; giving everything plenty to drink, and experiencing the cycle of seeds, to plant, to veg, to harvest. Once we had harvested the tomatoes, we decided to use them make some pizza's. We enjoyed measuring the ingredients and mixing the dough, rolling out our bases, mashing the tomatoes to make the sauce, grating the cheese and piling them up with some herbs on the top – lots of which we also grow in our garden. Yummy!



Key Dates

**Monday 18 September - 2:30pm Class 1
Phonics Workshop & 3:20pm - 4:45pm
Meet The Teacher**

**Thursday 21 September - Arthog Outreach at
Mereside Community Centre** for selected pupils from Class 4. Letters will be sent out directly to parents for those pupils eligible to attend

**Thursday 5 October - Year 5/6 Boys Football
3:30pm Shrewsbury School**

**Friday 6 October - Harvest Festival 1:30pm
Worthen Church**

**Tuesday 10 October - Under 11s County Plate
to be played at St Winefride's School
including Trinity School - 3:45pm kick off**

**Wednesday 11 & Thursday 12 October - Year
6 Bike Ability**

Wednesday 25 October - Class 4 Swimming

Thursday 26 October - Pupils break up for half term

Friday 27 October - PD Day (school is closed to pupils)

Monday 6 November - School re-opens

Tuesday 7 November - Flu Immunisation - Reception to Year 6

Friday 10 November - Remembrance Day Service

Monday 13 & Thursday 16 November - Parents Evening

Tuesday 14 November - Tempest Photography - Individual and siblings

Friday 24 November - Class 1 Inspire Afternoon

Thursday 7 December - Theatre Severn Pantomime - Class 1 to Class 4

Thursday 7 December - Pre-School Nativity Singalong and Christmas Party

Tuesday 12 December - Class 1 & 2 Christmas Performance

Friday 15 December - Class 3 & 4 Christmas Performance - Worthen Church

Monday 18 December - Class 3 & 4 Christmas Party

Tuesday 19 December - Class 1 & 2 Christmas Party

Wednesday 20 December - School breaks up for Christmas

Thursday 4 January 2024- School re-opens

Reading The Game

Congratulations to Rhys and Eliza for receiving their awards from Coach Neil this week. They were presented their awards for their super listening and participation in both sessions and excellent team work.



Year 6 - Secondary School Applications

Parents of Year 6 Pupils

Your child is due to transfer to secondary school in September 2024. The online application process opened on 4th September 2023 and closes on 31st October 2023. A letter will be sent home with your child, outlining the process. Alternatively, please follow this link - [Apply to start or transfer school | Shropshire Council](#) which takes you to the Shropshire Council Admissions website. Applications received by Shropshire Council

after the closing date will be classed as late, so please ensure you make your application on time. Details about secondary school open evenings can be found in the Parents' Guide to Education in Shropshire booklet, on the same website.

Key Stage 2 Football Club - Tuesday 19th September 3:15 - 4:15

I will be running an after school football club on the school field for Key Stage 2 every Tuesday after school starting from the 19th September. Normally, I am a stickler for correct uniform, however I am more than happy for children to wear any football kit that they would like... well except for a Manchester United kit! It goes without saying that anyone who wears a Liverpool or Wrexham kit will automatically get an extra Class Dojo point!

To sign your child up to the club please follow the link on this form.

[Online form](#)

Promoting Positive Behaviour



At Long Mountain, we continue to set high expectations, standards and aspirations for children to thrive in a positive and nurturing environment.

Last year we updated our behaviour policy to reflect the latest and most up-to-date training, research, guidance and current practice to maintain our high expectations and standards of behaviour.

To support the pupils in promoting positive behaviour this year we will be developing three key areas:

Firstly, we are continuing our 3 'over-arching' rules that run across all contexts of the school which children should understand and adhere to at all times.:

Ready, Respectful, Safe

Secondly, we will be introducing **Positive Notes** which is a reward system for staff and visitors to recognise pupils going over and above with behaviour or in recognition of displaying school values. This system allows pupils to take these home and show parents. Each will be accompanied by a Class Dojo Point.

Thirdly, staff shall use Class Dojo to reward positive behaviour. Pupils who receive the highest number of points each week will be presented with a Dojo Certificate during our Friday 'Celebration Worship'.

Long Mountain Primary School and Preschool
Parent, Teacher and Friends Association



Annual General Meeting

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Stay informed and get involved.

Please come along and find out how you can help raise vital funds
for the school

The Lowfield Inn, Marton
Thursday 28th September 7.30pm



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