



Long Mountain Newsletter Friday 13th October

'Let Your Light Shine'

Matthew 5- 15:16 Sermon on the Mount

[Tales from the Office Friday 13th October 2023](#)



Happy Friday the 13th!

It has been another busy week at school and all the children have been working hard in their classes.

This week, I have been able to visit all classes to formally observe teaching and see all the fantastic learning that is taking place in school. From my discussions with pupils it is clear they are loving their learning. Formal lesson observations are a vital way that I can assess the quality of education in the school and identify how to support staff and pupils in ensuring we have quality teaching in our classrooms.

To support the school it is vital to have the view point of parents and carers. I have created a very short questionnaire to help me understand how we can support parents with your view of the school. You will find a section on this newsletter with how you can provide us with a brief overview of the school.

On Tuesday night I was able to take the Year 5/6 football team to play in the first round of the ESFA Small Schools Cup - we edged out St.Winefride's and Trinity to take the top spot and we will now face Radbrook School in the Semi-Final. This will be played sometime before February.

All Year 6 children managed to dodge the rain this week and turn a 2 day Bike Ability course into 1 fun-filled day. I am pleased to announce that all pupils achieved their Level 2 Qualification. I always feel that this is an extremely useful course for the children to take part in due to many children living near to busy countryside roads.

Anders Rowlands

Headteacher

Diary Date Change - Parents Evening

Parents Evening will now be Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th November.

Unfortunately, I have needed to move the dates of these meetings due to staff attending a school cluster training event at Pontesbury Primary School on the previous dates given to you.

Mrs Wagstaff will be sending out timings and how to book your appointments during the week beginning the 23rd October.

Stars of The Week and Hot Chocolate With The Head



Congratulations to

*Class 1 - **George** for his brilliant listening skills and trying his best all week.*

*Class 2 - **Charlotte** for always trying her best in every lesson and always being ready to learn.*

*Class 3 - **Lauren*** for looking after our school and especially for supporting other children in our school. She always shows respect and kindness in everything she does.

Class 4 - **Amelia** for her fantastic editing to improve her writing in English.

Parent and Carer Questionnaire & Parent Forums

<https://web.nautilus.education/public/survey/366/8836/CLASS>

As we move forward with our work to ensure your children receive the best education possible it is vital that we understand your honest view of the school. The questionnaire is anonymous and only consists of 10 very quick questions. This will provide me with some key information to discuss with staff before half-term.

In November - I will be starting a Parent's Forum Meeting. This is a chance to discuss matters in the school in an informal and supportive way.

The Parent Forum is a partnership between parents and the school. It is a valuable way to share ideas, views, concerns and make suggestions for improvement.

The aims of the Parent Forum will be to:

- work together to improve the education provided for our children
- share information, knowledge and skills
- meet in a mutually supportive environment
- further improve communications between parents/carers and staff/governors

The parent forum does not have any statutory responsibilities, duties or powers in the school but provides us with vital communication to support your children.

Bike Ability



Bike Ability is one of those key Year 6 moments that all children need to experience. Not only do they get to gain skills and confidence needed to ride their bikes on the road, they also get to be out of the

class for day! Normally, the course is run over 2 consecutive days, however due to the weather warnings and small group size this year we were able to fit it into 1 whole day. The instructors were very impressed with their confidence and behaviour of the pupils.



Class Dojo

Congratulations to :

Class 1 - **Archie P**

Class 2 - **Ella**

Class 3 - **Arthur**

Class 4 - **Frazer**

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

Key Dates

Thursday 19 October - National Poetry Day

Wednesday 25 October - Class 4 Swimming

Thursday 26 October - Pupils break up for half term & School Disco - Westbury Village Hall

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

Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 November - Parents Evening

Friday 10 November - Remembrance Day Service

Tuesday 14 November - Tempest Photography - Individual and siblings

Friday 24 November - Class 1 Inspire Afternoon

Thursday 30 November - Messy Church - Christingle

Friday 1st December - Christmas Film Night - Worthen Village Hall

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

Football Success



Congratulations to Cody who won the Player Of The Match Award for our recent mini-tournament against Trinity and St.Winefride's School. All the players were fantastic and showed great sportsmanship, Cody scored some great goals but was also showed great athletic ability covering the wing to support us when attacking and defending.

We won our first game 5-0 against Trinity and held on for a 2-2 draw against a very strong St.Winefride's. I have never been so pleased to hear the final whistle for a game. We went through on goal difference and we will now face Radbrook Primary School after Christmas in the semi-final.

Sponsorship Opportunity



We would love to hear from any local businesses who might want to sponsor us. I am sure we can do some fantastic advertising for you while we compete against local schools. If any parents are interest then please contact me at head@longmountain.shropshire.sch.uk



A message from the PTFA:

Bake sale and costumes for the disco will be available for sale on Thurs 19th and Fri 20th Oct after school. Brand new £5. Pre-loved £3. Masks 50p. Cakes 50p/£1. Please bring change.

Please note that we will also be holding a Cinema Event at Worthen Village Hall on Friday 1st December 3:15pm to 5:00pm

SAVE THE DATE!

FANCY DRESS
**AUTUMN
DISCO**

THURS 26TH
OCTOBER 2023

6PM - 7:30PM

WESTBURY VILLAGE HALL

£3 PER CHILD INC. DRINK &
SNACK

(LETTER FROM SCHOOL
TO FOLLOW)



PARENT GOVERNOR REQUIRED

Parent Governors play a vital role on governing bodies, holding the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school.

Through the children, they have a first hand experience of the delivery of the curriculum, and how the school is perceived from the community's point of view. This enables parent governors to bring a different perspective to the strategic management of the school.

TO EFFECTIVELY FULFIL THE ROLE, PARENT GOVERNORS SHOULD:



If you would to discuss how you can support our school please feel free to contact me.

Secondary School Applications

Secondary Application deadline – 31 October 2023

The closing date for secondary applications is 31 October 2023 which falls in the half-term holidays. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to submit an application as soon as possible but before the deadline date. This will ensure that if you encounter any problems, you can be supported/helped and to submit your application on time. There is no grace period for late applications. The link for the website is – [Transferring to secondary school | Shropshire Council](#)

Messy Church

On Saturday 11th November, Worthen Church are holding a 'Morning Coffee plus more' drop in for anyone who would like to attend. All money raised will go towards the cost of Messy Church 10.30 - 12.00