



# Long Mountain Newsletter Friday 28th September

***'Let Your Light Shine'***

***Matthew 5- 15:16 Sermon on the Mount***

[Tales from the Office Friday 28th September 2023](#)



Another busy week at Long Mountain. I would like to thank everyone who made me feel so welcome at the PTFA Meeting on Thursday night. It was lovely to hear about all the amazing things that you do for the school and how you are planning to support us in the future. I am very sorry I could not stay for all of the meeting.

During the week I had the pleasure of meeting Jon Newson, who took me to visit Worthen Village Hall and tell me all about how they support the school and what they can offer us. We have agreed to hold the KS1 Christmas production at the hall - I feel this will allow the pupils to not only experience the 'Big Stage' but also to allow us to serve refreshments after the event. From our meeting I can really see how we can use the space to support events in the future.

We had another action packed football club on Tuesday night and I am pleased to say I will be able to take 9 children to a football match this week at Shrewsbury School to compete against local schools. This is the start of us taking part in more events outside of school hours as I know so many of the children who come to the club want to play against other teams.

We would like to shout out a very loud WELL DONE to Mrs Hillard this week from Pre-School who completed her Level 3 Award in Child Care. All the staff knew she would do really well in her assessment and we were so proud to hear that she had gained a distinction for all of her hard work.

I will save the best for last though - this week I managed to join pre-school on a walk to the local shop and a stroll around the church yard. They enjoyed a drink and some biscuits on their return, which they had bought from the shop. I am not sure why I had to carry all of their shopping bags back up the hill to school though!

Anders Rowlands.

Headteacher

## Stars of The Week and Hot Chocolate With The Head



Congratulations to :

*Class 1 - **Archie P** for his amazing reading progress this week at home and at school.*

*Class 2 - **Flo** for always being ready to learn and working hard in all of her lessons. All the teachers think you are superstar!*

*Class 3 - **Arthur M** for working independently ( even when it's tricky work ) and for being quick to listen and full of enthusiasm!*

*Class 4 - **Chad** for his hard working attitude in class and wanting to improve himself.*

## School Council Elections



Mr Feltham has been busy over the last few weeks setting up our new School Council. During our Celebration Worship this week we unveiled the new members of the council. We would like to introduce the new members who will promote pupil voice throughout the school :

Class 2 - Phoebe and Rio

Class 3 - Daniel and Izzy

Class 4 - Zac and Finnley

## Class Dojo



Congratulations to :

Class 1 - **Sophie**

Class 2 - **Lewi, Ronnie and Florence**

Class 3 - **Summer**

Class 4 - **Grace C**

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

## Forest School - Class 1



There will be no Class 1 Forest School next Friday as we will be taking the children to the church in the afternoon to take part in the Harvest Festival Celebration Worship.

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their school uniform and not their normal forest school clothing.

## Pre-School News



To celebrate the success of Jo Hillard receiving her distinction for her course we decided to bake some lovely cakes. They were delicious.

Harvest Festival Friday 6th October

# **HARVEST** *festival*

**1:30pm- Worthen Church**

All children will be attending our Harvest Festival at the Church. Please feel free to attend if you can.

**FRIDAY  
6TH  
OCTOBER**



*We will be collecting  
tinned and dried food for  
Rea Valley Foodbank*

All pupils in school will be attending the Harvest Festival at Worthen Church. This year we will be collecting tinned and dry food for the Rea Valley Food Bank which supports local residents.

Parents are welcome to join us for the service and pupils can bring their donations into school from Monday morning onwards. We are planning to start the service at 1:30pm.

## Key Dates

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

**Thursday 5 October - Swimming Gala - 9am to 11:45am - Mr Darbyshire and Coach Michelle taking 10 pupils to compete**

**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**

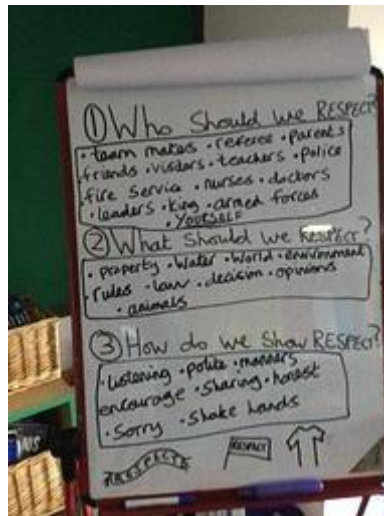
**Monday 18 December - Class 3 & 4 Christmas Party**

**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 Otis and Izzy for their certificates from Coach Neil this week. Otis received his for his skills on the football pitch and hard work in the class. Izzy got hers for her contributions to the lesson regarding respect and for her football skills.

The session today was all about how we show RESPECT!



## Outside Achievements



Congratulations to Richie is Class 4 for obtaining his 7th Gup Yellow Belt/Green Stripe in Taekwon-Do this week.

## National Poetry Day

To help us celebrate National Poetry Day on the 19th October we shall join an online performance and workshop with author Ian Bland. This will help us develop our understanding of how poetry can be a performance art. More details to follow soon.

## PTFA Meeting Thursday 28th September Update



A message from the PTFA:

Thank you everyone who came to our AGM last night. It was brilliant to have to fetch more chairs! Claire Owen has been re-elected as PTFA Chair for another year. Laura Morris stepped down as Vice Chair but will remain as a Trustee. Grace Pulford has been elected our new Vice Chair. Becky Williams was re-elected as Treasurer, and Heather Price was re-elected as Secretary.

Helen Fletcher, Stuart Potter and Andy Thompson were also re-elected as Trustees. Natalie Jones stepped down as a Trustee and Claire Hotchkiss has been elected in her place.

It was great that Anders Rowlands, our new headteacher, was able to come along. PTFA will be funding the cost of the Panto bus and funds have also been allocated to each class and pre-school to assist with the cost of trips this year. Lots more discussed, including plans and ideas for future fundraising and ways we can support the school.

A few parents have been asking if the disco is going ahead this term – it is! Please see the poster for details. Donations of spooky costumes also gratefully received.

Thank you everyone. Here's to another great year of fundraising and experiences for the children!



## LONG MOUNTAIN PTFA FUNDRAISING 2022/23

### OUR EVENTS



Thank you for helping us to raise an incredible £5,397.07

### OUR ACTIVITIES



The PTFA is a registered charity run by a friendly group of parents who work closely with school and preschool to organise fundraising events to enrich the education and experience for all children at Long Mountain.

We meet in the pub every other month, and we also organise committee social nights, so joining us is a great way to meet other parents, get involved and have fun.

### EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT THE PTFA:

#### EASY FUNDRAISING – RAISE MONEY EVERY TIME YOU SHOP ONLINE!

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) - It doesn't cost you or us a penny. Please visit the website or download the Easy Fundraising app. It's a free fundraising platform that allows us to earn money when we shop online. It works with over 7,000 brands, from Morrisons, eBay, JD Sports, M&S, RAC, Booking.com and loads more.

Once signed up, the retailer you shop with will send us a donation based on how much you spend. It only takes 2 minutes to register for free and all you need is your email address. Share with your friends and family too – the more the merrier.

#### DONATE ££ OR RAFFLE PRIZES & BUY/SELL TICKETS

Do you own a local business or work for a company who would like to donate a raffle prize or help in any other way? Please get in touch. In return for publicity on our Facebook page and in the school newsletter, you'll also (more importantly) get the feel-good factor by supporting the school.

#### ATTEND EVENTS

Everything will be publicised in the school newsletter. Please attend events and participate when you can.

### ADD YOUR NAME TO OUR VOLUNTEER LIST

To be called on as and when we need extra pairs of hands (no pressure or commitment). Some companies offer employer-supported volunteering (ESV) which gives employees the opportunity to volunteer during working hours, and some will offer to match fund any money raised.

### COME ALONG TO OUR MEETINGS

We meet at The Lowfield Inn in Marton, every other month on a Thursday evening. Please keep an eye on the school newsletter for dates.

**GET IN TOUCH**

Follow us on Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/LongMountainSchool](https://www.facebook.com/LongMountainSchool)  
Message our page and we'll get back to you.  
Or come and say hello on the playground!



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### A message from our PTFA Chair, Claire Owen:

Thank you to everyone who has supported the PTFA over the past 12 months. It's great to work alongside a fantastic group of parents and teachers to fundraise for the school and pre-school. We're thrilled with the amount we've raised and we're looking forward to working with our new headteacher, Anders Rowlands, to spend the funds on much needed resources and some amazing experiences for the children. Watch this space for more news about PTFA events and activities. coming soon!

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### A few highlights from 2022/23...



## 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:



## 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

## Birthday Cakes



Over the last couple of weeks we have had questions regarding children bringing cakes in to school to celebrate their birthday and other special events. We have looked into this and due to the different allergies children in school and Natasha's Law we will only accept shop bought cakes which are in a sealed box.

## Local Events

Having a pre-Christmas clear out or do you have some collectables to sell?

### **TABLE TOP AND COLLECTABLES SALE**

**Saturday 14th October 2023**

**10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Worthen Village Hall**

**Tables £10 each**

Light refreshments available

**To book a table** selling your own goods contact:  
Angela Newson **01743 891912** or email Zhana  
Broadist at **worthennewsletter@gmail.com**

***Fundraiser for Worthen Newsletter***

***N.B we will also have a box out collecting tinned or packet food (please ensure they are in date) and hygiene products for the Food Bank. No fresh or frozen food , thank you.***



### **COMMUNITY APPEAL**

The Rea Valley foodbank was set up in partnership with Shrewsbury Food Bank PLUS to provide parcels of donated food, toiletries, cleaning products and household items to individuals and families every week. These are unprecedented times of soaring energy bills alongside a huge rise in the cost of food and other necessary items, making foodbanks an essential service. Numerous Rea Valley households have faced hardship and during our first year we have given out 7 tons of produce.

Unfortunately, our incoming food/hygiene donations have fallen very short of that at just 2 tons and so far the Shrewsbury Food Bank Plus has made up our shortfall every week. While we may never be independent, it would be good if we were able to provide more of our own locally donated items.

**We desperately need in-date tinned and packet foodstuff, toiletries, cleaning products, pet food and nappies.** If you are able to donate and can help us to help others in our community please drop off at the following venues, at the dates and times listed.

**Hope Village Hall**  
Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday  
12 noon until 2:00 pm

13<sup>th</sup> September  
11<sup>th</sup> October  
8<sup>th</sup> November  
13<sup>th</sup> December

**Worthen Village Hall**  
Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
10:00 am until 12 noon

20<sup>th</sup> September  
18<sup>th</sup> October  
15<sup>th</sup> November  
TBA December

Members of our team will be there to collect donations and provide a warm welcome. Thank you!

For further information please email [support@reavalleyfoodbank.co.uk](mailto:support@reavalleyfoodbank.co.uk)

# THE PINK PARTY

In aid of **BREAST  
CANCER  
NOW** The research &  
support charity

**Worthen Village Hall : 27th October 2023**

**Join us for a meal and music!**



**Doors open at 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. dinner**

**Tickets £25 - bring your own drinks (and glasses)**

**Please advise of any dietary issues in advance**

***For tickets please contact:***

***Linda Sagar 07840 365474***

***Angela Newson 01743 891912***