



# Long Mountain Newsletter Monday 23rd October

*'Let Your Light Shine'*

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

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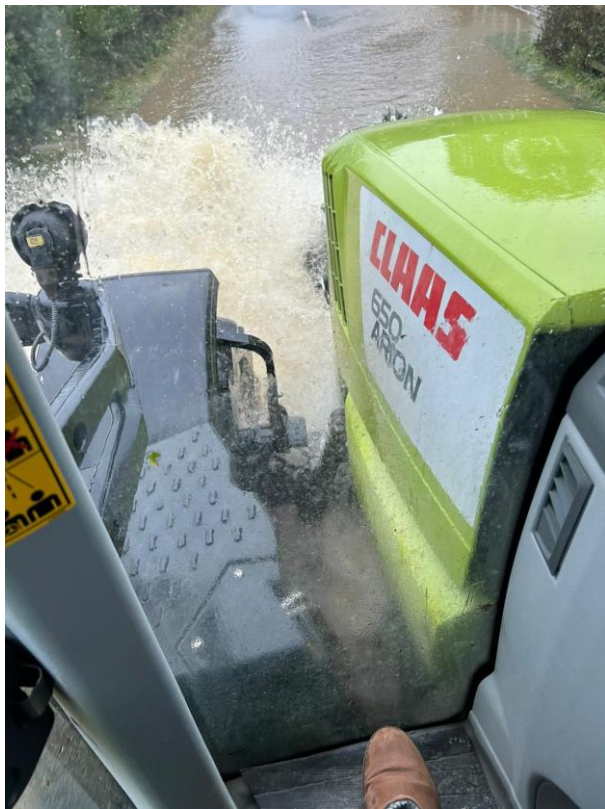


Well it is never a dull week at Long Mountain and this week we ended on quite the epic mission to ensure all the children, parents and staff got home safely. Storm Babet decided to flood not only our school yard but also many of the roads around school. It is never an easy decision to close a school as I know it has a major impact on parents and ensuring that the children are safe, however as I took to my car to check the roads at 10am it was clear that it was becoming dangerous for parents to be driving to school. All the staff were like a well-oiled machine as we put our plan into action to close the school early, which involved not only contacting all the parents but also identifying who would or would not be travelling on the three different buses. I would like to personally thank all those of you with 4 wheel drive vehicles and tractors who came backwards and forwards to help ferry children to parents across the floods. I know many of those helping had stopped their own work for the day to come and help our school community. Without your support many of the families would have struggled.

Anders Rowlands

Headteacher





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



Congratulations to

*Class 1 - **Izzy** for her superb phonics progress and counting skills.*

*Class 2 - **Mabel** for her excellent listening skills and being so helpful in class.*

*Class 3 - **Florence** for an excellent piece of Anglo-Saxon art - she produced a lovely repeated printed pattern and wrote her name in runic.*

*Class 4 - **Chad** for being a positive role model in class and working really hard in all subjects.*

## 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.

## Class Dojo

Congratulations to :

Class 1 - **Izzy**

Class 2 - **Rio**

Class 3 - **Thomas**

Class 4 - **Sam**

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

## Text Communication

It has been brought to our attention that some parents mainly Reception class didn't receive the text messages on Friday morning regarding the floods, I have sent out a test message this morning and if parents haven't received the text or it has gone to Dad's phone number instead of Mums please can you let me know via the admin email address. Thank you to those parents who have phoned or emailed us this morning with new mobile numbers. It is vital that parents contact us to update contact numbers when they have had new phones etc. When we get feedback from parents we will contact IT and get them to look in to the problem.

## Class 4 swimming

Class 4 start their swimming lessons on Wednesday, please make sure your child comes to school with their swimming costumes under their school uniforms and bring with them underwear and a towel. Lessons will continue after half term for 5 week's (6 week's in total).

CLASS 3 SWIMMING HAS FINISHED.

## Tuesday Night Football Club

Tuesday 24th October will be the final Football Club session till sometime in the New Year. I would like to say a big 'THANK YOU' to all the children who attended this club.

## Autumn Disco

We have had lots of permission forms returned to school for the Autumn Disco but very few parents have paid online, all payments need to be made before the disco on Thursday.

## Tesco Bike Funding



Class one were delighted to receive our new 'Scoot' balance bikes this week. We'd like to say a big thank you to Mrs Wagstaff for organising the Tesco Grant funding which enabled Dave Mellor cycles to provide us with no less than ten new balance bikes! A big thank you goes to everyone who 'posted' their blue tokens in Tesco and made this all possible. It really is true that *Every Little Helps!*



We are so grateful for your support and generosity.

Thank you again

Class 1

## 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 holding our first parents' 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.

## Key Dates

*Wednesday 25 October - Class 4 Swimming*

*Thursday 26 October - - Class 4 Tag Rugby , 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 News



The Year 4-6 Football Team played at Shrewsbury Sports Village on Monday night in the ESFA Under 11 Boys Tournament. The team played against St.Georges, St.Winefride's, Meerside, Meole Brace and Harlescott in the event. We won 1 game, drew 3 and lost 1. Unfortunately even with only conceding 3 goals in all those games we did not make it into the knockout stages.

A have to say huge thank you to the parents who supported with lifts and also to Jake - Zac's dad - for helping me manage the team while I was refereeing games.

Chad received the Man Of The Match Award for his hard work, dedication and sportsmanship that he displayed in all the games. Both Jake and myself were so impressed with him and both agreed he should take the honour this week.



## Reading The Game

In the penultimate Reading The Game Session the awards were given to Martha and Owen. Martha received her certificate for her excellent contributions to discussions and Owen was awarded his certificate fantastic attitude and sportsmanship.







## Parenting Support

The Parenting Team will be delivering free Understanding Your Child and Understanding Your Child SEND groups from January 2024 (poster attached).

These 10 week groups aim to:

- Promote understanding of children's behaviour within the context of developmental issues
- Promote the development of parent/child relationship
- Increase confidence and self-esteem in both parents and children
- Give parents a strategy for repair when things go wrong
- Promote reflective, sensitive and effective parenting

We are also offering a free SLEEP TIGHT workshop from January 2024 (poster attached).

These 5 week workshops cover:

- Recognising the role of sleep hygiene to improve sleep
- Identifying causes of sleep issues and appropriate practical strategies to try
- Completing sleep diaries and identifying potential sleep issues

Please do not hesitate to contact us directly if you have any questions: [parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk) or give us a call on 01743 250950

If you need the poster in a different format, please contact [Natasha.Heath@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Natasha.Heath@shropshire.gov.uk)



- *Would you like to know more about why sleep is important for our health and emotional well-being?*
  - *Does your child struggle with their sleep?*
- *Would you like to access support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines?*
  - *Would you like to meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences?*

### ***SLEEP TIGHT WORKSHOP***

The workshops are delivered virtually via MS Teams or face to face at a venue in Shrewsbury. All you need for the virtual groups is an email address and an electronic device, and we will talk you through the rest.

Our workshops run for 5 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays.

**Starts on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024 from 09.30am to 11.30am  
in Shrewsbury, venue to be confirmed.**

**Starts on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm  
Virtually via MS Teams**

**Starts on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 from 9.30am to 11.30am  
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To book a place on one of our workshops or for further information on the workshops we run please contact the Parenting Team by:

Emailing [Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk)

Or call us on 01743 250950



## 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.

## Outstanding payments



As we come to the end of half term all outstanding dinner money, extended schools payments need to be paid in full, so we have a zero balance to start the new term in November.