



Long Mountain Newsletter Friday 27th October

'Let Your Light Shine'

Matthew 5- 15:16 Sermon on the Mount

[Tales from the Office Friday 27th October 2023](#)



WOW! 8 weeks have flown by! I would personally like to thank all of the staff, governors, parents and pupils for being so welcoming in my first half-term. I have enjoyed every minute of my time at Long Mountain and no two days have been the same - I think that is what makes this school so special.

This week has seen us: welcome back into school the Open The Book team; begin our school grounds improvement; change the layout of the school library; take children to a rugby competition; I cooked baked beans and Spaghetti hoops on toast for our after-school clubbers; staff received a twilight phonics training session; a Full Governing Body Meeting and a fun-filled school disco.

I hope everyone has a safe and restful half-term break where you all get to spend so quality time together. The staff are looking forward to welcoming back pupils into their classes.

Anders Rowlands

Headteacher

Stars of The Week and Hot Chocolate With The Head

This week we were unable to meet my normal catch up with Long Mountain Stars due to it being so busy in school. However, the children will not be missing out on their treat - I shall be catching up with them on the first day back in school and they will get a very special photograph.

Congratulations to

*Class 1 - **Lottie*** for her hard work in school this half-term.

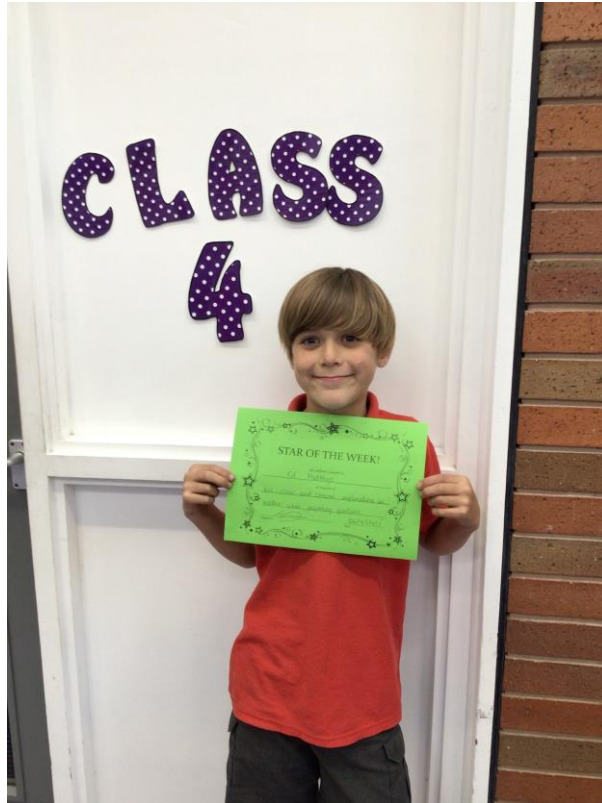
*Class 2 - **Pippa*** for being an excellent artist - especially with her self-portraits.

*Class 3 - **Owen*** for showing care, precision and perseverance in art and great participation in maths this week.

*Class 4 - **Ed*** for his clear and concise explanations in maths when answering questions.







Thank You, Good Bye and Good Luck!

On Thursday we said goodbye to two members of staff, who are moving onto new and exciting career changes. Our lovely school cook Theoline who has been a ray of sunshine every day, will be taking up a role as a mobile carer. I know that the individuals she looks after will always get a warm and friendly smile from her. We also say goodbye to Natalie our evening cleaner who has managed to secure a role as a Teaching Assistant in a school in Shropshire. The children in her new school will be very lucky to have her supporting them.



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.

Appointment slips were sent home yesterday, the day and times of the appointments have been highlighted, I was planning on sending home printed slips, unfortunately I ran out of time and this was the quickest option, this gives parents time to sort out childcare, time off work etc.

Class Dojo

Congratulations to :

Class 1 - **Forrest**

Class 2 - **Rio**

Class 3 - **Izzy**

Class 4 - **Archie**

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

Open the Book Returns To School



This week I was very pleased to welcome Rev. Ruth back into school with Rev. David and Jeremy Lucas (Governor) who led our Open The Book Worship Assembly. Rev. Ruth and her team will be coming into school on a regular basis to share stories from the Bible with us.

From my discussions with staff when I first started at Long Mountain - it was clear that they missed having visitors into school and they were especially keen to bring back the Open The Book team.

Tag Rugby Competition

Year 5 and 6 had a successful time at the Tag Rugby event at Shrewsbury rugby club today. Both teams worked well in attack and defence, showing grit and determination to tackle and to get over the tryline to score. They worked hard for each other with excellent communication skills and fantastic teamwork to gain two wins each in their group stages. On the sidelines, we had many positive comments about how our teams performed from various coaches that were present - including one of the head coaches at Shrewsbury. We are immensely proud of all the children that attended, and it felt amazing to be a part of team Long Mountain. We have some talented rugby players amongst us and hopefully they have been inspired to play for a local team. Well done to you all!





Year 6 Panto Visit



Year 6 pupils were visited by the local am dram society who came to visit the children on Thursday afternoon. The group is looking for Year 6 pupils to take up some parts in the play or be member of the crew helping with props and lighting etc.

The children have been asked to complete a little bit of home work to help the panto team out (colour in a mouse mask) and they also have a form to fill out if they are interested in taking part. Please can the masks and any signed forms be brought back in for Monday 6th November.

The pantomime will be held at Worthen Village Hall and the dates are:

7pm Thursday 11 January 7pm Friday 12 January 2pm Saturday Matinee 13 January 7pm Saturday 13 January.

Changes to School Grounds

Over the half-term holidays we are hoping to have a lot of work completed in the school grounds to support the children with new play equipment. As the weather starts to continue to stop us playing on the field it is vital that we have resources available for the children to use and stay active.

Fingers-crossed the weather is kind to us and we are able to complete the work over the holidays .





Inspire Afternoons

During this half term class teachers are inviting parents into their classes to take part in our Inspire afternoons. The sessions are designed for you to come and be part of the class and learn alongside your child. These afternoons are a fun and informal way for you to see your child in action within the class and share your skills in certain areas.

Class 1 - Friday 24th November

Class 2 - Wednesday 29th November

Class 3 - Monday 27th November

Class 4 - Friday 9th December

Autumn Disco



Thank you to all of the staff and parent volunteers who ran and supported the Autumn Disco on Thursday 26th October. It was such a lovely evening that was really well attended. All the children looked amazing in their costumes and there was some rather awesome dancing by adults and children.

The school really does appreciate all the support of the PTFA provides us - I know how hard Claire and team worked to put on a lovely event for the children.

Key Dates

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***

*Monday 27 November - **Class 3 Inspire Afternoon***

Wednesday 29 November - Class 2 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***

Friday 9 December - Class 4 Inspire Afternoon

*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 all the pupils in Class 3 for getting promoted into the 'Reading The Game Programme' Champions League this half term. The programme is designed to inspire the children with their reading, writing, football and PE skills. In the English lessons, the pupils have worked hard on improving their comprehension skills, letter writing, diaries and even taken part in a debate. Visits from Blue the Lion (The Shrewsbury Town mascot) has also entertained the pupils during the sessions. Well done everyone....very proud of you!

Coach Neil

Shrewsbury Town Foundation

Well done to Rory and Willow for their awards this week. Rory received his for setting a good example to others and Willow received hers for her excellent participation and being actively involved in discussions.



Poppy Appeal

The School Council will be helping to sell Poppies when we return to school after the holidays. The Royal British Legion are suggesting a minimum donation of 50p for a Poppy and £1 for rulers, snap bands etc.

Water Bottles

It has come to my attention that some children are bringing into school full drinks bottles of coke and apple juice. In line with our school policy on healthy eating I am reminding parents politely that children may only bring bottles of water or concentrated squash to school

Fireworks & Fun!



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ALL SAINTS CHURCH WORTHEN

Thursday 2nd November

10.30 - 12 noon at the Church



We are hosting a Firework Painting Competition for all who would like to come along.

The paintings will be displayed in Church and there will be Sparklers for everyone!

Please let us know if you are planning to come along by sending us an email to **annmorganjones456@gmail.com**.

Everyone is very welcome and we hope to see you there!

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 or give us a call on 01743 250950

If you need the poster in a different format, please contact 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 12th January 2024 from 09.30am to 11.30am
in Shrewsbury, venue to be confirmed.**

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

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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

Or call us on 01743 250950



www.shropshire.gov.uk
General Enquiries: 0345 678 9000

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Parent Governor Vacancy

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:



Attend four governing bodies meetings during the year



Attend training as necessary



Get to know the school



Present a balanced view of issues, representing different sections of the community

**Please contact the school office
for more information or how to apply**



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

Outstanding payments



As we are at the end of half term all outstanding dinner money, extended schools, 1st Nursery payments should have been paid in full, so we have a zero balance to start the new term in November.