

To make our dreams come true

through our shared Christian Values of **compassion, respect, trust, wisdom and friendship**

Monday 28th September

It has been lovely to see everyone back in school enjoying their learning together. Here are a few reminders and updates for the coming weeks.

Harvest Festival

We will be holding a harvest celebration at school on Tuesday 19th October at 10am. Reverend Ruth will lead the service and any donations will be used to replenish the 'Longford Larder.' Parents are welcome to join us.

Uniform

Please make sure that correct uniform is worn to school. Children should have grey or black trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafores along with a white shirt or polo shirt and a Longford sweatshirt or cardigan. Black school shoes or plain black unbranded trainers are also part of our uniform. Nail varnish, jewellery and make-up should not be worn to school. Our pre-loved uniform is available in the entrance area and no charge is made for any items available there – please come and have a look.

School Photographer

Next Monday, 5th October, we will be visited by a local photographer. If you have children that do not come to Longford, but you would like a family photo taken, please come to the hall between 8:30am and 9:00am. After this, individual and sibling photos will be taken. Proofs will be sent home and photos will be available directly through the photographer's website.

PE Kit

PE lessons take place every Friday and children should wear plain black shorts, leggings or joggers, a plain white t-shirt and their school jumper or cardigan. Long hair must be tied back and ear-rings removed or taped up for safety reasons. Tape should be supplied from home and children must be able to apply it themselves. Trainers are ideal footwear for growing feet, however plimsolls are an affordable alternative. If children do not have safe and suitable kit, they may not be able to join in with their PE lesson.

Attendance

Most of our pupils have made a super start to the school year, with 46.2% (17) of our pupils currently having 100% attendance. Children who attend well, particularly at the start of a school year, typically make better academic progress than those who do not. We understand that children can be ill, and would like to remind parents that they must inform the school of any absence on every day that their child is away from school. Leave of absence must be requested for any other reason.

Headteacher's Award

We were very PROUD to award our first Headteacher's award on Friday. Look out for these very special certificates, as they come with an end of term treat (currently under discussion with the winner.) Invitation letters will be sent home once we have a date.

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House-Points

Children are in 3 'houses' within school; Avon, Castle and Spire. House points can be earned for being helpful, using good manners, being polite and friendly, working hard, being respectful and demonstrating our three special values of being 'Safe, Kind and Proud.' Each week there is a reward for the winning team and each term, there will be a special treat for the team with the most points.

Parents' Meetings

This term, parents' meetings will be held on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th October between 3:30pm and 5:20pm. Please support your child(ren) by coming along to talk to their teacher(s), discussing how we are supporting them in school and how you can help them at home. If these times are not convenient, or you are not able to come in to school, please request a phone call to share your child's progress and attainment. A separate letter, with a booking form will be sent home tomorrow.



Friends of Longford School – FoLS

The 'Friends of Longford School' do a superb job of raising funds to make school life that little bit more enjoyable for all our families. This year, they have pledged to buy new pupils their first jumper or cardigan and a book bag to welcome them to the school. They run events throughout the year to fund this, however they need more adults to help with the fundraising efforts as we would also love them to supply every child with a water bottle that can stay in school.

If you can spare a little time to help this great cause, either in organising or helping to run events, FoLS would love to have you on board. Why not come along for a drink and some cake at 2:45pm this Thursday, 1st October. Mrs Dyde and Mrs Mills would love to have a few more people who can help us raise some vital funds.

School Council

The children have elected their representatives for the new school year and the council have already held their first two meetings. This is a great example of DEMOCRACY which is one of our British Values. Currently, the council are working together to suggest some ideas for some new lunchtime clubs and to think of some great rewards for teams winning our weekly and

Coming Up...

- 30th September – Maths specialist from Mobius Hub in school
- 1st October – 2:45pm FoLS coffee, cake and chatter
- 5th October – School photographer (8:30 – 9:00 photos with younger siblings)
- 7th October – Ramsbury English Hub working with school leaders
- 13th October – Parents Meetings
- 15th October – Parents Meetings
- 19th October – Harvest Festival 10am
- 21st October – Teacher Development Day – school closed to pupils
- 22nd October – 1st November HALF TERM
- 2nd November – First day of Term 2

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