

Long Lawford Primary School

'Together we are an ACE School.'

Friday January 9th
2009



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Long Lawford News...

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On behalf of everyone at the school I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

School Council - Our school council continues to go from strength to strength. Next Thursday January 15th 2009 members of the school council will be visiting the Mayor at the town hall to see how the local council operates.

Feel the buzz - This term sees the return of the very popular 'Feel the buzz' music sessions in school. Every Friday all the children in school will be led in fun singing activities by qualified and CRB cleared specialist teachers from Warwickshire County Music service.

Return to school - It has been good to see all the children return to school in good spirits. Many of the children have been keen to relate what they had for Christmas. A number of the children have also made New Year Resolutions for the year ahead. I was able to share with the children that mine is to have breakfast each day (as I have been known to skip it!)

Partnership with parents and guardians - As part of our partnership work with parents and guardians a new parents forum was started last term. Amongst the items that were discussed was the wearing of jewellery in school and in particular ear studs. It was felt that removing ear studs for physical activity was unnecessary and taping over them would be sufficient. The school policy will now change to allow for ear studs to be taped over. We will no longer require ear studs to be removed.

Swimming - Unfortunately Foundation 2 (Reception class) are unable to go swimming at the moment. This is due to the closure of the 'small' pool at the Ken Marriott centre for heating and other maintenance. I have been informed by the Ken Marriott centre that they anticipate that these repairs will be completed by the end of January 2009. We will of course let parents know when Foundation 2 will be going swimming again.

School Kitchen - Due to ill health our school cooks Mrs Hyde and Mrs Dunkley have not been in school this week. Relief staff from Warwickshire County Catering have covered the kitchen and this has led to slight changes in the school menu. Any changes have been kept to a minimum and it is hoped that Mrs Hyde will be back in school next week.

Curriculum - I am very pleased that Hayley (of Impact Dance) has agreed to continue to deliver dance sessions to classes this term. This combined with continued input from specialist sports coaches, music and language teachers ensures that children receive a good and enriching range of learning activities.

Lateness - Despite numerous communications in this school newsletter we still have a very small minority of children who are often late to school. Please note that I will be actively monitoring this each day and contacting parents / guardians of children who are late that same day. As a school we try to start the day promptly so that each minute is used for learning. Lateness not only develops poor habits, it adversely affects a child's learning.

School office - My apologies that due to illness Mrs Griffiths has not been in school for much of this week. In her absence we will try to deal with any queries as best we can. Mrs Griffiths is hoping to return to school the early part of next week.

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The Eastern Warwickshire School Sport Partnership
is offering



FREE Swimming Lessons

When?

February half term, Monday 16/02/09 to Friday 20/02/09 inclusive

Where?

At Ken Marriott Leisure Centre, Rugby

Who for?

Students in Years 4, 5, 6 & 7 who attend school in Rugby and who cannot swim 25 metres

What time?

Either 9am to 9.30am OR 9.30am to 10am OR 10am to 10.30am

How do I book a place?

Ring us on 01788 812549 ex 304 between 9.30 - 2pm Monday to Friday
or email admin@ewschoolsport.org.uk

Please do NOT ring Ken Marriott Leisure Centre.

For further information, contact Leesa Brennan, Partnership Development Manager
on 01788 812549 ex 305 or 07738 226855



*Hurry! Places will be allocated on a first come,
first served basis!*

School Closure - In exceptional circumstances the school may need to be closed. This decision would only be taken as a last resort. When considering whether or not to close the school the head teacher with the school caretaker will consider the following:

Conditions on the school site, especially safety.

Availability of school meals.

Availability of heating.

Weather forecast.

Road conditions.

Every attempt will be made to open the school, if at all possible. Information regarding the school's closure will be put on:

Rugby FM 107.1 FM

Mercia Radio 97 and 102.9 FM

The local authority school closure website at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosure

After school clubs - Next **Tuesday January 13th 2009 3–3:35pm** a new after school **singing club** will start for children in Foundation 2 and Years 1 and 2. The **Martial arts club** started again yesterday and will take place **each Thursday** 3 to 4pm. Please note there are still places available for this club. For more information please ask at the school office. **Wildplay club** (for Foundation 2 and year 1 children) will be resuming on **Thursday January 22nd 2009**. A new '**street cheer**' club will be starting next **Friday January 16th 2009** with Hayley of Impact Dance. We hope to have more details of this and other clubs shortly.

