



Summer Term 2019

Friday 19th July 2019

Welcome to Our Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher

Thank you to all parents and carers of Long Lawford. As the academic year closes, I find myself reflecting on my first year as your Headteacher. The school has gone through some change (with the new building being opened), and the school will continue to change next year also. Some changes include the curriculum being 'tweaked' to ensure all children receive their National Curriculum in a fun and engaging way (which will be available to see on the school website in September), school leaders will continue with driving standards up (especially in Reading, Writing, Maths and Attendance), Swimming will be moving to Year 4 and the school are forging links with the Parish Council and the Long Lawford Community Association to name a few. I also hope that the coming year will bring with it a new excitement as you will start to see the additions we are making to the outdoor area.

I would like to also thank all of the staff at Long Lawford Primary School. No matter your role within the school, you are all helping to make a positive difference to the lives of the children and families you serve.

I wish you all a happy and safe summer holiday, and look forward to seeing you all again in September. Children return to school on Wednesday 4th September at normal time.

Mrs Stringer

Transition week

Transition week has been a huge success in school. The children have all settled well into their new classes and any teething problems have been sorted out so the children are feeling secure and happy in their new classrooms and with their new teachers for the new year.

Entrance to the Junior Block

As we have so many children going in to the junior block through the one door in the morning, we ask parents not to go inside with their children. Children from Year 1 upwards are encouraged to go into school independently. Teachers are available at the end of the day if there is a problem. If parents want to speak to teachers in the morning please speak to the TA on the outside door, or let the office know, and the teachers will get back to you as soon as possible. Teachers are with their classes from 8.40am and are not always available first thing in the morning to speak to parents.

Safety

Can parents/carers ensure that their children don't climb on storage sheds, walls, benches or banisters/bollards around school either before or at the end of the school day. We have had a few children fall and injure themselves recently and we are keen to prevent accidents and keep everyone safe. Please could parents support us with helping to keep all children safe and healthy.

Lighthouse Wrap Around Care

We are excited to announce the LHWA now has OFSTED registration. This means that from September, LHWA will be offering breakfast provision as well as extended after school provision. Please check their website for more information and to make bookings - <https://www.lawfordlighthouse.org.uk/schoolwraparoundcare.htm>.

Children going into year 3

Children going into year 3 in September are no longer eligible for Universal Free School Meals. School meals need to be paid for via SIMSPAY. If you think you qualify for free school meal, please apply via <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>

Dinner Money Increase

School dinners will be increasing to £2.35 from September. Please ensure that you keep your payments up to date.

New to Reception

Please have a look at this link <https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/> There are some short videos, and fun activities that you and your child can do together over the summer before your child starts school.

Goodbye Year 6

It's that time of year when we say a fond farewell to our fantastic Year 6 children. They have become such wonderful young adults while attending Long Lawford Primary, and the whole teaching team is so very proud of them all. We wish you all well for moving on to your new school, and welcome visits from you to let us know how you are doing! Have a lovely summer Year 6 - you've most definitely earned it!



Warwickshire Local Welfare School Holiday Lunch Scheme



Are you finding it hard to make ends meet over the school summer holiday?

You may be able to get food vouchers to help!

You may be eligible for the Warwickshire Local Welfare Summer Support Scheme if your children were registered for free school meals before 19th July 2019

Funds for this scheme are limited and applications will be considered on a first come first served basis. Applications will be accepted between Monday 22nd July and Friday 30th August.

**To apply please call us on
0800 408 1448 or 01926 359182**

Things to do in the summer holiday

Please see the information we posted on our App about many different holiday activities that are free or have a very low cost. It is full of ideas of places to take your children every day!

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Attendance for the last 2 weeks

Nursery	91.6%
Reception	92.6%
Year 1	92.4%
Year 2	91.7%
Year 3	93.0%
Year 4	93.6%
Year 5	95.2%
Year 6	95.2%

Children who do not attend school miss learning and have gaps that can affect their attainment. If they are not with us they cannot learn.

Attendance

Fantastic news. We have handed out 47 attendance prizes of £5 to spend at 'The Works' for the best attendance this year. Well done to all the children who have won prizes. We are planning on continuing our rewards next year, badges and sticker weeks as well as whole year prizes.

We have managed to improve our whole school attendance from 94.5% last year to 95.1% this year, still below our target of 96% and the national average of 96.5% but still an improvement. Many thanks to all those parents who have helped us improve and move towards our target.

We are sending out attendance letters this week to let parents know if their child's attendance is less than 90%. This is the persistent absence level set by the government and means that children have missed a minimum of 40 sessions this school year. This needs to improve as it is at least 120 learning hours missed, any child would struggle with catching up on this much learning. Warwickshire School attendance Service 'WAS' have said that we need to set internal school attendance targets for these children.



CIRCUS

£4,500

raised by the circus event and raffle

FOLLS would like to say a massive thank you to all the parents and teachers for their help at the circus, as well as everyone who bought tickets, food, drinks, raffle tickets etc. Everyone contributed to the event being a massive success and raising a whopping £4500!!



We can't quite believe we're saying this but we're so excited to share with you our fundraising total for this year.

We've a few more items to add to this but we have raised in excess of a whopping £15,000 across all of our events and initiatives!

Thank you for all your support this year. This is an incredible amount of money that will benefit all of our children in school.

Term Dates 2019-20

Autumn Term 2019

Monday 2nd September - Warwickshire set Training Day (school closed to all children)

Tuesday 3rd September - LLPS set Training Day (school closed to all children)

Wednesday 3rd September – Children return to school (8:40am opening)

Wednesday 16th October – Reception 2020 starters open morning

Wednesday 23rd October - Parents Evening 1 (2pm-6pm)

Friday 25th October – Last day at school before half term

October Half Term – Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

Monday 4th November – Children return to school (8:40am opening)

Monday 16th December – Whole School Christmas Dinner (and Christmas Jumper Day)

Tuesday 17th December – EYFS Sing Along Assembly

Wednesday 18th December – KS1 Nativity Assembly

Thursday 19th December – KS2 Carols performance

Friday 20th December – Whole School Panto (children only). Last day at school before Christmas break.

Christmas Holidays – Monday 23rd December until Friday 3rd January 2020

Spring Term 2020

Monday 6th January – LLPS Set Training Day

Tuesday 7th January – Children return to school (8:40am start)

Friday 14th February – last day at school before half term

February Half term – Monday 17th February until Friday 21st February

Monday 24th February – children return to school (8:40am)

Wednesday 18th March until Friday 20th March – Y5 Kingswood residential

Wednesday 25th March – Parents Evening 2

Friday 3rd April – last day before Easter Holidays

Easter Holidays – Monday 6th April until Friday 17th April

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April – children return to school (8:40am start)

Friday 1st May - May Day Celebrations day.

Friday 8th May – May Day (School Closed to children)

Week beginning Monday 11th May – KS2 SATs Week (TBC)

Friday 22nd May – last day before Whitsun Half Term

Whitsun Half Term – Monday 25th May until Friday 29th May

Monday 1st June – Children return to school (8:40am start)

Week beginning Monday 8th June – Year 1 Phonics testing week

Thursday 18th June – New to Foundation Stage Parent Meeting

Week beginning Monday 22nd June – Sports Days (timings TBC)

Wednesday 1st July – open evening

Thursday 9th July – Reports to parents

Friday 10th July – Teacher Training Day (school closed to children)

Week beginning Monday 13th July – Transition week (children move to their new classes)

Friday 17th July – Y6 Leavers assembly. Last day before summer holidays

Summer Holiday – Monday 20th July until Monday 31st August