



Dear Families,

What a fantastic term we have had at Long Lawford Primary School! The children have settled well in their classes and have been doing lots of fantastic learning. Next half term promises to be just as exciting with trips, exciting lessons and residential trips being planned.

### Meet the Headteacher

I will be holding a "Meet the Headteacher" event in the new year on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019 between 3:30pm and 4:30pm in the school hall. This is informal and will be a chance for us to meet now that I am settled in. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. There will also be several items that I would be keen to get your feedback on that will be stationed around the hall. Please do visit the stations and let me know what you think.

### You Said, We Did...

You may have seen on the newsletter a new section for "You said, we did". This new section aims at giving you feedback on the points raised during the October Parent Survey. There were various points raised that I am working on addressing, and will give you feedback on what has been done in response to your feedback. It will take some time to address all of the feedback, but please be assured that all comments have been reviewed and are being addressed. Once the new offices are built, there will also be a similar display board showing you what school have done, which will also give you an opportunity to give us further feedback throughout the year.

### Attendance Updates

As you know, there is a big push on driving up attendance at Long Lawford, and I am pleased to say that whole school attendance is almost at National expectations. Good attendance supports great outcomes for the children, and at present our whole school attendance is 95.9% – a huge improvement on last year's 94.2%. National expectations are at least 96%. Children and staff have been excited to talk about their attendance every day, and have had a non-uniform attendance prize over the last term. School Council have decided that they would like to change their attendance prize from non-uniform to extra playtime and games for 30 minutes on a Friday. Therefore, **non-uniform will stop after the Christmas Holiday** and will be replaced with the suggestions from School Council.

### Social Media

There have been several weeks of posts on Facebook that have discussed school business online. May I remind parents that it is not appropriate or acceptable to post school business on Facebook and may result in the school taking legal action against individuals, regardless of whether a post appears on a private page or group. To help parents with this there is a policy on our website, which can be found in the 'Key Policies' section on the school website ([www.longlawfordprimaryschool.com](http://www.longlawfordprimaryschool.com)). I have an open-door approach and make myself available to parents should they wish to discuss any issues. This is the same for Mrs Barton and Mrs Hetherington. In addition, the Main Office have my diary in advance and can assist you in booking an appointment should you wish, rather than discussing any concerns you may have on Facebook. It is my wish that discussing issues directly with the school will help build positive communication between school and families, and support with addressing and resolving concerns swiftly.

### New Build

We are including a 'New Build' section in the newsletters. I attend update meetings every month and will be relaying information for the newsletter. All is on track with the building, and it should be open for use in September 2019. We are very pleased with its progress and the children are excited to use it.

### Before and After School Provision

From January, Long Lawford Primary School will be working in partnership with Lawford Lighthouse Wrap Around Care to provide additional childcare for the local community. Sports clubs will continue to run as normal at the school, and Lawford Lighthouse will offer 2 hours of after school care from 3pm-5pm every day. If you would be interested in this offer, a Registration form is available from the school office, or online at <https://www.lawfordlighthouse.org.uk/schoolwraparoundcare.htm>. Further information can be available at this link also.

### Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Enjoy your holiday, be safe, and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

Yours sincerely,  
Claire Stringer  
Headteacher