



Long Lawford
Primary School

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Wednesday 16th December 2020

End of Term Updates

Dear Families,

As we draw to the close of 2020, I wanted to share some school news headlines with you all.

Assistant Headteacher Recruitment

We are in a fortunate position to be adding to our Senior Leadership Team, and as such we have created two new Assistant Headteacher posts for our school. One of these posts is for Quality of Education, and was interviewed for yesterday as an internal position. I am pleased to announce that Miss Smith, who has worked at Long Lawford for a number of years now, was successful at interview and will be our NEW Assistant Headteacher from January 2021! **Congratulations to Miss Smith!** Mrs Barton, Mrs Hetherington and I look forward to working alongside her to further improve Long Lawford's curriculum going forwards.

In addition, Miss Smith is also getting married over the Christmas holidays. The school would like to send Miss Smith and her future husband our very best wishes for this exciting life event, and will share Miss Smith's new name with you all soon.

Nursery

I am also excited to announce that, as Mrs Carter will be leaving us shortly to have a baby, **Mrs Whittle will be joining the Long Lawford EYFS team from January**. Mrs Carter and Mrs Whittle will work together for a short time in the New Year to enable parents to meet our new Nursery teacher and for Mrs Carter to hand over the class.

Small Hall Extension

Many of you have been asking about the small hall extension planned for replacing the portacabins we currently have on site. We have had confirmation that this final piece of building works will start **after February half term**. Although this will mean a change to our current one way system (which we will share with you closer to the time of the building works starting), we will have a beautiful new small hall to support PE, performances, lunchtimes, music teaching, before and after school club provision etc! We have no date as yet for the pick-up and drop-off parking facility planned for behind the shops adjacent to the school, but I continue to chase this regularly.

Parent/Carer Conduct

It is with regret that I inform you all that, since our return to school in September, there has been an increase in cases of unacceptable parent/carers conduct either on school site, over the phone, via email or on social media. These are unprecedented times and anxieties are high for the entire school community. However, the school will not tolerate such behaviour towards its staff just as we do not tolerate this type of behaviour between its children. To view our policy on behaviour expectations, please click [here](#). **Please ensure that you behave safely and appropriately** when on school site, when speaking with staff over the phone or via email.

COVID-19

Yesterday, Warwickshire County Council announced to headteachers that the 6-day window for school leaders supporting Public Health England with Track and Trace **has now reduced to 2 days** for school leaders. Therefore, if you or your child shows any COVID symptoms from **3pm on Friday 18th December to the end of Sunday 20th December 2020**, please email admin2405@welearn365.com so that school leaders can inform other parents if their child has been a close contact to anyone with symptoms/a positive COVID test result. When emailing, please ensure you include your child's name, class and symptoms/test result. The admin2405 emails will be checked daily by school leaders. The school will not share test results or the names of children that are experiencing symptoms/have a positive test result. **The school will only inform parents**

if their child has been identified as a close contact to a symptomatic child. We continue to do all we can to keep our school community safe.

Behaviour Policy

I am pleased to announce that our school's behaviour policy has been reviewed and updated significantly. The policy will be the focus of some training for staff in the New Year and will be **shared with parents via our school website after the Christmas Holidays.**

Alongside this, our school rules have changed. We have been working with the **3 Rs** for a while now. They are:

1. Be **R**eady
2. Be **R**espectful
3. Be **R**esponsible

You will hear school staff and children talking about these regularly.

Help and Support Over the Festive Period

We have lots of avenues of support on our school website, which can be accessed [here](#). Whilst we usually have staff on call to help and support our families during school holidays, **this service may be intermittent over Christmas** due to staff spending some well-needed time with their families to re-charge and rest after a busy and at times tricky term. If you do make contact with the school over the Christmas period needing help and support, please be patient for a response.

Christmas Videos

Your child's class Christmas Video is being uploaded onto their **class Teams page**. To view the video, please log in to your child's Teams account. If you are experiencing difficulty with this, please contact the admin team and they will do all they can to help you.

Thank You

And finally, on behalf of the staff and Governors, I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support during these unprecedented times. Thank you for working with the school and helping to keep us all as safe as possible. I wish you all a very **Merry Christmas** (despite the circumstances we find ourselves in), **and hope you all have a wonderful New Year**. The staff at Long Lawford look forward to welcoming you all back on **Wednesday 6th January 2021!**

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Claire Stringer
Headteacher