



Welcome to Our Newsletter

Message from the Head Teacher

Hello all and welcome back to Summer Term 1. I hope you all had a restful Easter break and were able to enjoy (responsibly!) the eased restrictions from Central Government.

Following their Easter break, your children have returned to school positively. We still find ourselves bound by some restrictions in school and thank the children, parents and staff for continuing to follow our COVIDsafe measures.

Over the last two weeks, you have been able to meet with your child's class teacher virtually. It's been lovely to see so many of you through these appointments. Many questions have been asked about how children will "catch up" and what the school is doing to support their child's education. The most important aspect to your child's education is how they feel. Happy, confident, settled pupils will learn the most in the quickest space of time. Those that don't feel safe and secure within themselves will learn at a slower rate. Therefore, we are investing in strategies, staff and interventions that address emotional wellbeing first, and academics second. Following test week, we have seen a change between -8% loss and +5% gain across the school on previous whole cohort standards. This is really encouraging as other schools up and down the country are seeing a much bigger impact of COVID-19 on children's education. Our staff are already working hard to close these gaps.

You may recall our announcement about a new Assistant Headteacher Ms Tomes before Easter. She has been with us for two weeks now and has lots of exciting ideas for supporting emotional wellbeing. Lots of exciting things are coming to the children at Long Lawford that will support our curriculum delivery.

I am very much looking forward to sharing with you all of the planned changes we have for our curriculum and behaviour and inclusion in the coming months, and welcome your feedback on our journey so far.

As always, if you have any concerns, please contact the school and we will be happy to help you.



OFSTED Parent View link

You are able to give us (and OFSTED) your views on Long Lawford Primary School [here](#). Your feedback matters to us.

Relationship and Sex Education Consultation

The consultation has now closed. We thank all of the parents who responded to the consultation and will review the responses received. Documents are still available on our school website to view [here](#).



HAF

WCC is organising a local [Holiday Scheme](#) to ensure that food & activities are made available over the holidays for schoolchildren who are entitled to benefits-related free school meals.

Leave of Absence

The Government issued new regulations in September 2013 regarding Leave of Absence; The Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) Regulations 2006 as amended by Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013

- Head teachers **shall not** grant any Leave of Absence during term time **unless they consider** there are **exceptional** circumstances relating to the application.
- Parents do not have any entitlement to take their children on holiday during term time. Any application for leave must establish that there are **exceptional circumstances** and the Head Teacher must be satisfied that the circumstances warrant the granting of leave.
- Head Teachers will determine how many school days a child may be absent from school if the leave is granted.
- The school can only consider applications for Leave of Absence which are made by the resident parent. i.e the parent with whom the child normally resides.
- Applications for Leave of Absence must be made in advance and failure to do so will result in the absence being recorded as "unauthorised". This may result in legal action against the parent, by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.
- Applications for Leave of Absence which are made in advance and refused will result in the absence being recorded as "unauthorised". This may result in legal action against the parent, by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice, if the child is absent from school during that period.
- All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service of Warwickshire County Council.
- The Warwickshire Attendance Service have the authority to consider issuing Fixed Penalty Notices for Leave of Absence in line with the Warwickshire County Council's Non-School Attendance and Penalty Notices Code of Conduct. (A copy of which can be found at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/pupilnonattendance>).
- If a Fixed Penalty Notice is issued and is not paid within the timeframe set out in that Notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

Each application for a Leave of Absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Attendance for the last 2 week

Nursery	97.2%
Reception	98.1%
Year 1	97.6%
Year 2	97.6%
Year 3	97.4%
Year 4	96.9%
Year 5	94.3%
Year 6	97.0%

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.

Red—well below national expectations

Amber—Just below national expectations

Green—At or above national expectations

National Targets are 96%

Year 5 and Year 6 Children

Please can parents ensure that children coming to school independently, especially those on bikes and scooters come directly into school at 8.40am. Staff are having to go to the skate park to collect children to ensure they are in school on time. Children not in school by 8.50am will be marked late.



Road Safety/Parking

As more children and families are taking advantage of the warmer weather and walking, biking or scooting to school, please can we ask you to be mindful of people around you if you are driving and avoid mounting the kerb when people are walking by. Please avoid parking in front of residents drives. For those on foot, please ensure you cross the road when safe to do so.

Online Safety

We all want to do our best to keep our children safe online and one of the best ways to do this is to ensure they are only accessing content which is appropriate for them, whether that is games, apps or videos. A great website to find out about how age appropriate games, apps and films are is <https://www.common sense media.org> which gives industry age ratings, as well as opinions from parents and children. It is really important that families are aware of the content children are accessing, and can talk to each other about it, so each family can create their own rules to follow. A poster was put on the school app this week with further information about age ratings - please take a look.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH
£1,000
FOR THE COMMUNITY?

Great news, because that's what we have been donated by the Heart of England Co-Op

Heart of England Co-Op They were so impressed with how the Long Lawford community came together to purchase a village defibrillator, they wanted to say thank you by donating £1,000 to be spent in the community.

We are looking for suggestions for how the money could be put to good use?

Please email your suggestions to the address below and a selection of the strongest ideas will be submitted to a public vote.

Please email: longlawfordcommunityfund@gmail.com

Closing date for suggestions is Friday 14th May.

THANK YOU!

Term Dates 2020/2021

Monday 3rd May - May Day (School Closed)

Whitsun Half Term – Monday 31st May until Friday 4th June (School Closed)

Monday 7th June -Teacher Training Day (school closed to children) REARRANGED

Summer Holiday – Thursday 22nd July (School Closed)

Term Dates 2021 /2022

Thursday 2nd September– Teacher Training Day (school closed to children)

Friday 3rd September - Teacher Training Day (school closed to children)

Monday 6th September - children return to school (8:40am start)

Monday 25th October until Friday 29th October - October Half term (School Closed)

Monday 1st November -Teacher Training Day

Monday 20th December until Monday 3rd January 2022 – Christmas Holidays (School Closed)

Tuesday 4th January— Teacher Training Day (school closed to children)

Wednesday 6th January - children return to school (8:40am start)

Monday 21st February until Friday 25th February - February Half term (School Closed)

Easter Holidays – Monday 11th April until Friday 22nd April (School Closed)

Monday 2nd May - May Day (School Closed)

Whitsun Half Term – Monday 30th May until Friday 3rd June (School Closed)

Tuesday 5th July-Teacher Training Day (school closed to children)

Summer Holiday – Monday 25th July (School Closed)

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www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families



www.actionforhappiness.org/calendars



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