



Longhoughton C of E Primary School September 2023 Newsletter

We are all getting settled into the new routines of the new school year.

A **huge** thank-you to all the staff for their hard work over the summer; everyone has put a lot of time and effort into getting the school ready for the new school year.



Thank you once again for the amazing amount of money that was raised for Breadline Africa (£1,300) through the sponsored walk in the Summer Term. Breadline Africa have been in touch to say a huge thank you and to let us know that the money has already been spent on completing a classroom for Langa Moravian Creche. A plaque acknowledging the school's contribution will be displayed at the creche.



PE days for Autumn 1

Thank you so much for working with the school and providing your child(ren) with PE kit that meets the new PE Kit Policy – the children look so much more uniformed in their yellow/blue/black sportswear.

As you know the children will continue to wear their PE kits to school on their PE day.

- Monday – St Patrick, St David and St George will have a lesson with the NUFC coach in the morning
- Tuesday – St Andrew (Y5 & Y6) – Cricket with Tom Vickers
- Thursday – St Patrick (Y1 & Y2)
- Thursday – St Andrew Class (Y5 & Y6) will be swimming during the Autumn Term, children to wear school uniform and bring their swimming kit to school
- Friday – St George (Nursery & Reception) & St David (Y3 & Y4)

Due to all the hard work within the PE Curriculum by Mrs Whaley, the staff and the children we have now been awarded the Gold Sports Award – well done to all.



Jeans for Genes - Friday 22nd September

We will be once again be supporting the Jeans for Genes charity; the Jeans for Genes campaign raises awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic disorder and raises money to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected.

On Friday 22nd September Children can come to school in denim bottoms with their school top and bring a donation for the Jeans for Genes charity.

St George Class and St David Class have PE on a Friday but they can still wear their denim and we will adjust the PE lessons accordingly.

Harvest Service – Friday 22nd September 2023

We will be going to church for our **Harvest Service** in the morning on Friday 22nd September. Once again, we are working with the Aln & Coastland parishes to raise money for **Self Help Africa**. The children will be bringing an envelope home this week; if you are able to make a donation to support this charity then please return the envelope to school by Friday morning so we can take the Harvest gifts to church when we go. This year there is a focus on **millet** – please see the attached document on ParentMail.



Over the summer break we spent a significant amount of money on the school kitchen through our Developed Formula Capital Fund (additional money to the school budget for infrastructure) and energy efficiency funding from the DfE.

Mrs Hinson and Miss Dodds have been working extremely hard to get to know the new equipment – push through dishwasher, Combi-oven and a multi-functional cooking system (iVario).

Class Worships

We are going to re-introduce class worships this year (if your family attended Longhoughton before COVID then you might remember these!). Each class will take their turn in leading worship for the school, sharing learning from their lessons or telling a story with a meaning. Parents, with children in the class leading the worship, will be invited to come in and join that worship. St Andrew and St David will have class worships this half term (see dates below) and St Patrick and St George's will be after half term (dates to follow).

Homework Exhibitions – St David and St Andrew Classes have been set a longer homework project challenge and these will be on display on the day of the worship and parents will be able to visit the exhibition with their child after the worship. The exhibition will be open at other times for those parents that need to get back to work.

St Andrew Class project deadline – Tuesday 10th October.

St David Class project deadline – Monday 16th October

Parent Questionnaire 2023

Thank you to the parents who completed the questionnaire in the Summer Term.

A group of Governors have met to analyse the results and they were encouraged that there were 37 responses, up from 27 last year and whilst a greater level of participation would have been welcomed, the profile of the agree and strongly agree responses was very pleasing.

Dates for the diary

Friday 22nd September – Jeans for Genes

Friday 22nd September - Harvest Service in church

Tuesday 26th September – School Photograph to take individual pupil photos

Wednesday 11th October – St Andrew's Class Worship in the school hall; 9:15 – 9:30

Wednesday 18th October – St David's Class Worship in the school hall; 9:15 – 9:30

Monday 23rd October – Parent Consultations (evening for all classes) – information to follow

Tuesday 24th October - St Patrick & St Andrew Parent Consultations (morning)

Wednesday 25th October – St David Parent Consultation (morning)

Friday 27th October – Dress Down Friday for Alnwick District Food Bank

Friday 27th October – School closes

Monday 6th November – School opens



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