



Headteacher's Newsletter

RPSHE Parents Consultation Tuesday 18th May @ 10am



As you may have heard, the Government have made RHE teaching at primary schools compulsory (statutory) from the Summer term 2021 onwards. We have been working very hard to adapt our current programme to fit with the new expectations and we are pleased to report there are not that many changes we need to make. We are now holding a period of consultation for our policy and our vision for RHE at Longwill. RHE (Relationships and Health Education) is to be taught in primary schools and we are linking this to PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education), which we already teach. We will call this RPSHE (Relationship, Personal, Social, Health and Economic education) Next week we will explain more about what RHE (or RPSHE as we are calling it) will look like at Longwill. The staff have been developing our policy and curriculum for RPSHE for several months now and we have also worked closely with a small group of parents and school governors so that their views influence what we teach. We want to share our plans with all of you now and so would encourage you to attend our presentation next Tuesday.

Reading Update:

We are very pleased to inform you that we have purchased lots of new reading books to update our home learning resources. We hope you and your children enjoy reading them!



Staff Update:

We are pleased to welcome back our Y3 teacher, Miss Firstbrook, from maternity leave. She returns on 24th May. We are pleased that Miss Russell will continue to work in school every Friday too!

GDPR Update:



The school has updated its Data Protection Policy, along with its privacy notices for pupils and parents and is now available on the website. Also, I wanted to remind you that you do have the right to access, respond, amend or request removal of your child's data at anytime. Under Data Protection legislation, individuals have rights of access to their personal information. You can request confirmation that we are processing your data, and ask for a copy of all the information which we hold about them. Under data protection laws you can see how and why we are using your data, and to check that we are doing so lawfully. If you have any concerns, then please contact me.

Operation Encompass:

As you all know, we want to ensure our children are as well supported as they can be whilst in school and I am pleased to be able to share that we are an 'Operation Encompass' school now. Operation Encompass is an early information sharing partnership which connects the Police with schools to secure better outcomes for children who are subject or witness to police-attended incidents of domestic abuse. Encompass ensures that all incidents of domestic abuse are shared with schools. It will build on the good practice taking place in this area already in Birmingham schools and improve the support that is available to us. If you would like any further information on this, then please do contact me.

BSL Classes ...



These run every week throughout term time each Wednesday from 11am for one hour. Because of COVID they can be easily accessed through TEAMS. Mr Reid and Mrs Kumar teach the class. If you need any further information, then please contact the school office or Mrs Manku. Your children's sign language skills are improving every day at such a fast rate, you might like to come to the class to 'polish' your skills and we would love to see you!

Please help our Guides and Drivers by

escorting your children out to their vehicles and coming out to meet them at home time.

This is a parental responsibility as our guides need to stay in vehicles to look after the other children in their care. Thank you!

OfSTED survey – please give your views

Between the 24th and 27th May 2021 Birmingham Local Area is being inspected by OfSTED and CQC inspectors to review the progress that has been made against the Written Statement of Action (WSOA) since its publication in January 2019. The WSOA is a document that sets out the improvements that OfSTED and the CQC require the Council and the NHS to make following their last visit. This is not related to our school, however, your views are important! I would like to encourage you to take part in the Birmingham City Council survey to give your views. The survey opens at midday on Monday 17th May and closes on midday Friday 21st May. <https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/>



Use of Email

As you know, we are always keen to hear from you and regularly get in contact via a range of means. Parents have said that they find the text service is useful and so we are keen to improve still further! Now, we can send our letters via email. As well as being instantaneous, this will mean that we will be doing our bit to 'save the planet' and cut down on our use of paper. I hope that you all will find this an easy way to communicate, but if you need any help or support (or indeed would prefer paper copies), then just let us know.

Dates for your diaries:

Thursday 20th May Orienteering Competition 2.00pm
Tuesday 25th May Art Gallery

Half Term: Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June

Monday 5th June Transition Week
Monday 21st June Parents Consultation
Friday 25th June Garden Festival 2.00pm
Wednesday 30th June Sports Day
Friday 2nd July Trust Sports Day
Monday 5th July Transition Week
Thursday 8th July Longwill's Got Talent Show 2.00pm
Friday 9th July Foundation Graduation 11.00am
Wednesday 14 July Leavers' and EOY show 11.00am
Monday 19th July Photographic Gallery
Wednesday 21st July End of term for pupils

Due to covid19 restrictions, events will be held in school, attendance will be via invitation where appropriate

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