

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER MARCH 2016

Longwill School for Deaf Children

Diary Dates

- 11.4.16 Back to School
- 13.04.16 Y2 to Back to Backs
- 14.04.16 Swimming starts again
- 19.04.16 Y3 Forest School Day
- 21.04.16 Rights Respecting Coffee Morning
- 26.04.16 Y2 Aston Hall trip
- 03.05.16 Paramedic visits school
- 09.05.16 Y1/2 Mosque Visit
- 21.06.16 Parents Consultations

Orienteering Competition 2016

KS1 and KS2 pupils put their orienteering skills into practice on Thursday. Team work is so important and so we really encouraged pupils to work together and support each other during the event.



How to contact us

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News

We have had another wonderful and busy term and the children have enjoyed many trips, visits and visitors into school. I know you will all have been kept 'up to date' with class plans in our '**What's On**' newsletter. Each teacher writes a brief description of their class activities and will often share ideas about how you can further help your child. I do hope you find the information valuable. We send home paper copies to all parents and it is also available on the website.

Also, you will have just received the '**What's Happened**' newsletter. This is extra special, because the children's views which are shared! Please take the time to find out what your child has been getting up to in school and share the newsletter with them - I am sure they will have lots more to tell you!



Our End of term traditions have been enjoyed greatly this week! Yesterday, having decorated their boiled eggs, pupils tried hard to **roll their egg the furthest**. We have three worthy winners, who each received eggs which had been kindly donated by our local Sainsurys.

ASTHMA INHALERS

Please will you check that your child's inhaler is sent into school everyday if they are asthmatic and has been given an inhaler by the doctor.



Year 3 at Sainsburys

Bewdley Safari Park Trip

The whole school enjoyed an exciting end of term trip to Bewdley Safari Park. Pupils toured the park on a coach and saw many wild and wonderful animals! Also, they were able to spend some time in the fun park as well as practice their communication and money management skills in the park shop.

We are very grateful to the Happy Days charity and their sponsors who kindly provided us with the funds to make this trip happen.

The pupils have been busy writing all about their trip in English lessons and also have created some beautiful thank you letters to send to Happy Days.

There are more pictures on our website!



World Book Day was a great success this year! Each class read a version of the Cinderella story from around the world and then created their own version for another class to read. Also, everyone dressed up for the day as either their favourite book character or in their dressing gowns. There were some splendid costumes!



And finally ... Attendance Matters!

I would like to thank parents for their support in ensuring that their children are in school as much as possible.

To date the whole school attendance figure is **91.49%**.

Attendance is important because we know that attendance directly affects your child's progress and achievement! If you would like to discuss your child's attendance then please contact me directly.

Please remember to ring school every day that your child is absent from school to let us know the reason. Please do not simply give messages to your child's guide. Here is a chart which gives you an idea about what impact missing school can have on your child.

Attendance %	Equals days Absent in a year	Weeks absent in a year	Lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90% Persistent Absenteeism	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85% Persistent Absenteeism	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80% Persistent Absenteeism	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons

Thank you for your support and can I wish you a Happy Easter!

Alison Carter