

Everyone at Longwill wishes you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year!



Headteacher's Christmas Message...

Last Wednesday's Christmas Show proved to be a complete 'hit' ! Once again, the pupils excelled! Their confidence and enthusiasm made parents, grandparents, teachers, governors and family burst with pride! Every year they seem able to improve upon 'previous best' and this is testament to the support they receive from you and our staff team here at Longwill! Also, I was so impressed by Leo, Ethan and Sophia, who performed so confidently on the keyboard.

The Christmas Raffle raised £440 for our school. Thank you all so much for this support! We will use this money to purchase new books for our school library. Christmas Jumper Day was a great success and raised £60. The children loved seeing everyone's jumpers and it raised money for school fund this year.

Can I take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the staff at Longwill. They all work so hard to offer pupils the very best education possible! I can say the same about the parents... Thank you for your support!

I wish you all an extremely happy and peaceful Christmas and best wishes for a positive 2018!



Alison Carter



Attendance update

Attendance this term is 90.7%

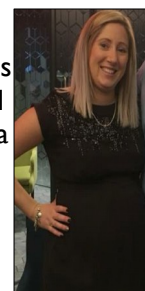
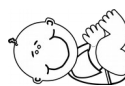
We really need to work hard to improve this. Our target is 95%.

Please help us by providing appointment cards/letters for any medical appointments. These can be sent to the office and will then enable absences to be correctly recorded.



Staff update

Danielle Caga left last week as her baby is due early in January. We wish her well and are looking forward to hearing if she has a baby boy or baby girl!



We have welcomed 2 new lunchtime supervisors this term—Becky Sadler and Helena Cowdrill.

In January we have a new Teaching Assistant joining us (to cover Danielle's maternity leave), her name is Jo Coles.

Deaf Christmas Panto

This took place yesterday and was on the theme of 'Peter Pan'. The children loved watching all the Deaf staff perform and the show was a great success!



Christmas Lunch

This took place on Tuesday. Karen Hardeman and her wonderful team cooked up a splendid feast for us all.



Christmas Events

December has been especially busy with Christmas events going on for the whole school.



On the 7th December Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed a visit to the theatre in Redditch to see the Snow White pantomime. On the same day Foundation went to visit Northfield Baptist Church to learn about Celebrations.

On 19th December 60 children from Bellfield Junior School came to visit Longwill and watched the dress rehearsal of the Christmas Show.

The whole school, pupils and staff enjoyed a lovely Christmas Dinner on 19th December, cooked by our amazing Kitchen staff.

The Christmas Show was on the 20th December and the children did an amazing performance for their families, friends and visitors. This was followed in the afternoon by the Longwill Gymnastics Festival.

Thursday 21st December saw Foundation and Year 1 go to the Birmingham Hippodrome to watch a performance of The Snow Dragon in the morning and then in the afternoon all the children were entertained by the Deaf Staff Panto.

Today (22 December) is Party Day in school and a very special visitor came to visit the children.



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Christmas Celebrations



Parents' Signing Class

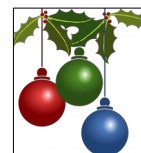
These run every Wednesday morning in term time from 10:15am-12:15pm and are held at Longwill.

Your children are all highly skilled communicators in BSL and it is important that you keep up your BSL skills so that you can continue to communicate effectively with your child. Please prioritise your own learning needs in the coming year.

Our friendly deaf team, teach the parents each week (for free!) so that you can sign with your children. **Please come along!**



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Diary Dates: Spring 2018

Monday 8 January 2018:

Monday 8 January:

Tuesday 13 February:

Monday 19 February—Friday 23 February: HALFTERM

Tuesday 6 March:

Wednesday 14 March:

Wednesday 28 March:

Thursday 29 March:

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Friday 30 March—Friday 13 April: EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 16 April:

TERM STARTS

Class 1A Birch have Forest School (please bring appropriate clothing)

Dance Festival in school

Parents' Afternoon 1-3pm

BSL Eisteddfodd 10am-11:30am

Orienteering Competition

Easter Parade and Egg Rolling 2pm

END OF TERM

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