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Newsletter Spring Term 4

...and just like that, the Spring Term is nearly over!

Term 4 has been filled with fantastic learning and experiences. Despite still battling with Covid disruptions, we have been able to really get back to doing all the things we enjoy doing best!

We started Term 4 encapsulating everything we mean by 'Longvernal Loves Reading'. We spent the whole of the first week back celebrating World Book Day from discovering new authors, becoming illustrators, dressing up as our favourite characters to taking part in a drama workshop led by The Natural Theatre Company and so much more. There are photos and an update on our 'Longvernal Loves Reading' page on the website – be sure to check it out. The rearranged read-a-thon sleepover was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all of you for your support and to the children for getting so much sponsorship.



I would also like to take this opportunity to express our true thanks and gratitude for the donation of books coming in from the Amazon wish list – you really have helped to enhance our quality book collection in school and have supported our ethos of reading for pleasure.

Trips and events

Chestnut Class enjoyed their trip to SS Great Britain, exploring the ship and learning more about Brunel's legacy.

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Oak Class had a fantastic trip to The Wild Place Project this term.



Willow and Sycamore put on a fantastic performance in the Dance Umbrella, at the Forum in Bath. We are so proud of the children for having the courage to get up on the stage and they performed beautifully.



Mid-Somerset Festival –Several Children from Years 1-6 competed at the Mid-somerset Festival. We were very successful with all children receiving certificates for either verse speaking or reading aloud and several children being placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd. Particular congratulations to Percy (Yr1), Mia (Yr3) and Benji (Yr5) who won their classes.

Speak out – This MAT-wide public speaking event was virtual this year. Well done to Leah, Areli and Sonni who represented us and performed to a high standard to the rest of Stage 2. They were supported in the competition by the Debating Club.

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Our Community

Our Community leaders have been busy this term promoting various events from raising awareness on autism awareness day and hearing awareness day to selling red noses for Comic Relief. We raised an incredible £364 for comic relief.

Holly class have really loved having family members coming in and talking to them about their jobs – thank you to all involved.



Play Leaders

Our Longvernal Play Leaders were very lucky to have a morning of training from Brendan Rouse, to support their leadership skills on the playground, during break time and lunch times. It was a very beneficial morning for both the leaders and our SMSA's. As a result, over the coming weeks, we are going to continue to work upon the games suggested to us to continue to create an engaging and fun environment outside.

Clubs

A new offer of clubs will start first week back. You will have been informed if your child has been successful or not in gaining a place in a club this time round. Please ensure that your child commits to the club as many of the clubs have been oversubscribed.

PTFA

We hope the delivery of daffodils put lots of smiles on faces, last week. Thank you to the PTFA for organising this. We are looking forward to the Easter competition entries coming in on the first week back. Dan's ice cream van will be based in the playground on Friday from 3.15pm. If you have paid for this, then your child will be given a stamp on their hand to go to the van to get their egg and ice cream.

If you would like more information on how to get involved with our PTFA then please see the attached poster.

Easter Service – We hope you enjoyed the Easter Service at the Methodist Church. Thank you for coming along. The children had a lovely time.

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the 'Marvellous Maths' workshop morning – we hope you found it informative and enjoyable to find out more about how we teach maths here at Longvernal. We will do a follow up morning in the summer term with a focus on multiplication and division.

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Following feedback from yourselves we hope you have been finding the 'coming up next week' sheets, which have been coming home on a Friday, helpful. The latest news section of our website is regularly updated and as always please see Twitter for class updates throughout the term.

Forest School – We are very pleased to report that we have again been approved as an FSA recognised Forest School. This is great news as we are the only school within miles with this accreditation. This term we have given our main Forest area a chance to recover from significant footfall, using the adjacent Orchard area instead. Next term, we look forward to utilising all of our grounds as the weather improves and trying out some pond dipping in the Orchard pond.

Other exciting events on the horizon include: SATs breakfasts for Yr6, post SATs treats for both Yr2 and Yr6, Yr 5/6 production, sleepover camp outside at school for Yr3 and residentials further afield for Yrs 4,5 & 6. All of this is really exciting after the last two years!

PE Timetable for Term 5

Monday pm – Oak Class

Tuesday pm – Chestnut Class

Wednesday pm – Holly Class

Thursday pm – Maple Class

Friday pm – Willow & Sycamore

Friday pm – Cherry Class - Swimming

Uniform - summer playsuits are NOT part of the uniform. Please do not buy these but purchase dresses if your child wishes to wear them

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Holidays in term time – NO holidays will be permitted during term time unless in exceptional circumstances. Please note that if you take your child out for a holiday during term time from now on you will be liable for a fine.

Finally, it was lovely to see lots of you at the Nursery open morning and during Parent's evening.

Thank you again for your ongoing, continued support.

Dates for your diary Term 5

Tues 26th April – Maple Class visit to Cheddar Gorge

3rd-4th May – Yr 4 Camp at Mendip Outdoor Centre

Wed 4th May – Sycamore Class – Parent's coffee morning in The Snug 9am with Carole (PSA)

May 9th – KS2 SATs week

Fri 13th May – Yr6 Trip to Victoria Park

Tues 17th May – Holly Class visit to Chew Valley Animal Park

Wed 18th May – Willow Class - Parent's coffee morning in The Snug 9am with Carole (PSA)

Tues 24th May – Chestnut Class visit to The Playbarn

Wed 25th May - Cherry Class - Parent's coffee morning in The Snug 9am with Carole (PSA)

What is the PTFA?

The PTFA (Parent, Teacher, Friend Association) is an open and friendly group of parents, teachers, extended family and member of the local community, working towards a common goal; supporting the education of the children at Longvernal School and strengthening the school community.

The PTFA is a great way to get to know other parents and feel part of the Longvernal community. When you support us, you're not just baking a cake, donating money or giving up your time to volunteer. You're buying your child playground equipment to climb on at break time, sending them on outings to places they've never been, making new friends, building a community and helping to make your child's school even more brilliant.

There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer to support the PTFA, any time you can offer will be extremely welcomed, no matter how much or how little you choose to get involved really is up to you.

The PTFA regularly hold events throughout the year, and we are always looking for new and exciting ideas to support fund raising.

During 2022 we are working towards reaching our £1,000 target to purchase a new projector for the school hall, as well as fund raising ideas for purchasing new dictionaries and books for the reading corners set up in each classroom.

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Events coming up will include;

Film nights with a supper

Used book sale

Father's Day gift

Mufti Days

Raffles

School Faye

Every parent is automatically enrolled as a member of the PTFA. Please do look out for our next PTFA meeting. We look forward to your involvement in our school community.

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