



MONDAY NOTE

LONG TOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL

We hope you have had a lovely summer and that the children got a good rest from school work. It is good to see all our children back safely. We wish our children, staff and parents every blessing for the year ahead.

SAFETY IN THE CARPARK

As we start the new school year, I would like to remind you of the importance of keeping your children safe by not entering the school via the school car park. Please do not drive into the car park or walk children though on the way to and from school. I appreciate that this is an inconvenience but our children's safety is paramount. We would ask parents to use the pedestrian gate at the front of the school to enter the school grounds.

As always I would really appreciate your cooperation in this.

CHILD PROTECTION

At Long Tower PS, we have a responsibility for the care, welfare and safety of our pupils. We will carry out this duty through our Pastoral Care policies which aim to provide a caring, supportive and safe environment.

Members of our school safeguarding team are:

- Mr Eugene Dunn: Chairperson of the Board of Governors
- Ms Anne Mc Taggart: Designated Governor of Child Protection
- Mrs J Logue: Principal
- Mr I Gallagher: Designated Teacher
- Mrs C Hutchison: Deputy Designated Teacher

If you have any concerns about your child's welfare, please contact any of the above members. A copy of our Child Protection policy is available from our school office and on our website www.longtowerps.co.uk

SCHOOL CLUBS

Afterschool clubs will begin the week beginning Monday 16th September. Details of available clubs will be sent out prior to this. The following clubs will be available: homework, AR, soccer club, monkeynastics, traditional music, cross-country, math's and literacy, art, ICT and Lego.

The P7 homework club will start Monday 9th September 3 to 4pm.

ATTENDANCE

As you may have noticed the Department of Education have launched an attendance campaign, entitled "Miss School, Miss Out." The campaign seeks to highlight the fact that school attendance is not just essential, it's also beneficial and that in missing out on a range of positive life experiences. It is extremely important that your child attends school every day. If your child is off school, please inform the class teacher in writing or phone the office and let Noeleen know the reason for the absence. Please note if your child's attendance falls below 85%, the Education Welfare Officer will ask you to present evidence to justify such absences.

LANGUAGE CLASSES

Mandarin Chinese and French classes will continue to be offered on a weekly basis to our P6 and P7 children. All classes will have Spanish lessons.

DEVELOPING YOUR CHILDS MATH AND LITERACY SKILLS

Parents often ask how they can help develop their child's math skills. Last year, we purchased 'Mathletics' which can be accessed by the pupils from P1-P7. Children will be given a username and a password this week. This will enable them to access Mathletics at home. The programme covers all areas of Numeracy and is well worth a visit. If you would like to know more about this programme, please speak to Mrs Kelly. We also intend to hold parents' sessions later this term, to provide you with information on the math's your child will do at each stage of their learning. Mrs Kelly will provide further information on this over the coming weeks.

We also have the Accelerated Reading (AR) programme in the school. Many children avail of this and have made very good progress with their reading. The AR programme will be available before and after school from Monday 16th September.

RIGHT OF THE MONTH

The right of the month for September is:

"You have the right to a name."

Article 12- you have the right to have an opinion and for it to be listened to.

SHARED EDUCATION

This year again, our school will promote meaningful links with Fountain Primary School and the local communities. Throughout the year, we will keep you informed of initiatives that both schools are involved with and we will let you know of ways in which you can also get involved.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We would encourage all parents to ensure that their children attend school in full uniform. In particular, we would ask that all children wear black shoes and the school tie. School shirts are available from the school office.

PEANUT AND NUTFREE CLASSROOM

At present, we have children in the school who have nut allergies, therefore, it is vitally important that you do not send any food with your child to school that contains nuts. **Nuts, peanuts or any products containing nuts or peanuts are NOT allowed in school.**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES OR REQUESTS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SEND THESE INTO SCHOOLS IN A LETTER WITH YOUR

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