



## MONDAY NOTE

LONG TOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL

### LEAVING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL

As always at this time of year it is important to establish good practices. Please try to get your child to school on time. Your child's class will line up in the playground in the morning and the class teacher will collect the class from their line in the playground. If it is raining, the classes will line up in the canteen. We would ask parents not to accompany their child to their classroom as some children find it difficult to leave their parents at this stage; other children get upset and want their own parents if they see other parents at the classroom door. We would very much 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](http://www.longtowerps.co.uk)

### SCHOOL CLUBS

Afterschool clubs will begin the week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> September 3 to 4pm.

## **NETBALL**

Mrs Henderson will take Netball Club after school for P4-7 on Mondays.

## **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.

## **PRIMARY ONE AND TWO**

Children should bring fruit or vegetables and water or milk in a reusable bottle for their healthy snack. Primary 1 and 2 children will be in school until 2.30pm.

## **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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

## NATIONAL DEAF ROADSHOW 2019

The National Deaf Roadshow will spend a day at our school on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. The day will begin with a whole school assembly and deaf awareness workshops will be delivered to hearing and non-hearing children throughout the school day. If you would like any further information on this, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

## PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

Schools are very busy places and we are grateful for all the help we can get to enhance our provision for our children. We are looking for new parents for our PTA, please contact Mrs Hutchison if you are interested.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

School shirts are available from the school office.

### **Reminder for parents:**

Please put your child's name on their jumpers, coats, schoolbags and lunch boxes. This makes it much easier to find your child's belongings if they mislay them. Many thanks for your cooperation.

## 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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