

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**January 31st**—Curling Event.

**February 2nd**—Number Day.  
Parents welcome into school  
from 2:30pm.

**February 6th**—Y3 and 4  
Egyptian Workshop.

**February 8th**—PTA Bake Sale/  
selling tuck after school.

**February 9th**—Last day of Term  
3. Open book afternoon from  
2:45pm.

**February 19th**—First day of  
Term 4.

**February 26th & 27th**—Parents  
Evening. Slots available on the  
Parent Portal.

**March 7th**—World Book Day.  
More information to follow  
soon.

**March 14th & 15th**—Mothers  
Day Event “I Love You S’More”.  
More information to follow  
soon.

### HEAD’S UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been such busy week here at Larkhill and once again there has been lots of lovely learning happening! It was wonderful whilst on a learning walk today to see all of the children focusing so brilliantly on their writing and striving to produce their very best work.

It has been great over the last couple of weeks to be able to reward the first children with their vending machine prize for achieving 75 reads. These children have shown great aspiration in reading every night at home in order to reach their goal. Please can I take this opportunity to remind you how important it is to hear your child read every night at home. I really do appreciate how challenging it is, but it’s the single most important thing that affects your child’s progress at school. Pupils should be aiming to read 90 words per minute in Key Stage 1 and 110 words per minute in Key stage 2. Lots of practice is the only way to help your child to become more fluent.

Our next parent event is Number Day on 2nd February where you are invited to come into school at the end of the day to share a maths based activity with your children. We look forward to seeing you there!

Parent’s Evening will be happening after half term and appointments are now live on the Arbor Parent Portal for you to sign up to meet your child’s teacher. We look forward to seeing you then and giving you the opportunity to find out more about what they are doing in class.

Charlotte Harmer

Head Teacher



### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Longleat - 97.5%

Archer – 94.85%

Salisbury - 98.05%

**Stonehenge - 98.52%**

Danebury - 92%

Woodhenge - 95.88%

Silbury - 89.05%

Wessex - 95.65%

The Department for Education  
stipulates school attendance should  
be no lower than 96%.

Congratulations to this week’s class  
attendance winners!

### **STONEHENGE CLASS**

Well done!

### ATTENDANCE TOP TIP

If you require your child to be absent from school during term time, please ask the office for an ‘Application for Absence in Term Time’ form. Your request will be considered by our Head Teacher and we will inform you of whether the absence will be authorised or unauthorised.

**Messy Church**  
 SOFT PLAY NEW!  
 St Alban & St Barbara's Church, Larkhill  
 Sunday 28th January 1000-1100  
 All welcome  
 Refreshments  
 Craft  
 Singing  
 Video Story  
 For more details contact Padre Gary Birch on 07971 699457

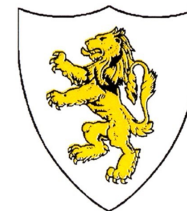
## Parent's Evening

We will be holding our second Parents Evening of the 23/24 academic year on February 26th & 27th 2024. Teachers will be available for 10 minute meetings from 15:30-18:30pm on both days.

Now that we are using Arbor, you are able to book your appointments through the Parent Portal and the Arbor Parent Portal App .

You will be able to self-schedule your Parents Evening appointment. The deadline to book your appointments is Tuesday February 20th and no bookings can be made after this date. If you need to change your booking for any reason, this can also be done through your Parent Portal before the deadline date.

If you have not yet activated your Parent Portal, please do so ASAP.



**Friday 2nd February 2024**

**Number Day 2024**

**Dress up for Digits!**

On this day, children can come to school in a number themed outfit! This could be as simple as plain top with a number badge on, or you can be as creative as you want to be! There are some great ideas online!

Donations to the NSPCC can be made on Parent Pay. Find out more about the charity here:  
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/charity-fundraising/schools-fundraising-ideas/number-day/>

We will be doing fun filled maths activities during the day and invite parents into school at 2:30pm to join their children at our maths stations!

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