



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

DATES FOR THE DIARY

1st September—INSET Day.

School will be closed to pupils on this day.

4th September—First day of the new school year.

28th September—PTA save-the-date Ice Breaker Quiz. More information to follow in September.

PTA UPDATE

Our amazing PTA raised a whopping £678.35 at the Summer Fete bringing their total raised for the year to £2378.80. This is an incredible achievement considering their short tenure.

We are so excited to see what the next year holds for them! Their first event is already in the diary (see above!)

HEAD'S UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow! The end of the school year has arrived and I honestly can't believe how fast it has gone. We are so proud of everything that has been achieved by both our staff and our children! We have a brand new PTA that have gone from strength to strength, we have a brand new library full of lovely books, the number of children reading at home each week is at an all time high, we have a champion football team and our children have had lots of wonderful, memorable trips and experiences throughout the year!

Whilst the end of the year brings the excitement of long holidays and new beginnings in the autumn, it also brings with it the inevitable goodbyes. Today we say goodbye to a wonderful Year 6 class. When they joined us as tiny Reception children in 2016, who would have thought that they would have experienced two national lockdowns, The Queen's funeral and a coronation before they left Primary School! These pupils have not had a 'normal' primary school journey but they have come through it smiling having demonstrated impressive levels of resilience and courage all of the way through. We hope that as they leave us and move onto wonderful new adventures, the 11 values that they have practiced over the last 7 years will stay with them as they navigate exciting new paths.

There are changes and new adventures ahead for some of our staff too! Mrs Sui is leaving us to embark on her Teacher training; we wish her all the best with her studies. Mr Smith leaves us to spend more time at home with his baby daughter when Miss Diffey returns to school in September; we wish him all the best. Mrs Mcleod, Mrs Howard and Mrs Angus have been helping us with our reading this year and we are very grateful for this. Mrs Angus and Mrs Mcleod have secured roles as Teaching Assistants in nearby schools and we just know they are going to be awesome!

We would like to wish all of our leavers, both adults and children the very best of luck in their new adventures.

All that remains to be said is have a wonderful and safe summer break and I look forward to seeing you all again at the start of another exciting school year.

Charlotte Harmer

Head Teacher



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Longleat—100%

Archer—95.36%

Salisbury—93.6%

Stonehenge—93.21%

Woodhenge—95.67%

Silbury—96%

Wessex—88.93%

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

This week, our school attendance was

94.69%

Congratulations to this week's class attendance winners!

LONGLEAT CLASS

Well done!

Larkhill Library

Dear Parents/Carers,

The uptake of library accounts has been incredible. Thank you!

Watching the children's passion and enthusiasm for reading grow has been fantastic. I have walked past the library on many occasions and smiled at the children just sat reading, and overheard conversations in the hall about their book and their favourite part. This is a huge step towards creating a positive reading culture.

In order to keep momentum up, we will be trialing opening the library 10am-12noon once a week during the holidays.

Children are welcome to come into the library with an adult. You can come in and just read with your child and stay until 12noon or it could be a quick pop in to change their book.

Every time you come in and change their book we will write the name of your child on a raffle ticket and enter it into our book draw. At the end of the holidays, there will be a draw and the winner will receive a £10.00 book voucher for the Rocketship Book Shop in Salisbury.

The dates the library will be open are:

Wednesday 26th July

Thursday 3rd August

Wednesday 9th August

If this is popular and successful we will add further dates in the holidays and let you know via Facebook.

Kind regards,

Fiona Jenkins

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF
READING 20
MINUTES PER DAY!

| A student who reads | A student who reads | A student who reads |
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| 20:00 | 5:00 | 1:00 |
| minutes per day | minutes per day | minute per day |
| will be exposed to 1.8 MILLION words per year and is more likely to score in the 90th PERCENTILE on standardized tests | will be exposed to 282,000 words per year and is more likely to score in the 50th PERCENTILE on standardized tests | will be exposed to 8,000 words per year and is more likely to score in the 10th PERCENTILE on standardized tests |

Summer Opening



Larkhill Primary PTA

2022 / 2023 Year Round Up Letter

On the 5th of January 2023 the first Annual General Meeting of what is now Larkhill Primary School PTA took place. At this meeting the new Chair, Vice Chair / Secretary & Treasurer were elected. It's been a busy seven months and we wanted to share with you all, what we've been up to, how much we've been able to raise and what our plans are for the coming school year.

We started with the New Year Disco, then came the book sale in preparation for the new library. We moved on to Miles of Money, the Rainbow Easter Raffle, another disco in May, as well as the Coronation Bake Sale, selling tuck at Sports Day and various other days after school. For our grand finale we organised our Summer Fete & Car Boot - in the rain, sun and wind!

With the parent's support and the help of Mrs Harmer and her team of office staff and teachers the PTA have raised a total of £2378.80 since January 2023. We are very proud to be able to put this funding back into our school to enrich the experiences of our pupils.

With this in mind we have a series of events already planned for the new school year, starting with an Ice Breaker Quiz Night! More details to follow, but we do hope to see many new and old faces there to help welcome new families to Larkhill Primary School as well as catch up with familiar faces after the summer break.

We will also be asking parents for their input on what they would like the PTA to fund for the children. We will get a few ideas from Mrs Harmer and her team on what the school needs, then put it out to parents to vote.

We really couldn't do any of this without the support of parents. Whether it's bringing a bottle for the tombola, a donation for the raffle or volunteering to help on the PTA. More hands really do make for lighter work. The more of us there are, the less we each need to do. If you are willing to lend a hand, even just on an ad hoc basis here and there, we would really appreciate you letting us know. After all it's for our children that we do this, to make their time at Larkhill Primary School as fun and memorable as possible.

Have a lovely summer holiday & see you at our Ice Breaker Quiz Night!

Larkhill Primary School PTA