

LONGSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September 2015 - December 2015

This is the twenty fifth edition of our Newsletter. We hope to send you one per term. In each one we will keep you up to date with school life.

This year we welcome five Primary 1 pupils to our school. They have settled into school life really well. Daniel Gaston, Leonie McKay, Sophia Moody, Ryan Rainey and Callie-Rose Tweed.



We have also said goodbye to two of our members of staff Mrs Kirkpatrick and Mrs Woodcock. Between them they have 71 years of faithful service to our school. We do hope that they enjoy their retirement. We wish Mrs Kirkpatrick a return to good health very soon.

We welcome Mrs Donna Logan to our Primary 1 to Primary 4 class and also Mrs Lauren Logan who will be covering principal relief for Mrs Lemund Moody as she takes over the role of Principal. Best wishes to them.

ACHIEVEMENTS

At the end of last term Hannah McBride a pupil in Primary 4 won a competition run by the Ulster Teachers Union - well done to Hannah.



All the pupils had the opportunity to enter Ballymena Show. We had a big number of winning entries resulting in our school winning "The Jane's Kitchen" cup for the seventh time. Well done to all our winners.



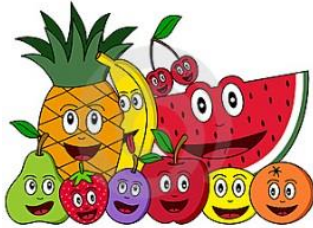
*Lily's hair was very long!
She got it cut last week
and is donating it to the
Little Princess Trust.
Well done Lily-that is
such a kind thing to do
😊*

HEALTHY BREAKS WEEK

At Longstone we try to encourage healthy eating. We will be arranging different healthy breaks weeks.

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5 to 9 October
25 to 29 January
9 to 13 May

Every Friday will be Fruity Friday when we hope the children will bring fruit for their break. We would appreciate your co-operation in encouraging your children to bring a healthy break to school.

VISITORS



The Coaching for Christ team are coming to school every Tuesday afternoon for football training. This term they are working with the Primary 5 to Primary 7 children. Next term it will be the turn of the Primary 1 to Primary 4 classes.



The Primary 3 to Primary 7 children are having tin whistle lessons on

Thursday mornings. Thanks go to the Ulster Scots Agency for their funding for this project. Our tutor is Diane McCullough well known for her work with the Ulster Scots.

CHARITIES

If anyone would wish to donate shoes boxes for Operation Christmas Child could we have them by Friday 6 November. A small shoebox can have a big impact.



Once again this year we plan to take part in "Wear your Christmas Jumper Day" in aid of Save the Children. This was very popular with staff and pupils last year. If children wish to wear their Christmas jumper instead of their school sweatshirt they can bring a donation of £1. If they don't have a Christmas jumper they can decorate and old jumper. The date will be Friday 18 December.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Longstone PTA are organising a Dress-Up day on Tuesday 27 October to raise funds for the

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school. Children can dress up in costumes for a donation of £1.00.



The school nurse will be coming to school on Wednesday 11 November to give the children their flu vaccine.

On Friday 20 November we will be holding our annual open day. This will be a fun filled afternoon for pre-school children. Parents will be catered for while the children will hear stories, play games, craft etc. They will have the opportunity to meet with our children. We will have flyers and invitations printed and if you know of any pre-school children please let us know and we will get an invitation out to them.



Our Christmas Fair run by the PTA will be held on 11 December in Ahoghill Community Centre. Last year we had great support from our

parents and friends making a very enjoyable event for all - especially our children. We will have more details at a later date.

Our Christmas concert will be held on Wednesday 16 December at 9.30am in Brookside Presbyterian Church Hall.

On Thursday 17 December all children will be going to sing on Radio Cracker at 10.25am.



They will then be going to "The Braid" for the C21 Theatre Company's production of "Lucy and the Dream Catcher -The Night before Christmas".

We will be stopping along the way for lunch between our visits.



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TERM DATES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2015/2016

HALLOWEEN

School will be closed:-Wednesday 28 October - Monday 2 November

(4 days)

Re-open:- Tuesday 3 November

CHRISTMAS

School will be closed:- Monday 21 December - Friday 1 January (10 days)

Re-open:- Monday 4 January

MID TERM

School will be closed:- Thursday 11 February - Tuesday 16 February (4 days)

Re-open:- Wednesday 17 February

EASTER

School will be closed:- Tuesday 22 March - Friday 1 April (9 days)

Re-open:- Monday 4 April

School will be closed:- Friday 29 April - Monday 2 May (2 days)

Re-open:- Tuesday 3 May

School will be closed:- Monday 30 May (1 day)

School will finish for the summer on Monday 27 June

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