

Long Ridings Primary School

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Friday 12th October 2018

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Dear Parents,

Below are the attendance figures for September:-

SEPT	KS1		KS2		
1 st	2S	98.6	1 st	6S	99.4
2 nd	FP	98.5	2 nd	3D	97.96
3 rd	2EY	98.49	3 rd	5A	97.85

A great start to the academic year, congratulations to all the above classes. We cannot stress the importance of full attendance and your child/ren coming to school on time. Being late not only disrupts the class routine but your child will miss out on valuable input from the class teacher. Attendance and Lateness meetings will be set up where necessary with referral to the Local Authority if there is a lack of engagement/improvement.

Pupil Data Sheets now have to show **a minimum of two contacts**. If you have only supplied one contact then please call into the office to add another. It is imperative that all contact numbers are updated. You are able to do this via SIMS but if you have lost your log-in, please call into the office. When we have to contact a parent and find the numbers are wrong it is very frustrating and wastes valuable time, which would not be good in an emergency!

Please remember that if your child will not be coming in to school, to contact the school office before 9.00 a.m. A message can be left on the absence line. If we have no message as to the whereabouts of your child, and cannot contact you (especially if you only have one contact number currently, Mr. Harris and Mr. Tullett have to make house calls. If we are still concerned we will be ringing the Police for a welfare check.

It is far more efficient for parents to make one call to us than for the school to have to make many calls to parents. In the meantime, a child could be at risk!

On Monday and Tuesday we welcomed a Chinese Primary delegation comprising of eight teachers from Pingxiang Experimental Primary School. The purpose of the visit was to learn about good educational practices in UK schools, and they were especially interested in the following areas:

- school curriculum
- school day routine
- how the school assesses students
- how the school manage classes and tutor groups
- how the school develops students' good habits and activities for moral education
- how to design integrated curriculum and do cross-curricular teaching and learning
- how to design and deliver comprehensive practical activities and how to evaluate its impact
- how to teach reading and methods of differentiation in class
- school calendar planning and management
- learning support and the role of TAs

We also learnt a lot from them and many children have benefited from this cultural exchange.

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On Tuesday, Miss Armstrong took some Year 5 and 6 girls to a football tournament at Shenfield High School. They played very well and won. They will now go on to represent the local School Sports Partnership at Melbourne Park. Here is their tournament report... We went to Shenfield High School for a football tournament. It was for girls in years 5 and 6. We played against lots of different teams and we won every game. The amount of goals we scored overall was 16 and we didn't let any goals in. The Long Ridings team got to the final and we played St. Helens – we beat them 1-0. So now we are in the Partnership finals representing Shenfield Schools' Sports Partnership. Go Long Ridings!

It was lovely to see the girls have fun. We haven't started training yet, so the girls should be proud. Well done everyone and thank you to the parents who came and supported. Miss Armstrong

On Wednesday morning our KS2 children had a visit from an Author, Gary Northfield. This was arranged by Mrs Tucker in conjunction with the Chicken and Frog Bookshop.



On Wednesday, award-winning author Gary Northfield visited KS2 to talk about his Julius Zebra books series. Gary is first and foremost an illustrator and cartoonist and, during the visit, showed how his childhood drawings led to a career in making and selling his own comics, providing comic strips for Horrible Histories and Horrible Science magazines, illustrating for The Phoenix magazine and in the last few years, writing and illustrating his own books. Later in the session, Gary led a drawing activity and read extracts from his book and answered questions. It was fascinating to see where Gary's love for drawing had taken him and was an inspiration to any budding illustrators in the audience. In December, it will be KS1's turn for a special visit as I have arranged for author and illustrator Sarah Finan to visit in early December. A letter will come out to all KS1 parents with details nearer the time.

Mrs Tucker

Last Thursday, Mr Tullett took a team of Year 5 and 6 children to a Pope & Smith cross country league race at Hylands Park. The children did extremely well, the Year 5 boys and girls both coming first and the Year 6 girls second and boys 4th. Amazing results, well done to all who took part.

If you haven't already paid your child's dinner money, the cost for this Autumn half term is £69.30 and for the second half term (29th October to 19th December) the cost will be £79.80.

There is now a **blue post box** on the wall to the left of the office hatch – opposite the PA one. If you are queuing at the office just to hand something in, please use the post box. It will be unlocked and emptied at both ends of the day after the rush!

In the interests of supporting our neighbours, would parents please refrain from parking in Shenfield Gardens, which is a private road. A complaint has been made to the office, which we are duly passing on.

Secondary School Applications for September 2019 – Reminder for Year 6 Parents As you may be aware, the statutory closing date for applications from parents of Year 6 children (for a secondary school place in Year 7 from September 2019) is 31st October 2018.

Applications can be made via the website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions .

Have a good weekend!

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