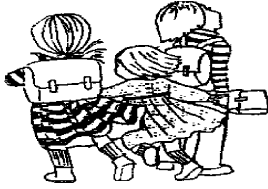


"WHERE CHILDREN COME FIRST"



**Long Marton Community
Primary School
September 2010
Newsletter**

Dear All,

We hope you all had a good summer and are ready for the busy weeks ahead.

WELCOME

We would like to welcome all the Reception children and the new families in other years who started yesterday. We hope your time at Long Marton is a happy one. If you have any concerns or questions then please see your child's teacher and we will do our best to help.

REMINDER - KS 1 PARENTS EVENING - THURSDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2010

As you will remember from the July newsletter we are holding a parents evening for all parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (KS 1). This will be held on Thursday night 9th September @ 7pm in school. Miss Dixon will give an overview of the Reception curriculum, explain how children learn to read and how you can help your child at home. Please make every effort to attend. It will last approximately 45 minutes at the most.

**FoLMS
LOTTERY**

The lottery raises valuable funds to support the work of the school. The cost is £1 per week, it is drawn monthly. There is a first prize of £100, 2nd prize of £50 and three third prizes of £20. If you would like a number (or an extra number if you already have one), please contact the school office. We have 25 numbers available.

PAMPERED CHEF - Please put this fundraiser in your diary Friday 24th September 7pm.

HOME/SCHOOL DIARIES

The diary is a very useful way of communication between school and home. It informs you of what your child has been set to do at home that week and how they are progressing. We encourage parents and family to sign the diary each week and make sure that the children have it at school **every day**. It is equally important that you record anything that school need to know about your child through the diary.

MUSIC - if your child is either learning to play the recorder or guitar (or both) then please make sure they practice and bring their instrument to school every Wednesday.

To help with numbers/groups are there any year 5 children wanting to take up the guitar. If so then please can you let the school office know by Thursday 9th September 2010.

P.E.

All children should have a complete change of named clothes and footwear for PE. This should be kept at school all the time. As you know weather can be unpredictable and we sometimes need to change the PE day. If your child is not able to do PE for any reason, please inform school before the lesson. **We would prefer children to have black shorts & white shirts.**

Reminder - Jewellery should not be worn in school. If children have pierced ears, simple studs or small sleepers should be worn. If children cannot take out their own earrings for PE, they must bring large plasters to cover them. If your child has long hair this must be tied up for PE and you supply your child with a hair bobble.

Class 2 & 3 children will be doing outdoor games for the first half term. They will need football boots and shin pads for safety (see below).

FOOTBALL - The after school football training will be starting again on Wednesday night 8th September 3.15 pm to 4.15 pm and will be run by Mr Pollard. We do have a supply of boots in school, please come and have a look. There are very few shin pads, please supply your own. We do encourage people to recycle boots and shin pads, if you have any at home which are too small then please let school have them.

NETBALL - The after school netball training started again last night and will take place every Monday, 3.15pm to 4.15pm the training will be run again by Mrs Julie Smith. (However it will be run by Tina Longstaff on Monday 13th September).

HOME/SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Each school has to have a home school agreement. Parents, pupils and staff are encouraged to sign them. We will talk about the agreement with the children in assembly this week. Please read and sign it with your child/children and return it to school by **Monday 13th September**, where the staff can sign it too.

SMALL SCHOOLS WORKING TOGETHER

SHAKESPEARE 4 KIDZS WORKSHOPS (KS 2 only) - Letters will be sent out this week please make sure your child bring theirs home.

DINNER & MILK MONEY

Please pay this to the school office in a named envelope on Monday mornings. If you would like to pay 1/2 termly please contact the school office.

P.T.O.

AUTUMN TERM PARENTS EVENING

This will be held on Monday 18th October 2010.

CHOIR

As you will know from past performances we have a school choir. This is open to all children in K.S. 2. The children practice every Wednesday morning.

Middle Eden Choir - we will start meeting again from next Wednesday 8th September 2010 @ 6.30pm to 8pm. This is open to parents and friends as well as children.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be holding our annual Harvest Festival celebration at Long Marton Church Monday 27th September. More information will follow.

OLD SHIRTS and NEWSPAPER - If anyone has any old adult shirts and newspapers please can we have them at school. The shirts are used to protect the children's clothing while doing art. If you have some then please bring them to the school office. The newspapers will be used for papier-mâché this term.

WATER BOTTLES

Just a reminder about water bottles. Each child needs to bring a water bottle from home.

HOLIDAY DATES

Please find the holiday dates attached for the coming term. Parents are reminded that holiday in term time may only be allowed at the discretion of the Head teacher. If this cannot be avoided please ask for a holiday form. This must be returned to the Head teacher well in advance of the time requested. Please avoid holidays in May, as this is an especially important time in school for assessment.

PARENTAL HELP

We are always grateful for any help in school. If you are able and willing to help in either KS1 or KS2, please contact the school office.

ADVANCED INFORMATION - TO YEARS 5 & 6 (NOT YEAR 4's in Johns class). Next years residential to York is booked for 30th March to 1st April 2011.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES - Rev Sarah Lunn has asked if anyone would be interested in taking Confirmation Classes (children need to be aged 10 years and over). If you are interested or would like more information then please contact Sarah on 017683 61269

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8th September 2010	Middle Eden Voices choir 6.30pm (and every Wednesday except 22nd)
9th September 2010	KS 1 parents evening @ 7pm
13th September 2010	Home/School Agreement to be returned
16th September 2010	FoLMS 7pm
22nd September 2010	Governors meeting 6.30 pm
23rd September 2010	Class 2 - Shakespeare 4 Kidz workshop @ Cliburn Village Hall Class 3 visit to Great Dun Fell
24th September 2010	Class 3 - Shakespeare 4 Kidz workshop @ Cliburn Village Hall FoLMS - Pampered Chef evening @ 7pm
27th September 2010	Harvest Festival
1st October 2010	Class 2 & 3 @ Sands Centre, Carlisle - Shakespeare 4 Kidz
18th October 2010	Parent evening
22nd October 2010	Break up for Half Term