



13th September 2024

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School Administrators: Mrs N Armstrong and Mrs J Shorten

'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart.'

Colossians 3.23

KINDNESS ... PATIENCE ... HONESTY ... LOYALTY ... THANKFULNESS ... RESPECT ...

Welcome to our new children.

It has been lovely to see our new children settle in so quickly to school. We welcome all of our new Reception children, plus a new child to Year 6 too.



Individual and Sibling School Photographs

Our school photographer will be in on **Friday, 20th September**. Please ensure that children are wearing their school uniforms.

For those wishing to have a photograph with younger siblings (those too young to attend our school), please arrive at Garton Hall at about 8.30am. Once your photographs have been taken, please bring your child/ren up to school as normal. All remaining photographs (individual and school siblings) will be organised by the school from 9.00 am.

Class 1 - Parents' Phonic Session

A reminder that we will be holding a Parent Phonics Session on **Monday 23rd September** at 3:30pm in Class 1.

This session will be a chance to introduce you to the phonics scheme that we are using so that you are able to support your child at home. You will also learn more about the way that we teach reading and writing in school too. We hope that you are able to attend. Even if you attended last year, it's a good reminder and will also outline what the children will be doing in Year 1 too. Staff members we will look after Class 1 children and their older siblings who attend Long Clawson School whilst you attend the session.

Please complete the form [here](#) if you are attending.

Extended Afterschool Care

Thank you to parents who completed the survey regarding extending afterschool care. We are currently looking into the feasibility and cost of extending our afterschool provision and will be communicating to parents in the near future.

Penalty Notices for Unauthorised Absences

On 19th August 2024 the '[Working Together to Improve School Attendance](#)' was made statutory. This guidance sets out a new National Framework for issuing Penalty Notices. The Local Authority have published a poster version and we have sent a copy home with children today. We have also uploaded a copy to our website: '[Parents_Late/Absence_Procedures](#).'

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Asda School Fundraiser

If you shop at Asda then you can raise money for the school. Just download the Asda Reward App, opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select Long Clawson School. Asda will donate a percentage of your spend to our school every time you shop. More details are available [here](#).

Facebook

We are pleased to have launched our very own Facebook page. Please follow us as we will be uploading news, events and fun things that go on in our school.

Flu Vaccinations - Date for the Diary

Flu vaccinations are taking place at the school on **Friday, 13th December**. Please remember to consent to the vaccination as it cannot be administered without consent. The letter from the Immunisation Team is attached [here](#) with guidance and further information.

2024 - 2025 Term Dates

The link to next year's term dates can be found on our website [here](#).

Below you will see a number of events that have been booked for the forthcoming term. Further dates have been added to our [school calendar](#) on our website.

We will be taking all of the children to Loughborough Town Hall to see Snow White in December. Details will be sent out shortly.

New Admissions for 2025

The admissions portal to register your child for a 2025 school place has opened on the [Local Authority's](#) website. If you have a child due to start next Autumn 2025, please remember to register them for a school place by 15th January 2025. Please also pass this message on to anyone that you know who has a child due to start next year too. We would welcome the opportunity to show prospective parents around our amazing school. Visits can be organised through the school office. Our Admissions Policy can be viewed on our school website.

Show Around for Prospective Parents and Children

We are offering group sessions for prospective parents and children to visit our school on the following dates and times:

Thursday 10th October: 9.15 am or 10.45 am

Thursday 31st October: 9.15 am or 10.45 am

Thursday 21st October: 9.15 am or 10.45 am

Please book in with our school office as places are limited. If the above are not convenient, we would be happy to arrange a one to one viewing too.

The Grand Vale 40th Vale Conker Championship

This annual event will be held on Saturday 5th October and will take place on the Pingle. This event is enjoyed by so many each year and it brings in much needed funds for our school and the Village Hall.

Full details can be seen around the village and school, as well as on our Facebook page.

OWN CLOTHES DAY - Friday 27th September will be an own clothes day and in return we would ask parents to support us by donating a tombola item. Thank you.



Stars of the Week

w/c 27.08.24

Class 1: All of the Reception Children

Class 2: Finley and Ella

Class 3: Ezra, Baillie, Teddy, Oscar and Cami

w/c 02.09.24

Class 1: Grace

Class 2: Bea

Class 3: Tom and Haaz

w/c 09.09.24

Class 1: Sofia

Class 2: Michael and Skye

Class 3: Alisha

Diary dates

Friday, 20th September - Individual and Sibling Photos

Monday, 23rd September - Class 1 Phonics Session for Parents

Thursday, 3rd October - Harvest Festival at St Remigius's Church

Tuesday, 15th and Wednesday, 16th October- Parents' Evenings

Monday, 21st October - Friday 25th October - Half Term

Friday, 18th October - Think Pink Day