

## Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

The sun is out again. It just makes everything feel so much better, doesn't it? We have all been working really hard at school getting ready to welcome back our EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils. We can't wait to see some of our children back in school again. The safety of the children, our staff and parents is our priority and to this end, we have been putting careful provision in place to ensure pupils are safe and happy when they come back into school. I am aware that I have sent out a lot of information this week. If you are still unsure, you can find our FAQ guide (for our part-time phased return) on our website – [click here](#). There is also a virtual tour video to watch with your child to help reassure them about what it will look like on their return to school. [Click here to view](#).

Next week will be half term. Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May. We do not expect the children to do any remote learning during this week. Teachers will not be responding on Seesaw during this week.

I hope you all have a great half term week and we will see or hear from you all after the half term break.

*Mrs Zillah Cope*

**Headteacher**



## NOTICES

### School Return

The Government have issued guidance that schools can return from 1st June 2020. Whilst we never closed any of our schools and have been providing extremely extensive home learning, we are now in a position to work with our communities initially to bring back those children in **Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6**.

We recognise as a Trust that this is a difficult time for staff, parents and children. We are committed to ensuring that we continue to work with our communities, maintaining the positivity.

Even more important is that as a Trust, we provide a learning environment for all that makes our community feel safe supported and confident to deliver the next phase of this journey together. We will continue to provide updates and information as it is available.

### Mental Health Awareness Week

It is important to look after our mental health now, particularly more than ever and as such we have created a new webpage for our site with a focus on wellbeing – [here](#).

### Parent/Carer Survey

We really value your feedback and feel we have been working well with our pupils so hoping you can spare 5 minutes to complete the attached survey. Please click [here to take part](#). Thank you in advance for your support.

### Website

We have updated our website with some new pages in order for you to find information about home learning, school return and FAQs. Please pop over to <http://longlandsprimaryschool.co.uk/> for more information.

### Half Term

Please be advised that the school will be closed for all pupils over the May half term. This includes emergency childcare for children of key workers.

### While We Can't Hug

We saw this lovely video and thought we'd share it with you.

[Click here to view](#).



### Stars of the week

Congratulations to our stars this week:

Fir: Ava Shore

Willow: Phoebe Chamberlain-Kent

Maple: Lucie McConaghy

Rowan: Jessica McCann

Elm: Scarlett-Ruby Jones

Beech: Ewan Gardiner

Oak: Dylan Woolford



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### Pupils Work

Fantastic pictures being sent in from the Trust virtual sports day



Some of our pupils in school have been making crispy cakes – yum!



## Competitions & Challenges

**History Competition:** The Historical Association are running a 'Write Your Own Historical Fiction Competition 2020'. Winning students will each receive a cash prize, engraved paperweight and a year's free subscription to the Historical Association for their school. Entries close on Friday 26 June 2020, click [here](#) for more details.

**History Competition:** Focus Games Ltd are challenging all age groups to create a unique piece of work, drawing, poster, short story, video or artwork in order to celebrate 100 Great Black Britons and their legacy. Entries close on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020, click [here](#) for more information.

**Geography Competition:** The Royal Geographical Society are running their Young Geographer of the Year Competition, asking students to submit entries based around the theme of 'the world beyond my window'. Full competition details can be found [here](#). **The deadline for receipt of all entries is Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 5.00pm.**

**Marches Academy Trust Challenge:** Professional boxer Tom Farrell is challenging students from across The Marches Academy Trust to complete as many burpees as they can in 30 seconds. Follow our [Facebook page](#) to find out more, take part and have the opportunity to win a medal.

