



School News

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Welcome Back!

I am incredibly excited to be writing my first newsletter to you as Headteacher of Longney Primary School. What a fantastic first week it has been! The children have absolutely blown us all away with how well they have returned to school. They have been busy learning confidently and with enthusiasm and we could not be more excited as a staff to get to know them all over the coming term.

I have got so, so much that I would love to communicate to you and I know that there will be lots that you want to know too! At present, we need to take things slowly as we get to know the school and the pupils. Therefore, in the first few weeks we will be focusing primarily on getting all of the safeguarding and SEND knowledge and systems in place with new staff, as well as concentrating on teaching and learning and behaviour expectations.

We had a great start to the curriculum this week with the children in Swift, Goldfinch and Skylark starting with a science week in each class. They have worked together to answer the following questions:

Skylark – Am I a predator?

Goldfinch – How and why does a lion chase its prey?

Swift – Why can't pigs fly?

Please do talk to the children about what they have been up to and ask them about what they have learnt this week.

Swallows class have been absolutely phenomenal – We have been so impressed with how they come in each morning and to cope so well in very hot weather when they are not all used to the long days is super impressive. We know they will no doubt be absolutely shattered this weekend but please do be reassured that it will get easier each week! You can see from the photographs below that they have been working so well together, supported by Miss Woolway and Ms Spencer and have really enjoyed getting to know all the wonderful resources within the classroom which will help them to make fantastic progress this year.

I have included some photographs below of our science week as well as some of the children in Goldfinch and Swift class who had a tennis taster session this morning.

Thank you so much to all of you for making us all feel so welcome and to my wonderful staff team who worked incredibly hard in the lead up to the new term to get everything ready for the children and who I feel very lucky to have the opportunity to work with.

PE Days

Next week's PE day will be as follows:

Skylark – Wednesday

Goldfinch – Thursday

Swift – Monday

We will confirm the PE days for the rest of the term next week. Please can the children wear their PE kit in to school on this day so that they don't need to get changed in school.

Forest School

When your child has forest school please make sure they wear their forest school clothes in to school. This must include long trousers (no jeans) and a long-sleeved plain top. If it is hot, they need sun hats and if it is cold and wet they will need waterproof coat, trousers and gloves. I can imagine that it gets very muddy in the winter! They can wear their forest school clothes into school and then take off their outerwear for the afternoon. They will also need to keep a pair of wellingtons in school for the year, so that they are ready for use at forest school but also on the grassed area. We have welly storage for this reason. As it is short notice, if you need to please bring the wellies in for the day until you are able to source a second pair.

The dates for forest school will go out next week, but Mr Pritchard will be starting with Skylark class this coming Tuesday 12th September so please make sure they wear their clothes in to school.

Children with additional needs

I just wanted to let you know that I have met with Mrs Marchant, the SEND co-ordinator this week and we have talked about the children with additional needs in school and their current plans. If your child has additional needs and is supported by a MyPlan or MyPlan+ I will be in touch next week to arrange to meet with you at a time that is convenient to you in order for me to fully understand your child's needs from a parental point of view. I look forward to meeting you all.

New Class Names Reminder

Just a reminder of the new class names which changed at the end of last term:

Swallows – Reception

Skylarks – Year 1 and 2

Goldfinches – Year 3 and 4

Swifts – Year 5 and 6



