

E-Bulletin

10th July 2023



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It's hard to believe that the end of the school year is just over the horizon, but academy life continues to be as busy as ever.

We are all looking forward to Sports Day tomorrow and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible!

I hope that my letter to you all last week, outlining staffing and leadership changes for September was useful information and the children will be able to spend some time with their new teacher next week.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, children and staff for making me feel so welcome during my time here at Longmeadow and I know that Mr Bullen and Mr Thomas are very excited to work with you all next term. Have a great Summer!

Mr Potter.

Staffing changes

As you would have already seen from the letter sent to you last week there are some staffing changes happening here at Longmeadow in September.

Mr Potter and Miss Sheppard's time at Longmeadow will come to an end. Mr Bullen and Mr Thomas will be taking over as Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher.

Mr Cowles, Miss Butcher, Mrs Walker and Mrs Watson are all moving on to new exciting roles.

Miss Robson will be going on Maternity leave before the children return.

Although Ms Krupa will no longer be teaching, she will remain as SEND lead.

Sports day

We are very excited for sports day tomorrow (Tuesday 11th July). A reminder to parents and carers—please drop your children off at school at the usual time, ensuring children are wearing FULL PE kit.

Children should have suncream applied before school and (named) suncream with them. Sun hats will also be essential. Children will also need to bring a named water bottle to school with them.

School gates will be closed for registration and reopened just after 9am where parents and carers are welcome to join on us the field for the morning.

We ask that during the event children are not encouraged to leave their class groups to see family members. (There will of course be a time where children are able to see those of you that are watching).

The toilets in the main school office will be available for spectators to use, we ask that you walk around the school to the main entrance and enter the office this way, please do not walk through the school.

We are expecting events to be complete by lunchtime. Spectators will leave the school and the children will have lunch as normal and will complete the school day in class. (Children in Katherine Johnson class WILL still be going swimming)

We please ask that no photos or videos are taken during sports day due to the risk of capturing another person's child. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this matter.

We look forward to sharing the morning with you all.

Activity clubs

A reminder this week is the last week of after school activity clubs. There will be no clubs next week.

Wrap around care is still available every day.

Eco Sustainability

Here at Longmeadow, we used part of our eco-sustainability funding for two wildflower seedings around the front entrance of the academy and along back field hedgerow where a 1m strip was left uncut to rewild. The work was carried out by their ground's maintenance contractor Gould's. to give you an example of how many seeds we involved we used approximately 70 seeds per square foot. This level of seeding helped to speed up what nature would do over many years returning to wildflower meadow type areas. The only required maintenance is to check for brambles and thistles that would outcompete the seeds then cut back at the end of summer after self-seeding and leave to grow in spring/summer again next year. The initial seeds were sown in October/November 2022 and started to flower in May/June 2023. So far, we have seen lots of different species, including poppies, wild daisies, cornflowers, nigella, wild geranium, and variety of grasses. They have also seen more birds and insects, 7 different species of butterfly included.

Mr Cutler



Meet the teacher afternoon

All children will meet their new teachers next Wednesday afternoon!

Reception / Year 1: Miss Megan Mills-Dunn

Year 2 /Year 3: Mrs Estha Hebden-Heiden

Year 4 / Year 5: Mr Sam Thomas

Year 6: Miss Emma Upshall

Spare clothes

If your child has borrowed spare clothes/ uniform from the Academy this year we please asked that it is returned before the end of the Academic year. Thank you.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Activity
10th July	<i>Performing arts club performance</i>
11th July	<i>-Sports day. -Katherine Johnson last swimming session.</i>
12th July	<i>Mary Anning Biss Meadows trip.</i>
13th July	<i>-Year 6 performance dress rehearsal (Whole school) -4pm Year 6 performance for parents.</i>
14th July	<i>-Year 6 iPads and chargers to be collected. -PCSO Robyn Dentry— Personal and online safety session with year 6.</i>
19th July	<i>“Move up afternoon” for children.</i>
21st July	<i>Last day of school year!</i>