
NORTHUMBERLAND County Council

The Federation of Longhorsley St Helen's and Whalton Church of England Aided Schools

Longhorsley St Helen's
C of E Aided First School
Drummonds Close
Longhorsley
MORPETH
Northumberland
NE65 8UT



Whalton C of E Aided Primary
School
Whalton
Morpeth
Northumberland
NE61 3XH

Mrs Nichola Brannen
Executive Headteacher

Tel 01670 788316

Fax 01670 788031

email: longhorsleyadmin@fedlongwhaltschools.uk
www.longhorsley-st-helens.northumberland.sch.uk

Mrs Nichola Brannen
Executive Headteacher

Tel 01670 775216

email: whaltonadmin@fedlongwhaltschools.uk
www.whalton.northumberland.sch.uk

19th October 2020

Dear Parents,

As we are nearing the end of the first half term; I just wanted to give you a quick update. In terms of COVID 19, the children (and staff) are doing brilliantly at following our hand washing and sanitising rules and keeping within their bubbles. To date, we have had no symptoms or positive cases in either school and only a small number of children have had to isolate following events outside of school. Thank you to all parents for supporting us by keeping children off who have been unwell or have been waiting to be tested after showing symptoms when at home. This collective responsibility has truly kept us all going and kept us all safe so thank you; it is very much appreciated. I would also like to thank all of The Federation staff for their continued hard work and commitment to keeping all of the children and each other safe; really well done everyone.

Remote Learning

As mentioned in my September update, we do have plans in place for education to continue remotely if we need to send any classes home, however, this also applies to individual children who need to isolate; remote learning will 'kick in' so that their learning is not affected if they are required to stay at home.

Thank you for all the responses to our Google questionnaire about remote learning. If you can please make sure that you (or your child) has tested School360 with any new passwords that would be so helpful (and please let us know if there are any problems). Staff are setting homework on the platform to make transition as easy as possible when needed. Remember it is online 'Tapestry' for Longhorsley Nursery and Reception children. Hard copies of work will be made available to those families who have indicated that this is the best way forward for their child (just please allow us a little bit of time to sort and organise).

Harvest

Children at Longhorsley have already enjoyed their 'in-school virtual Harvest Service' with our new Reverend Audrey joining us and Whalton will be having theirs this week on Wednesday afternoon. The Food bank was extremely appreciative of the vast amounts of donations from



Longhorsley and we would love to have the same response at Whalton, so please remember to bring along a tin or packet from the list sent out from school last week.

A huge thank you to Reverend Fiona and Pam who sent through their Harvest Service which was enjoyed in all classes at Whalton too.

Lunchtime Vacancy at Whalton

We are currently advertising for a 3 day week lunchtime supervisor at Whalton to start week beginning Monday 2nd November; after half term. It is only for an hour a day (Wednesday to Friday) and you would get to work alongside a great team of people and enjoy supporting our delightful children during lunchtime. If anyone is interested, or knows someone who would like to join our Federation team, please contact Miss White at Whalton on 01670 775216 in the first instance (it can often lead to other positions in school!).

Generous Donation

You may have heard that there has been a very generous donation to Whalton Village from Dame Barbour. In the absence of the The Whalton Show, which is such a great fundraiser, we are the lucky recipients of a share of £10,000 which has been donated to the Church, Village Hall, PAWS and School. We cannot thank Dame Barbour enough for her generosity and she will be receiving individual letters of thanks from our children. We will let you know how we plan to spend it.

Pupil Progress Updates

At this time of year, we would usually invite you into school to see how your children are settling in and progressing through the first term. Instead, we are offering telephone consultations in 10 minute slots over a series of dates throughout November. A google form will be sent out separately to gather this information. As always, if you have any concerns, please ring school and make an appointment with the class teacher or myself.

Half term and teacher training days

Just to remind you that we break up for half term on Friday for a week with both schools returning Monday 2nd November. Thinking ahead, the next training day at each school is as follows:

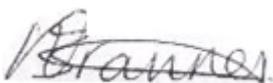
Longhorsley - Monday 4th January 2021

Whalton - Friday 12th February 2021

Hope this helps with planning ahead for child care.

Have a wonderful, safe half term when it comes and many thanks again for your continued support.

Kindest regards,



Mrs Brannen
Executive Head teacher

NORTHUMBERLAND County Council

The Federation of Longhorsley St Helen's and Whalton Church of England Aided Schools

Longhorsley St Helen's
C of E Aided First School
Drummonds Close
Longhorsley
MORPETH
Northumberland
NE65 8UT



Whalton C of E Aided Primary
School
Whalton
Morpeth
Northumberland
NE61 3XH

Mrs Nichola Brannen
Executive Headteacher

Tel 01670 788316

Fax 01670 788031

email: longhorsleyadmin@fedlongwhaltschools.uk

www.longhorsley-st-helens.northumberland.sch.uk

Mrs Nichola Brannen
Executive Headteacher

Tel 01670 775216

email: whaltonadmin@fedlongwhaltschools.uk

www.whalton.northumberland.sch.uk



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



Healthy Schools