

### *On our best behaviour*



We recently re-launched our Shared Attitudes and Values (school rules). Our Pupil Forum led a consultation with each class about behaviour so that everyone knows what is expected of them and what we can do better. Our worship this term linked with this theme and with Anti-Bullying Week which took place in November. These lovely, bright posters are displayed in every classroom and our school hall so that they can be referred to regularly. We like to spot people looking after others or trying their best.

### *Remembrance*



Thank you to our House Captains who represented school in the Remembrance Sunday Parade in Longridge recently. Year 6 also attended the short service at the war memorial on 11<sup>th</sup> November, whilst the rest of the school paid their respects by observing two minutes silence at 11am. These super wreaths were made by our Year 2 children.



### *Geography*

Mrs Carr leads Geography in our school and she has been thinking of ways to raise the profile of this important subject. In order to get our children thinking about this subject outside of the classroom, she established a photography competition. This asked children to look at the physical features of different landscapes and send in a photograph of their favourite. The result was a collection of wonderful photographs which included a mixture of local scenery and far away places. There were dramatic skies, beautiful beaches and coastlines as well as views across mountain tops and waterways.



## *Come and Learn*

We recently held our first 'Come and Learn' session for Reception Class. Parents were invited to come into the classroom and learn alongside their children. This term's theme was Percy the Park Keeper. Some children decorated gingerbread men to make their own Percy, while others made animal puppets using wooden spoons. In the writing area children wrote shopping lists of what they would buy to make dinner for Percy and the animals, or used pictures and writing to sequence the story. On the maths table children were busy matching the numeral to the quantity of objects.



Following our parent meeting on Early Reading and phonics, it was great to see parents coming along to our reading workshops and finding out about how to make the most of that precious 1:1 reading time at home. They spent time with their child, talking about their reading book and encouraging fluency by allowing them to read and re-read stories. Thank you to everyone who attended.



## Primary School Places

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January is the closing date for applications for primary school places for September 2025. If you know anyone who has a child ready to start Reception next September, please remind them to apply. If they attend a church, they should also fill in the supplementary application form. This is available on the school website under Admissions.

Please go to <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-primary-school/>

## Events in December & January

Christmas lunch will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. If your child does not usually have a school lunch but would like one on this day, please email Mrs McCormick (admin@longridge-cofe.lancs.sch.uk) in the school office to book.



- Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Puss in Boots of Clitheroe Castle, pantomime at The Grand. Leaves at 9am
- Thu 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – PTFA Christmas Film Night 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas' in school hall 3.30-5.30pm

- Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec - Years 1 & 2 Nativity Dress Rehearsal 2pm
- Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Reception Class & 2toSchool Nativity Dress Rehearsal 10am
- Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Dec - Years 1 & 2 Nativity Afternoon Performance 2pm in the school hall
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec - Reception Class & 2toSchool – Nativity Performance 2.15pm
- Thu 12<sup>th</sup> Dec - Years 1 & 2 Nativity Evening Performance 6pm in the school hall
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Trophy Assembly in St Paul’s Church at 9.15am
- Thu 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – School closes for Christmas at 3.30pm
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 – School opens at 8.50am

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