

## Re: Annual Parish Meeting 29th March 2023

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Wed 29/03/2023 09:37

To: Caroline Higgins <Clerk@longdenparishcouncil.org.uk>

Good morning Caroline,

I'm going to have to send my apologies for the Parish Council Meeting tonight sorry. When I accepted, I hadn't realised that this is going to clash with a school event and I may not be able to find anyone to attend at short notice.

Please find below a report that could be read to those present.

*Longden School has had a busy Spring Term. We have 131 children in school plus 37 children in our nursery. Mrs Babs Cox is stepping down from her post as a much-valued member of support staff at the end of this term to focus on her grandchildren and hobbies. She will be greatly missed by us all and has dedicated many years of love, care and hard work to the children and staff. Our cook Karen Harewood has decided to change roles and will become the cook at a private day nursery after Easter. We will miss her delicious cooking and cheery welcome each day. This means we have a vacancy for a school cook and we look forwards to meeting them once appointed by Shire Services. Also saying goodbye (for now) is Claire Noblet, who teaches Year 2 and 3. Claire will start her maternity leave at Easter and we are all looking forwards to meeting the new baby. Her class will be taught by Nicola Saunders during Claire's maternity leave.*

*The children are about to launch their annual 'Easter Appeal', raising funds for a local charity. More information will be in the 'latest news' section of our website very soon if you would like to know more. The appeal has always been a real success and the children enjoy planning fundraising events in school and finding out how their money will be used by the charity. Events are well supported by parents and the community, so thank you to all involved for their kindness and generosity each year.*

*The Governors of school have started a new cycle of visiting the school regularly in order to see the decisions they make and information they receive from the school 'in action'. This will be a carefully planned programme of support for the school and governors will be linked to a class in order to build their knowledge of each class, their curriculum and the subjects the class teacher co-ordinates across the school. I'm sure that this close professional relationship will deepen the children's understanding of the role of the governors too.*

*Some of our school governors have also been promoting a 'go slow' campaign in the village this week to raise awareness of the school in the village and to encourage traffic to slow down. The children designed some posters which are currently on display along the main road in the village. Jacinta Walton has been a driving force behind the campaign and we are very grateful to her for her support as a resident, parent and governor. Radio Shropshire came out to see the installation this morning and spoke to parents, councillors and members of the community. We hope that by raising awareness of this issue Shropshire Council will act upon the requests for improved signage and safety measures to highlight the school and children crossing the road around the village.*

*My first term as headteacher has flown by, and I have been made very welcome by everyone. It's been a joy to get to know the children and I have made sure I teach classes regularly in order to get to know them all. We continue to see our values of 'care, share and be fair' demonstrated in all aspects of school life from children, staff and parents. Longden School really is a special place.*

Apologies for any inconvenience caused,

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**From:** Head (Longden CE Primary School) <Head@longden.shropshire.sch.uk>

**Sent:** 24 March 2023 08:24

**To:** Caroline Higgins <Clerk@longdenparishcouncil.org.uk>

**Subject:** Re: Annual Parish Meeting 29th March 2023

Good morning Caroline,

Thank you for the invitation to the Annual Parish Council meeting next Wednesday. I look forwards to seeing you all then.

Best wishes,

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**From:** Caroline Higgins <Clerk@longdenparishcouncil.org.uk>

**Sent:** 22 March 2023 15:56

**To:** Head (Longden CE Primary School) <Head@longden.shropshire.sch.uk>

**Cc:** Roger Evans <roger.evans@shropshire.gov.uk>; Paul Carter <paul.carter@longdenparishcouncil.org.uk>

**Subject:** Annual Parish Meeting 29th March 2023

Dear Sally,

It was nice to meet you earlier this month at our council meeting. I would like to invite you to attend our Annual Parish Meeting next Wednesday at 7pm and to give a short report about the school. I have attached a provisional agenda but as this is a residents' meeting the discussion could include traffic safety concerns around the school.

We have arranged a few light refreshments, so it is a chance to meet some of your parents on an informal basis.

I hope you can attend but if not, perhaps you could nominate a representative to speak?

Caroline Higgins  
Clerk to Longden Parish Council