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Welcome to 2018



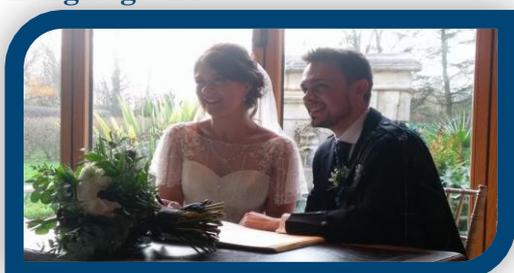
The Headmaster's Assembly at the start of term explored the question of what we value. We looked at the monetary value people place on things – a Tibetan dog for \$1.6m, diamond encrusted iphones and branded trainers – even some old shoes which Chay Gribben spotted had been signed by Michael Jordan (and had sold for \$190,000). With some help from Mr Glenn, Mrs Masey, Mark Vernon, Lucy Turner and Ariadne McPherson, we guessed Mr Lee's Christmas presents and compared them to the ones received by Alfred Anderson on the front lines on Christmas Day in 1914. Private Anderson might have been delighted to receive similar gifts of a pair of socks, some chocolate, a book, some coffee and some tea! Mr Anderson reported in later life, however, that he valued something else – even more than the football that he played with against opposing troops on Christmas morning, and even more than the bible that he kept encased in a tin on the front lines. Mr Anderson survived the war and lived to be 106. He was survived by a large family including two great great grandchildren. He said that he valued more than anything else both the time that he had been given, and the experiences that he had had with other people. We

reflected on the time spent and those activities we have had over the holiday. We thought about the people we have met on the first day of term as we welcome Mrs Johnson and new pupils to Longridge. We also thought about the time ahead and the activities we were planning to do with others in the New Year. We were encouraged to ask ourselves if we could help anyone, listen to others, work on our Minion jokes to amuse others and look at any challenges in the year ahead as something interesting to do - in the knowledge that we can all make a positive difference ourselves and to those around us in 2018. Just because things do not have a monetary value, does not make them valueless. Perhaps time itself and time spent with others is invaluable?

Can You Help?

Please can anyone help by being able to host a German pupil aged between 13-14 years. This would be for the week of Wednesday 7th to Wednesday 14th March. There are over fifty German pupils wishing to visit Longridge and it would be nice to be able to host at least half of them. If you are able to host there is absolutely no commitment to having to go on the return exchange visit planned for October, although your son/daughter would be most welcome indeed to do so. Further details are available from Mr Caddick – mcaddick@lts.org.uk

Longridgean News



We are delighted to announce the marriage of Liam Morris (Leaver 2012) to Bethany on Sunday 3rd December 2017 at Newton Hall, Northumberland. Congratulations to them both! Liam's Best Man was his brother, Rian (Leaver of 2016) and Groomsmen in attendance were Louis Coates and Johnny Whiting (both Leavers 2012).

We have been asked by the Metropolitan Police to share the following message:

An email sent to parents states the latest payment details for school fees. The email appears official and at times is being sent from the schools own compromised email system. Some schools have experienced a situation where new bank details belonging to the hackers results in all school fees being diverted into the criminal's accounts. All parents should be cautious if you receive any emails stating a change of payment detail or containing unexpected attachments. You should telephone the school on the usual telephone number, not one contained within the email and double check the validity of all information before making any payment. For completeness, we will not change your payments details without prior written agreement. If you believe you have fallen victim to fraud please contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk>

Week commencing 7th January

Mon	08-Jan	Form 5 Mock Examinations Begin		
Tue	09-Jan	<u>Hockey:</u> U15 & U13 v NHSG (H)	3.00	pm
			Depart:	3.30 pm
			Return:	5.30 pm
		Ski Trip Information Evening, Atrium	5.15	pm
Wed	10-Jan	<u>Football:</u> U13 A & B v St. Mary's (A)	2.00	pm
			Depart:	12.30 pm
			Return:	4.15 pm
		<u>Football:</u> Forms 4 & 5 v Berwick Academy (A)	2.30	pm
			Depart:	1.40 pm
			Return:	4.15 pm
Fri	12-Jan	J3 and J4 Swimming		
Sat	13-Jan	<u>Rugby:</u> BRFC v Haddington (H)		