



Longfields' Latest 24th July 2018

Have a Great Summer

Dear All,

We come to the end of another year and once again it has been packed with some amazing events. Starting the year with our circus extravaganza, it was a fantastic time and I know that the children all enjoyed the challenges of learning a new skill. It has been great to see that dedication transferred to our academic work too. Residential trips to Woodlands and to Everdon have also set our children challenges and helped them develop that resilience and independence needed to tackle life beyond Longfields. Various sporting events; including losing and winning; our girl's football team and mixed cricket team performing exceptionally well. The first burying of a time capsule and an inclusion in the National press as a result. A Christmas fair and Summer fete, well attended and raising valuable funds for the school and of course, the daily hustle and bustle of school life and that goal to ensure the best possible opportunities for all of our children.

I would like to thank all the dedicated staff here at Longfields and yourselves for the amazing part you play in the life of our school. Have a most wonderful summer break.

July Sports Update

We have had an amazing year of sport this year, with so many of our children organising, running and competing at in-school competitions, local inter-school competitions and even county finals this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials and play leaders who made many our competitions possible.

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2017/18 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

A special thanks to: all the staff, governors, parent helpers and parents without you all, this would have been an impossible task.



Attention – Change to PE Kit

From September we are aiming to phase in a change to our existing PE kit – This is not a huge change and simply involves the colour of the t-shirt your child might wear. We will be linking the kit to the colours of our houses and the colour of the house that your child is in.

We have decided to purchase a first t-shirt for each child in the school and the task of ascertaining sizes and distributing them will take place on our return. If you know what house your child is in and want to purchase any addition tops then the colours are as follows.

Blenheim – Royal Blue

Stow – Green

Waddesdon – Yellow

Claydon – Red

Please do not worry about having to have the correct kit on our return in September and if you have been super organised and already bought new kit then that is fine until you deem it might need replacing – **as outlined above – we will supply a t-shirt for each child**

National Assessment Results

Once again I am pleased to announce that our attainment levels throughout school remain above National averages in every area. This includes our Foundation Stage levels; Year 1 Phonics testing; Year 2 statutory tests and our Year 6 end of Key Stage 2 results. Well done to all our children, staff and parents for the hard work put in this year.

Year 6 Leavers

Thank you to all those who attended our Leavers assembly yesterday morning. As usual, it was a wonderful event followed by a more relaxed time including our parent and child treasure hunt and picnic. This is something that we will definitely continue next year.

To all our Year 6s moving on to Secondary School – Keep your focus on the effort you put in on a daily basis. There will be many challenges ahead, just as there have been during your time at Longfields. Embrace a Growth Mind-set and always give 100% in everything you do. Find your place in a bigger setting and in the wider community. Believe in yourself and who you are – You are unique and special – resist the pressure to change that for others – unless you want to. Mostly, have fun as you enter the next part of your life-long learning journey.

Good Luck to you All

Dates for the Diary

6 Sept - First day back after Summer holidays
17 Sept - Woodland residential week
27 Sept – Individual School photos
1 Oct or 3 Oct - Everdon Trip
18 Oct - Last day before half term (Fri INSET day)
29 Oct - First day back at school