



Longfields' Latest 28th March 2022

What an Amazing Community!

Dear All,

Thank you for your ongoing support this term. As you will know, Ofsted have been and gone.

I wanted to thank you all for the most amazing feedback and support you provided on the Ofsted Parent View page. I have been in education for over 22 years and a Head Teacher now for nearly 12 years and been a part of six Ofsted inspections now. The Ofsted format has changed many times over that time, as has the focus of inspections. The parent survey has always been a part of the process and I wanted to personally thank you, as the feedback you provided was simply wonderful.

Thank you again for your continued positive comments and messages of support. Please do make sure that you chat with teachers if you have any worries or concerns and equally if you want to share positive moments from home or school.

School Values

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our questionnaire regarding school values. We have had suggestions from all stakeholders (staff, parents, governors and pupils). We are pleased to say that there were 3 clear leaders in the results, and we have now adopted these as our key values for the school.

They are:

RESPECT

HONESTY

PERSISTENCE

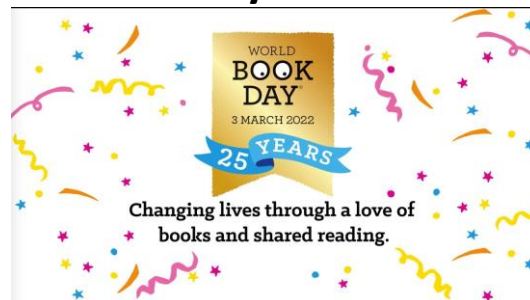
We are now working on key behaviours that embody these values and they will become the basis of our revamped 'Values Tree' and reward system. We will keep you informed.

OXFORD SCIENCE DAY OUT

It has been wonderful to see our children out and about on visits over the past few weeks. Year One and Year Two have been to Oxford for a Science Day which was both amazing and 'Hands On'. It was great to see our children getting involved with real science – fun and interactive.



WORLD BOOK DAY Thursday 3rd March



Thank you to all staff and pupils who joined in with our World Book Day celebrations. Our theme was

HEROES and VILLAINS

And we had a fantastic day. It was just brilliant to have a whole school event and a whole school assembly. There was such an effort made by all and it was amazing to see the lengths that some had gone to getting their outfits just right. Well done to everyone.

PARENT EVENINGS

Thank you to all parents who took the time to sign up to parents' evenings. It was good to have a selection of both face-to-face meetings and online. This arrangement seemed to work well and will be something we look at keeping for next year. Thank you again for your support.

Volunteers Needed

As part of this focus on Reading we would like to ask if you have any spare time and could come in to school to listen to children read. If this is something, you might like to do then please talk to your child's teacher. As part of our safeguarding procedures, you will be asked to fill out a short application form with character references and have a DBS check, but once completed we would be glad to have you help. We look forward to hearing from you.

Girl's Football



The girls football team had their second game of the season and recorded their first win. It is great to see the confidence growing and the wonderful sporting behaviours they are showing. We look forward to the next game with excitement.

Charity Film Night



The charity film night in aid of victims caught up in the Ukrainian conflict was a huge success and enjoyed by all the children who attended. An incredible **£1,252.85** has been raised which everyone should be really proud of. A big thank you to all the staff that gave up their time and helped and also to Vue Cinema who donated popcorn to the event. It is truly fantastic that our community can all come together at a time like this and make a difference to the lives of others.

Breakfast Club (Cabin Club)

One of the huge successes here at Longfields has been our thriving wrap around care offer. Cabin Club has been running for over 5 years and has gone from strength to strength. Although after school places are still at a premium and are not always available, we do currently have places at Breakfast Club, which starts at 8a.m. each morning. If using breakfast club would help you in the mornings, in terms of your working day, then please do get in contact with Mrs Pieton by email cabinclub@longfields-primary.org Breakfast sessions cost £4 per day and breakfast is served until 8:30a.m.

CADBURY WORLD TRIP



As part of their topic on the history of chocolate, our Year 5 and 6 pupils had a trip to Cadbury World. Of course, they had a good time! I wonder why this trip is always popular with staff?!

EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM



As part of a national campaign, we have signed up to 'VEG POWER'. The latest part of the scheme is the widely advertised 'Eat them to defeat them'. So far, our children have helped to defeat peppers, carrots, broccoli, peas and tomatoes.

We have, of course, awarded stickers to those brave children who ate their vegetables!!

School Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy on the school Governing Body for a Parent Governor. Whereas in the past this could be open to any parent to be put forward, the process over the past couple of years has changed. The work of a Governing Body has become a little more involved and the Governing Body Association now encourages new governors to have the skills that are needed for a particular post at a particular school. For us here at Longfields we are particularly looking for someone with knowledge of finance systems; setting and monitoring budgets and/or local government experience. If you are a parent and fit these criteria and would like to put yourself forward for nomination and the election process, then please come in and see Mr Hollidge before the end of term. Thank you.

PARKING IN THE COMMUNITY

You may have noticed that parking enforcement officers have been outside school on a regular basis. Please do not risk a fine by parking illegally. Please also respect our local community and neighbours by parking responsibly. Please do not park on the grass verges or over the driveways of local residents. This really is just common decency.

Safeguarding



Please can I remind all adults that the use of mobile phones on site is prohibited. This is standard school safeguarding protocol. Please keep your phones in your pockets until leaving the school premises.

Thank you.

CAR PARK

A reminder that the school car park is for staff only. Please do not use it to drop children off or wait for them at the end of the day. If you are spotted using the car park without permission, please do not be offended when you are asked to leave. This is for the safety of staff and children attending school. Thank you.

COVID UPDATES

COVID Guidance Update:

- As from Thursday 24th February 2022, COVID guidance as law was dropped, **although all government guidance remains unchanged.**

Current guidance regarding the need for PCR tests.

- Using LFD testing is now longer a legal requirement. Although, until Easter, staff in school will continue to test twice weekly as we feel this is the best way to keep our community safe and to ultimately keep the school open.
- PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE REMAINS THE SAME it is just no longer enforceable through law.**
- PLEASE HELP US TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE BY CONTINUING TO FOLLOW THE GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE BELOW**
- If you have NO symptoms but test positive on a lateral flow device then you no longer need to book a PCR test to confirm the result. You will need to notify the relevant authority and isolate for 10 days unless you test negative on the morning of Day 5 and the morning of Day 6. then you may come out of isolation. If day 5 remains positive then you need to test day 6 and 7 and so on. In order to come out of isolation you need to have a negative result for two consecutive days or reach day 10 when you are automatically released from isolation.
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- Please note that if you have symptoms then you are still required to have a confirmation PCR test. (the next government review for this will be at the end of March)
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- Please note that if a child is sent home with a high temperature, then as this is listed as a COVID symptom, then your child will need to have a PCR test. If the PCR result comes back as negative then your child may return to school as long as they no longer have a fever.
- We have been advised by Oxfordshire County Council that this is also the case even if the individual has had COVID within the last 90 days. This is because there are now occurrences of reinfection earlier than 3 months.
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- If a member of your household tests positive then your child can continue to come to school. There is no longer a legal requirement to LFD test each morning before school but we would strongly encourage you to do so in order to keep our school community running smoothly. We would advise that you do so for 7 days as per the previous government guidance.
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- Please continue to notify school of all positive results as we are required to submit these to Oxfordshire County Council.
- Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Attendance and Lateness

This may be strange to talk about attendance when there has been so much absence due to COVID, but it is something that as a school we monitor on a regular basis.

As we enter term 3, we will be looking a little closer at absence patterns. We will obviously take in to account any absences due to COVID, but this attendance analysis will highlight those children whose attendance is low or whose lateness is high. **Please note that school starts at 8:55a.m and that we no longer operate a staggered start to the day.** As attendance was highlighted as an issue for some groups of children during our last Ofsted inspection, we are expected, more so than normal, to ensure this issue is addressed.

Please do not be offended if you are contacted regarding your child's attendance. This may happen if your child's attendance is below 90% without good reason. In some instances where improvement in attendance is not noted, attendance contracts may need to be agreed with support from the County attendance team if needed.

Please help us to ensure all our children are in school as often as they possibly can be.

School Life App

Some parents are not receiving updates from school via the School Life App because they are only seeing the public site. For safety, school messages are only available to those who have logged in. Parents should log into the app:- just open the app, click the two houses at the top, select log in and enter your user name and password. If you don't have your username or password, just email- office@longfields-primary.org We can re-set this for you. Thank you.

Dates for your diary:

**Please see School Life
calendar for full dates**

5 Apr - School Photographs – Class Groups

7 Apr – 9.30am Y4 Play

8 Apr – 2pm Y4 Play

8 Apr - Last day before Easter holiday

25 April - First day back after Easter

9 May - Y6 SATs this week

23 May - Y4 Everdon Trips this week

27 May - Last day before Half Term

7 June - TUE First day back (Mon 6th INSET)

19 July – Y6 Leavers Assembly a.m.

20 July - Last day before summer Holiday

7 Sept – WED First day back to school after
summer