



Have a Great Summer

Dear All,

Another year has flown by and in between the dates of Sept 6th 2018 and July 24th 2019, so much has happened. We've seen our youngest children complete their first full year in school and our eldest pupils getting themselves ready for the next part of their education journey. In addition to those who started with us in September we have had over 20 children join the school in different year groups throughout the year. It is always wonderful to see how quickly our new arrivals settle in to our school family.

In partnership with you all we continue to strive towards providing our children with the best possible start to their education, with a positive attitude towards life-long learning being our ultimate goal. The development of a growth mind-set and resilience to overcome the hurdles we encounter on our learning journey is so important and key for all we do and believe in here at Longfields. Thank you again for your continued support and the part you have played in this year's journey. We wish you all an amazing summer break and look forward to seeing you all again in September.

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.

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



Department for Education Curriculum Development

We have always tried to ensure that our curriculum at Longfields is both relevant and exciting. If you have had your ear to the ground regarding movement and trends in education, you will know that the DfE have put more of an emphasis on the depth and breadth of the Primary curriculum.

With that in mind we are currently revamping the curriculum section of our website with the changes made being effective from September and reflecting the broad and varied approach we have here at Longfields. Each subject area will have its own gallery with examples of activities and tasks that take place during the school day. We will also have more information available regarding our delivery of phonics teaching and our venture into the world of Forest School activities. These are exciting times and we are keen to embrace them and deliver a curriculum that is both engaging and challenging.

Year 6 Leaver's Ball

I wanted to say a really public THANKYOU to all the members of the school PTA who gave their time to put on our Leaver's Ball last Friday. Many staff came back on Friday evening to see the transformation from school hall to 'Ball Venue'

It was a fantastic evening and those who attended had a wonderful time and will have many super memories I'm sure. A thank you to all those involved and a special mention to Mark Wiggins for his time and expertise providing the disco and lights.

What a wonderful end to the year.

National Assessment Results

Once again I am pleased to announce that our attainment levels throughout school remain above National averages in almost every area. This includes our Foundation Stage levels; Year 1 Phonics testing; Year 2 statutory tests and all but maths in 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.

Sporting Update

This has been another fantastic year for school sport and PE! We have been to more competitions than ever before, including trying our hand at several new sports, both for competitions and in PE lessons. All of our Year 5 and 6 children have been involved in planning and leading competitions for younger children and our Play Leaders have continued to support the KS1 children through active games at play times. Also a big well done to all the children who took part in their respective sports days, it is always great to see everyone compete with enthusiasm and sportsmanship. I would also like to thank all our volunteers, parents and carers for their support, as without it we would not be able to provide such an exciting extra-curricular opportunity for the children.

SPORTS DAYS

Thank you to everyone who came to support our various Sports Days this year. We were blessed with great weather for each of these events (which has not always been the case in past years!) and it was fantastic to see a good crowd out for these events. To see all the children competing for their various houses and kitted out in their house colours was fantastic. Keep a look out at the beginning of term for next year's dates as we intend to release these in September as we did this year, giving plenty of notice. Thank you again for your support.

Staff Changes

Although we don't generally have a huge movement in staff, this year there are a couple of changes. In addition to Miss Skinley who will join our KS1 team in Year 1, there will also be a couple of changes in our Teaching Assistant staffing. We will sadly be saying goodbye to Miss Blanks and Miss Faulkner who will be moving on to pastures new, teacher training and family business respectively and will therefore have a couple of new faces in September. Appointments are imminent and full introductions will take place in the new academic year.

We wish Miss Blanks and Miss Faulkner all the best in their new ventures and I am sure you will join me in thanking them for all the hard work they have put in this year.

School Attendance and Lateness

Please can I remind everyone of the importance of regular school attendance and arriving on time. I know that we all have an off day now and again and occasionally things happen that cause our schedules to change, but it is important that your child is in school on time. Missing the start of the day can have a negative impact in a number of ways. If too late, then the key input at the beginning of a lesson can be missed and this then needs to be recapped, with the flow and organisation of the lesson having to be adapted at the last minute. Please make every effort to get to school on time and allow your child to access their learning for the **whole day**.

Online Safety

You may have been aware in the news of the increase in stories relating to children's on-line activity and the types of content they are able to access and the adverse impact this can have on their emotional well-being. It is very difficult to police or monitor what our children are doing all the time, particularly if they have their own connected devices. Please do ensure that you are fully aware of the content your children are viewing. There are some useful on-line safety links for parents on our website.

**Search under: Useful Information/e-safety.
Please do have a look**

Dates for the Diary

Please see School Life Calendar for full dates

24 July - Last day before Summer Holiday
4 Sept - First day back after Summer holidays
16 Sept – Y6 Woodland residential week
30 Sept or 2 Oct – Y4 Everdon Trip
10 Oct – Individual School photos
25 Oct - Last day before half term
4 Nov - First day back at school after half term

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present

SPACE CHASE

Summer Reading Challenge 2019

Get set to blast-off in our FREE reading challenge at your local library...

13th July to 14th September

Oxfordshire children can join the Rocket family in libraries this summer for an epic adventure in space!

Your mission is to track down mischievous aliens, collect stickers and solve clues as you read six library books of your choice. Finish the challenge to get your own medal and certificate!



Look out for fantastic new books and activities at your library and try out the spacechase.org.uk website to add to the fun!

Psst... Adults - Look out for the "Oxfordshire Reads" postcards to enter a prize draw!