



Longfields' Latest 25th Oct 2019

Have a Great Half Term

Dear All,

Thank you for another great term. All your continued support is so important. It has been a busy time full of sporting events, class trips, Harvest assemblies and much much more. It has been great to walk around school and see the children engaged in their learning as usual. This term some of our Governors joined us for monitoring visits and they were all impressed by the behaviour of the children.

Well done to everyone for working hard, smiling and having a superb attitude to their daily work.

I hope that you all have a great Half term break and we look forward to seeing you back at school on the 4th November.

Thank you

Harvest/Food Bank

Thank you to everyone who donated tins and packets for our Food Bank collection. Every year as part of our Harvest celebration we try to give a little back to those less fortunate than ourselves. This year has been a great response as usual.

Thank you once again for your help.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After School club letter will be handed out to all on the first day back after half term. We have a great selection of clubs this term so please sign up. Clubs are due to start the week after our Parents Evenings week after Half Term. This is week beginning 18th November.

Year 6 Parents

Year 6 Parents: Please remember to apply online for your child's place at secondary school by 31st Oct - www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Parent Evening Dates

Please note that the first Parent Evening Week of the new academic year is the second week after the half term – week beginning 11th November. Booking for this opens **TODAY (25th)** and closes on Friday 8th November.

Please do not forget that booking is through the School Life App.

If you haven't booked a time by the 8th you will need to go and see your child's teacher (not the school office) to arrange a time. Thank you.

CROSS COUNTRY DAY

A big well done for everybody for taking part in our Cross Country Day. A lot of fun was had by everyone, it was great to see the children pushing themselves and enjoying it even though the weather was not the greatest! Each child was running for their house and after much number crunching, we can reveal that the winning house was BLENHEIM!



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

Poppy Appeal



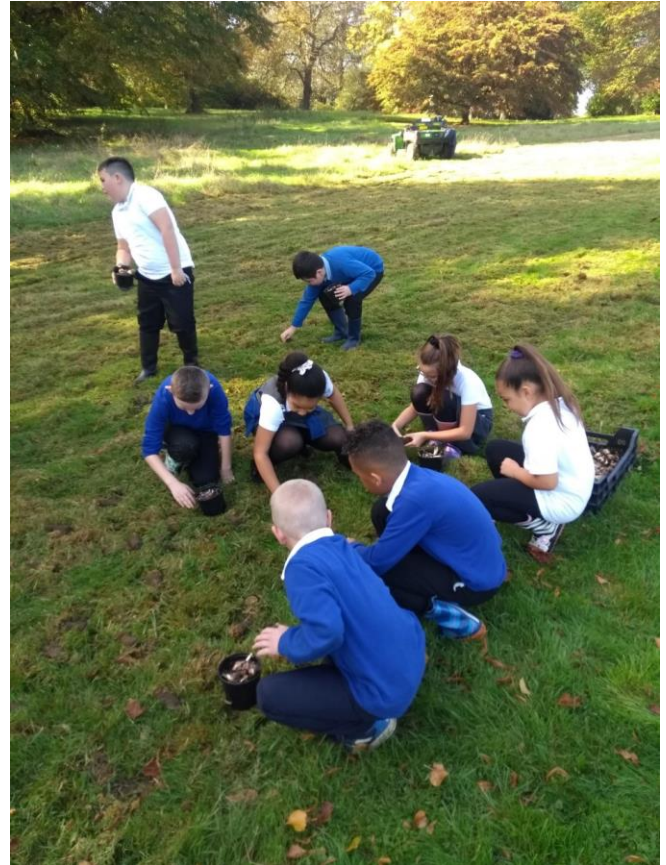
Please help us again this year with the annual poppy appeal. Poppies and merchandise available at the start and end of the school day

Aldi Stickers

Thank you for everyone who brought in the Aldi stickers, we have now completed the poster after collecting well over 300 stickers! Thanks again for all of your support.



Year 4 trip to Waddesdon Manor
Year 4 seemed to find the sunniest day we've had for weeks to go and plant bulbs at Waddesdon Manor. They had a fantastic time at the education centre and all their hard work will result in an amazing display come the spring.



Year 4 Football

Well done to the Year 4 children who represented Longfields at the football festival this term. As usual the behaviour of our children was exemplary and there were some fantastic performances on the pitch too. Well done on a great day – even playing through the pouring rain

Restart a Heart Day

Another amazing day with all our children taking part. As with our previous event it was great to see our children learning what to do in case of an emergency. We hope that the learning will never be needed but the fact that it could possibly save a life one day makes it so important.



We will be having a non-school uniform day on Friday 15th November with all donations going to the Children in Need appeal
Please support this as usual
(£1 suggested donation)

HARVEST ASSEMBLY

Foundation Stage Harvest Assembly: the children in Foundation Stage were great in their Harvest assembly and sang some beautiful songs connected to Harvest. They shared work they had done including the retelling of The Little Red Hen with actions. Nursery showed their lovely scarecrows they had made and sang Dingle Dangle Scarecrow. Well done everyone you should be very proud of yourselves.



The Book People



Help us give **FREE** books to schools!



If you are planning on buying any books in the near future then why not visit The Book People. They are donating a £1 for every £10 spent. Just find the link and nominate Longfields
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

MINDFULNESS at LONGFIELDS

At Longfields we are committed to promoting the well-being of all the children and the staff. To achieve this, we are developing our use of **Mindfulness** across the school. Practicing **Mindfulness** techniques can help children change their mindset from a **FIXED** mindset to a **GROWTH** mindset.

Mindfulness can help children feel empowered, so they can learn to try new things and take more risks, overcoming anxiety when they make mistakes.

Mindfulness means paying full attention to something. It means slowing down to really notice what you're doing. ... When you're **mindful**, you're taking your time. You're focusing in a relaxed, easy way. Across the school, every class takes part in a mindfulness activity for 10-15 minutes each day.

These activities may include

- Breathing exercises
- Listening to music
- Yoga
- Exercise
- Mindful colouring – focus on the shapes, pencil stroke
- Keeping a Feelings Journal
- Paper folding
- Weaving

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 your diary:

Please see School Life calendar for full dates

25 Oct – School Disco
25 Oct - Last day before half term
31 Oct - **Closing date for secondary applications**
4 Nov - First day back at school
7 Nov – F/S Phonics Meeting in school Hall 2.30pm
11 Nov - Parent Evening this week
18 Nov – After School clubs begin this week
30 Nov – School Christmas Market 11am-3pm
11 Dec - Nasal Flu immunisation-Rec,1,2,3,4,5&6
13 Dec - KS2 Carols (2.45pm – 3.15pm)
18 Dec – Christmas lunch day for children
19 Dec - Last day before Christmas Break (Thursday)
6 Jan - First day back at school (Monday)