



# Longfields' Latest 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022

*Here comes the sun!*

Dear All,

Thank you for your ongoing support this term. We are now entering the last part of the school year with sports days looming and the Year 6 performance being rehearsed. This is such a lovely term with plenty going on and hopefully the weather will help us out. Warm but not too hot would be good.

It was great to chat to many of you at the school summer fair and thank you once again for your kind comments and best wishes.

The advert is currently out for my replacement and hopefully we should have some news for you all in a couple of weeks..

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 Reports

Our end of year school reports will be sent out on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July. These will be sent electronically, as they have been for the last couple of years. In order to do this the emails are encrypted. There are some devices which are unable to open the attachments that are encrypted. If you find this is the case when you receive the Report email then please email your child's teacher with permission to send the email unencrypted. Please note that we cannot do this without your permission and please wait until after the emails are sent.

Thank you

## Move Up Morning

Our 'Move Up' morning this year is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. We will send a letter home to all parents before this date informing you of your child's next class and who their teacher will be.

## Quad Kids Athletics

Well done to all our children who took part in the Bicester Primary Quad Kids Athletics event. We entered teams for the Year 4 category and for the Year 5-6 category.

I am excited to say that Longfields won both of the categories entered.

Congratulations to everyone and well done to our amazing athletes.

## After School Clubs

Thank you to all our staff who are currently running a series of after school clubs. These range from sporting activities, through to cooking and craft. Please note that the last week of our after school clubs will be week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> June (next week). There will be no clubs running for the last two weeks of term. We look forward to offering a new selection in the new academic year after the summer break.

## 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**

**PERSEVERANCE**

We have now established key behaviours that embody these values and they will become the basis of our revamped 'Values Tree' and reward system. They are the following.

## School Sports Days

This year it will be great to invite you back to school and enjoy our Sports Days. To give you some advance notice the dates are as follows:

4<sup>th</sup> July – Reception and Nursery

6<sup>th</sup> July – Year 1 and 2

11<sup>th</sup> July – Year 3 and 4

12<sup>th</sup> July – Year 5 and 6

Sports Days will start after morning registration and be finished by 10.30. We look forward to seeing you all there.

## RESPECT

- ✚ Follow the 5 STEPS to good manners
- ✚ Show you are listening to others
- ✚ Take pride in your work

## SMILE

## THANK YOU

## EXCUSE ME

## PLEASE

## SORRY

## HONESTY

- ✚ Apologise if you have done something wrong
- ✚ Always ask for help when you need it
- ✚ Tell the truth

## PERSISTENCE

- ✚ Always give 100% effort
- ✚ Use mistakes as a learning opportunity
- ✚ Be Resilient

## SUMMER FAIR

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the school Summer Fair. It was the first time that we had run the event after school on a Friday and it was a resounding success. I have to admit that I thought people would slope off early and the event would be shorter, but it was fantastic to see everyone still around towards the end of the scheduled time.

Thank you to all the PTA committee and to all the volunteers who helped run stalls – parents, pupils and staff alike.

It was a wonderful community event and much fun was had by all who attended.

I am pleased to say that we raised over £2250 at the event.

Thank you so much for all your hard work and support.

## Cherwell District Council Holiday Clubs

The following message is from Cherwell District Council.

*The Holiday Hubs are now available for Schools / Families to book on.*

*Holiday Hubs are running at Spiceball Leisure Centre, Bicester Leisure Centre, Kidlington Leisure Centre and North Oxfordshire Academy with*

5,500 free places available for children to access free activities and the same as last summer if a child is entitled to benefit related free school meals they can access this provision for FREE.

Please can schools share the link

<https://cherwelldistrict.coordinate.cloud/list>

with families that are entitled to Free School Meal or book them on at school. If Schools do book families on please can the contact number and details be of the parent so we can contact in case of an emergency. To make the place FREE all schools or parents will need to just enter the code **FSM21**.

The bookings will close on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 5.30pm.

## 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

## 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 8 am. 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](mailto:cabinclub@longfields-primary.org) Breakfast sessions cost £4 per day and breakfast is served until 8:30a.m.

## 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

## 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](mailto:office@longfields-primary.org)

We can re-set this for you.  
Thank you

## ***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 in regards to 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.

**Dates for your diary:**

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

4 July – Reception & Nursery Sports Day  
5 July – Move up morning  
6 July – Year 1 & 2 Sports Day  
11 July – Year 3 & 4 Sports Day  
12 July – Year 5 & 6 Sports Day  
13 July – Year 6 Performance of Ye-Ha! 9.15 am  
14 July – Year 6 Performance of Ye-Ha! 1.45 pm  
15 July – Year 6 Leavers Disco 5.30-7.30  
19 July – Leavers Assembly 9.15 am  
20 July – Last day before summer holidays  
2 Sept – INSET DAY  
5 Sept – INSET DAY  
6 Sept – INSET DAY  
7 Sept – First day back after summer holidays