



Longfields' Latest ^{3rd} July 2018

Ever Buried a Time Capsule ?

Dear All,

As usual this last term is absolutely flying by. It never ceases to amaze me how time flies at this time of year (perhaps it's my age!!) All of our national assessments are now done and dusted and we look forward to some excellent results again when they are released later in the term. One of the aspects of learning that I always talk about when showing new parents around is our commitment to a 'Growth Mind-set' approach. This remains the same throughout the school and I believe is one of the key factors in our continued good results. Fostering an environment where our children are not afraid to have a go at anything and understanding that getting things wrong or even falling flat on our face is all part of learning, is so powerful and allows our children to push themselves without any worry or fear. Long may this emphasis continue and our children continue to grow through this approach.

Summer Fete

A HUGE thankyou to all who are part of our FOLS group or who played a part in setting up and running yet another summer fete. It was great to see so many people out on the day, even if the weather wasn't quite as good as this week.

Everyone had plenty of fun and the total raised for the school on the day was over £1700. This money is always useful and goes towards those little extra things that aren't so easy to squeeze out of our existing budget.

Thank you once again for all the hard work and commitment of those involved – I know they would love to have a few more members, even if you can't spend time on the planning side of things, help is always welcome for an hour on the days of events.

Time Capsule!!

I hope that you all managed to catch the local paper this week to see Mr Kellam's class down at one of the many building sites in Bicester. They have been involved in a truly wonderful collaboration with Parkway Construction, which has culminated in all manner of objects being added to a time capsule – what will people in 100 years think of the objects that have been buried. Please visit the website for more details on this wonderful event.

General School Reminders

Please can I remind everyone that the school car park is for staff cars only. There have been a couple of instances where parents have used the car park and have left the premises at far too great a speed nearly causing an accident. I do not want to have to get to the stage where I deploy a member of staff on the gate to ensure the car park is used properly!

Class News for next Year

I know at this time of year there is always that flutter of excitement or worry about who will be teaching which year group or my children specifically. Well you will have to wait a little longer in regards to actual pupil classes, but due to expansion and Mrs Burgess moving on to Bardwell School there will be some movement next year and I thought I would at least indicate which year groups staff will be teaching in from September. This is as follows:

Nursery: Mrs Foster
Reception: Miss Want, Miss Palmer, Mrs Tolley
Year 1: Miss Kardos, Mrs Davies
Year 2: Mr Davies, Mrs Edge
Year 3: Mrs Langton, Mr Jenkinson
Year 4: Mr Kellam, Miss Walker
Year 5: Mr Tyler
Year 5/6: Mrs Rughoobee
Year 6: Mr Flanagan

You will notice that there are a couple of new names on the list and we welcome Mr Jenkinson and Miss Walker to our staff team and I'm sure you will give them a warm welcome. I am positive that they will be an asset to our school and to the ethos of Longfields. They will be joining us for our 'Move Up' morning on 10th July so those in their classes can look forward to meeting them.

Another change for next year concerns myself. After consultation with and backing from the school governors, I will be slightly reducing my working week by around a day. This reduction will generally be at the end of the week but there will be times of the year when I am still at school full time (beginning and end of terms; assessment times etc.) and this new arrangement will of course be monitored.

This change is for personal and family reasons, none of which are to do with health, so please do not worry. I will still be 100% committed to running Longfields in the manner I have done for the past 4 and a half years and have no plans for that to change. Just as when I am not in school presently, Mrs Rughoobee will step up to fill my role.

One of the wonderful things about Longfields is that the direction and ethos of the school is a direct result of the way we work as a team. This gives us immense strength in leadership and a solid and firm direction, which I hope you will agree, sees positive results throughout and offers our children wonderful learning opportunities as they progress through the school.

Dates for the Diary

10 Jul - Move up Day
11 Jul – KS1 Sports - Start after a.m. registration
12 Jul - KS2 Sports- Start after a.m. registration
24 Jul - Last day before Summer Holiday
6 Sept - First day back after Summer holidays