



# Longfields' Latest 1st Feb 2018

## Top Ten Finish!!

Dear All,

Thank you for your continued support over the start of this new term. It has been one full of illness and absences as with the rest of the country but we are hopefully over the worst of things now and are seeing more and more children returning to school. Our attendance figures are still presently above last year's due to the excellent attendance in terms 1 and 2. Let's hope the next few weeks see us returning to full attendance levels.



You will have been inundated with messages and letters concerning our school App and some of you will have already used our new online booking system for next terms Parents' Evenings. We hope that this has made the booking of these times a smoother and more efficient process. If you have not yet signed up correctly it is imperative that you do so. This will soon become our default method of communication and we will be stopping using the Parent mail system so you will not be able to rely on that for your school news.

Please do pop in to the office if you need help in finalising your log on details.

## Memories

Some of you may have noticed in the Bicester advertiser a few weeks ago that Jim Hooper had passed away. Jim was Head here at Longfields for a number of years until he left in 2004 and I am sure that there will be some parents who may have been at school as pupils during his leadership. We wish his family all the best at this difficult time.



**ROCKS** On Monday the children in Mr Kellam's class were invited to look around the Link 9 building site by Parkway Construction to support their work on rocks and building design. They were amazingly well looked after and had the chance to see and study the rocks, get close up to the vehicles and ask questions to a selection of experts. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and have been invited back to see the completed warehouse in the summer term.

## Blowing our Own Trumpet!

We don't always blow our own trumpet but there are two great achievements I wanted to make you all aware of:



We have many children in school who have a caring role at home. We now have at school a Young Carers group and are the first school in Bicester to achieve the Bronze Award

In January the final Primary school league tables were released. I am pleased to inform you that out of 309 Primary schools in Oxfordshire, for Overall Performance last year we were **8<sup>th</sup> in the County**. Well Done to everyone for their hard work.

## General School Reminders

Please park responsibly around our school

## Summer Cabin Club??

We are currently planning to run Cabin Club for the first 8 days of the school holidays and would like to gauge whether there would be interest in this provision. We are looking to run between the hours of 8a.m and 3p.m. Please could you let Cabin Club or the school office know if this is something you might be interested in? We are looking at a price of between £16-£18 for the day but have yet to finalise this. We will only run this if there is enough interest so please let us know.

## POPPY APPEAL

Well Done everyone. This year we raised

**£416.47**



**THANKYOU**

## Dates for the Diary

- 9 Feb - Last day before half term
- 19 Feb - First day back after half term
- 21 Feb - 27 School Book Fair
- 22 Feb - Y6 Junior Citizen
- 22 Feb - Parents of 2,3,4,5 &6 music meeting 3.20pm in hall
- 26 Feb - Parents Evenings this week
- 1 Mar - World Book Day
- 29 Mar - Last day before Easter holiday
- 16 April - First day back after Easter
- 17 April - Class photographs