



Gold Medal for Longfields!

Dear All,

Well it's that time and term of the year when everything gets just a little bit hectic! The children are obviously excited for some reason (can't think what that might be!) and the classrooms are full of learning and of course a sprinkling of Christmas cheer! Thank you to all of you who attended parent evenings in the second week of term. It is essential that we stay in partnership concerning our children's education and parents evenings are a very important part of that. Thank you for all your support.

Radio Oxford Singing

A huge well done to all the children who once again took part in the annual Radio Oxford Christmas singing recording. Our children sang beautifully and had their moment of fame last Friday morning. It is always exciting when the Radio Team come in with all their recording gear and once again we were complemented on our professional approach to the whole occasion. It is always a joy to hear our children sing – Thank you to Mrs Broadhead and Miss Want for their hard work in preparing the children for the event.

School Choir

A huge Well done to the school choir who have been busy as usual singing their way across the County. Some wonderful performances including at Oxford Town Hall, St Edburges Church, Linden Lodge this Thursday and of course, our own Carols this Friday. They have worked so hard and sound beautiful.



Remembrance Day

Although Remembrance Day was a few weeks ago now, I wanted to just show you the lovely display that Reception children put together to mark the day.



December Sports Update

This has been another busy term for our school sports, with cross country competitions, a swimming gala, a sports experience festival for the Y4 girls and a Change 4 Life festival, as well as our active after school clubs. All of our children have represented themselves and the school extremely well at each event and should all be very proud of themselves. A special mention to Annie-Rose and Liam, who competed at the North Oxfordshire Cross Country Finals this month, despite the adverse weather conditions.



We are also thrilled to celebrate that Longfields has been awarded the Youth Sport Trust Gold Quality Mark (the highest level) for physical education (PE) and school sport which recognises our commitment to delivering the best possible PE and sporting experiences for the young people at our school.

FOLS CHRISTMAS FAIR (Friends of Longfields School)

Thank you to all who came out to support the Longfields Christmas Fair. The weather was a little damp to start with, but nothing was going to stop everyone enjoying themselves and a visit from Father Christmas helped that.

Well done to all who gave up their time to help out on the day. A wonderful time was had by all.

Why not get involved with the work of FOLS this year? We have a small but dedicated team of parents and helpers who work hard throughout the year to raise extra money for the school. I know that they would always welcome extra help. Even if you can't make the organisational meetings, just volunteering at an event for half an hour can help.

Christmas Jumper Day

Just a reminder, this Friday, 14th December is our Christmas Jumper Day. As mentioned in the APP message last week, we will not be asking for any contributions from the children but would like them all to join in with the staff, who will be supporting this annual day. It will also be great to add to the Christmas feel of our KS2 carols wearing festive jumpers.



All things GREEN at Longfields

Thank you to all parents who are now signed up to our school App. This is really helpful in terms of being able to contact parents with ease, but also in our bid to be more Eco minded and reduce the amount of paper we use.

We have also gone a step further and over the October Half Term, solar panels have been installed on our new build. This will help reduce our carbon footprint and also slightly reduce our energy bills.

Keep a look out in the future for ideas from our re-established Eco-Council as we continue to try and do our part for our local and wider environment.

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KS2 Carols – Friday 14th December 2:45p.m.

Don't Forget our KS2 Carols this Friday in the KS2 playground. We have moved this to 2:45pm so please ensure you are a little bit earlier than normal pick up time in order to take part and hear the children singing.

PE in School

Over the last term we have a number of children unable to take part in PE lessons because they do not have their kits in school. PE is a statutory part of the curriculum and an increasingly important part of having a healthy lifestyle. Could you please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school all week so that they are able to take part in the whole curriculum. **Please note that your child can only miss PE for a legitimate reason and that the class teacher needs to be informed of this in writing.**

From January onwards we will begin to send a note home if your child does not have a suitable PE kit in school. Thank you for your co-operation.

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 arrives at school on time (8.55am). 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**. Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

Please see School Life Calendar for full dates

- 11 Dec - Foundation Stage Nativity 11am
- 11 Dec - KS1 Christmas play 2pm Mrs Davies & Mrs Edge
- 13 Dec - KS1 Christmas play 2pm Mr Davies & Miss Kardos
- 14 Dec - KS1 Christmas play 9.30am Mr Davies & Miss Kardos
- 14 Dec - Christmas Jumper Day
- 14 Dec - KS2 Carols (2.45pm – 3.15pm)
- 18 Dec – Christmas lunch day for children
- 21 Dec - Last day before Christmas Break
- 8 Jan - First day back at school (Tuesday)