



# Longfields' Latest <sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> Nov 2018

## Welcome back to Term 2

Dear All,

*Welcome back to a new term and what really feels like the first sign of winter beginning to creep in. It always seems that the clocks going back not only signals the end of summer time but also amazingly ushers in a shift in the weather. I was up in Northumberland towards the end of last week and the wind was absolutely bitter.*

*Time to wrap up warm!*

*Please take care over the next few weeks if you are having your own or attending an organised fireworks event.*

*Thank you once again for all your support.*

### School House System

Our new PE shirts have now arrived and we will be giving these out next week. Once these have been distributed we will place another order and will begin to stock these at school ourselves. These will be available to purchase in the New Year. This will mean that we can keep the colours consistent rather than a variety of shades for each house colour. We do not have a definite price yet, but it is likely to be in the region of £2 per t-shirt.



### Change to PE Kit (T-shirts)

**Blenheim – Royal Blue**

**Stow – Green**

**Waddesdon – Yellow**

**Claydon – Red**

### Parent's Evenings

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up for next week's Parent Evenings. If you haven't yet signed up then please do so as this is a great opportunity to find out more about everyday life in the classroom and how your child is progressing so far this year. Partnership is really key to a successful school life so please make every effort. Thank you.

### Restart a Heart Day

I hope you managed to catch the articles in the Oxford Mail and the Bicester Advertiser. It was a fantastic day for all that took part and as stated in the article, we hope it is a skill we will never need to use but are glad that our children at Longfields are prepared if necessary.

**We also managed to raise over £100 for the British Heart Foundation so thank you for your generosity.**

### 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.

## **Remembrance Day**

Poppies and Remembrance merchandise are available from the school office and on the school playground before school for the next couple of weeks. Last year we managed to raise over £400 and are looking forward to another excellent total.



In addition, this year some of our older children will be joining with the local Tesco store in creating a remembrance Poppy Hill near the local store. Our children will be making poppies which will then be planted by our House Captains to create a Bicester Remembrance Hill. As always, we are glad to be taking part in this important annual event.

## **Daily School Attendance**

Please can I remind everyone of the importance of regular school attendance.

So far this year we have managed to have our highest attendance levels for the beginning of an academic year for the past 5 years. So a big well done and thank you to everyone. As we reach the time of year when it gets a little colder could we please make an extra effort to ensure our children are in school on time each and every day.



As per usual we will be having a non-school uniform day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November which coincides with the BBC Children in Need Appeal. Please do support this cause as usual by donating £1 on the day.

## **FOLS**

### **(Friends of Longfields School)**

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.

**23<sup>rd</sup> November FOLS Non School Uniform day**

**1<sup>st</sup> December FOLS Christmas Market**

**December Movie Dates to be advised.**

**(Further details on these events will come out soon)**

## **Christmas Dinner!**

### **A reminder to book in for our School Christmas Lunch**

If you wish your child to take part in the School Christmas Lunch, and have not already ordered a meal for that day through Fresh Start, please make sure you logon to Meal Manager and select your chosen option. If you are unable to order a Christmas meal for your child online or your child has never had a meal with Fresh Start before, please contact the Fresh Start team directly on 01869 226675 or email

[support@freshstartcatering.uk](mailto:support@freshstartcatering.uk) thank you.

### **Dates for your diary:**

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

**1 Nov – KS1 Dinosaur Day**

**5 Nov - Parents Evenings this week**

**6 Nov – Y3 Trip to Gaydon Motor Museum**

**7 Nov – Y4 Trip to Gaydon Motor Museum**

**22 Nov - Nasal Flu immunisation-Rec,1,2,3,4&5**

**18 Dec – School Christmas Lunch**

**21 Dec - Last day before Christmas Break**

**8 Jan - First day back at school (Tuesday)**