



Longfields' Latest 1st Oct 2018

A Great Start

Dear All,

Welcome back to another term and humble apologies, I thought I had already sent a newsletter this term but I was mistaken. It has been a fantastic start to the new term with so much going on. Our children have settled well into their new classes and new staff have fitted in beautifully to the Longfields team. We are still being blessed with some good weather which always makes everyone smile and means we are able to utilise our outside space on a regular basis. I hope that you all had a good break over the summer, even though that seems an age ago now, and that you are now settled back into that school routine. Thank you once again for all your support.

School House System

As announced before the summer, we are making more emphasis of our school house system this year and that will start this term in a number of ways.

We will start our new House Assemblies, which see children from across the school gathering together in their House groups.

We will begin the process of collating sizes for the House PE tops that school will initially provide and hope that these will be distributed before or very soon after Half Term, depending on supply time.

We also have just received our House Flags back from the printers - these will be hoisted on the flag pole near cabin club as each House leads the school competition. We are looking forward to a year of House challenges and healthy competition between all of our children.



Change to PE Kit (T-shirts)

Blenheim – Royal Blue

Stow – Green

Waddesdon – Yellow

Claydon – Red

Everdon

Keep a look out for the Everdon updates on the website and through the App – if you are an Everdon parent, make sure you're signed in to get the updates.

Woodlands

Well done to all those children who ventured out to Woodlands two weeks ago. It was a fantastic week away and although the weather was challenging in addition to the daily activities, it was a great experience for all. There were tears, smiles, laughter, sun, rain and some amazing resilience and character shown by all. It never ceases to amaze me how each year our children overcome both challenges and fears and then are able to use those experiences through the rest of the year 6. Well done to all the children and the staff who attended. I hope you enjoyed the great use of the School Life App in keeping you updated.

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. There are lots of events throughout the year, including discos, film nights and the Christmas and Summer Fairs. This extra money is vital for those extra bits and pieces around school. FOLS are currently raising money for new KS1 play equipment (replacing the ship) and additional items for school ICT. Please do get involved this year.

General School Reminders

Please ensure that if you have changed any contact details either phone, address or email, that you inform the office of these changes as it is essential that we have up to date contacts.

Please remember that we are a **nut-free school**. We have a number of children with quite severe nut allergies and therefore ask that packed lunches do not contain nut products (peanut butter etc.). Children can bring a healthy snack (a piece of fruit) to school to be eaten at morning break time.

If your child is unwell- please contact the school office, by email or phone by 9.30am, with the reason for the absence. Thank you.

Dates for your diary:

1 Oct or 3 Oct - Everdon Trip

18 Oct - Last day before half term (Fri INSET day)

29 Oct - First day back at school

31 Oct - **Closing date for secondary applications**

5 Nov - Parents Evenings this week

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

21 Dec - Last day before Christmas Break