



# Longfields' Latest 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019

## Welcome Back to Term 3

Dear All,

Welcome back to a cold January term. I hope that you all had a very good Christmas and a great New Year and that you managed to spend time with family and friends and maybe even catch a couple of minutes rest. Before Christmas is always a busy time and I'm sure that the new term will be just as busy, filled with lots of great learning opportunities. Thank you all for your kind comments regarding our various Christmas performances. I know that both staff and children alike appreciate your support on those occasions.

### Snowflake Competition



Huge congratulations to Finn Jackson who entered the Bicester Traders Snowflake competition before Christmas. Not only did Finn win a prize for himself but also a selection of books for school.

Good job Finn – Keep entering those competitions!

### School Gardens

Those of you who walk down the side of the school field each morning will notice that our school gardens have had a facelift and have now been tended to in readiness for blooming in the spring. Families have worked hard so far and I know will continue to do so.

Unfortunately we have had a few children running behind and even over these gardens and upsetting the work that has already been done. Could I please ask that these areas are respected so that we can all enjoy what is to come in the spring.

### Cabin Club

#### Notification of Price increase

This Easter, Cabin Club will have been established and up and running for 2 years. From the days of starting with just 4 or 5 children a day, we are now in a position where places are at a premium and a waiting list is in operation. As you will know, we have invested in both equipment and staff and substantially in extra space which the children absolutely love. We have always tried to keep this facility as affordable as possible, but after 2 years at the same rates we have decided to increase the session costs for both Breakfast and After school care as from the start of Term 5 (after Easter). These costs will rise by 50p per session with the new costs being as follows:

**Breakfast Club £4 per session**

**After School until 5p.m. £8 per session**

**After School until 6p.m. £11.50 per session**

I hope you will all continue to use this facility on a regular basis. I know that the children absolutely love their time there and positive reports are a regular occurrence.

### CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations again to all at Longfields for achieving the Youth Sport Trust Gold Quality mark for school sport. I only recently found out that we are one of only two schools in North Oxfordshire to have achieved this standard.

Congratulations to all involved in any kind of school sporting activity.

## 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.

### Parent Evenings

**Advance notice of dates to keep clear.**

Please note that our next Parent Evenings will be during the week 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> March 2019. As usual these sessions will be able to be booked through the school App and booking will be available from Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Once again, we look forward to seeing you all.

### 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 is in school on time. 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**.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

If you have a child that attends our nursery then you may well have noticed that there have been some changes recently!!

We would like to congratulate both Mrs Foster and Mrs Hamilton on the news that they are both expecting their second addition to their families. They will both be with us until the Easter holidays before going on maternity leave.

I am sure you will join us in wishing them all the very best and we will of course keep you informed of changes in staff during their maternity leave.

## HELP NEEDED

**Can you spare a little bit of time during the day to help out with hearing children read in Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2). Reading is so important to us as a school and it is always great to have help so that our children can read to an adult as often as possible. Please either pop in to the office or try and catch Mr Davies if you are able to spare just an hour a week.**

**Thank you in advance**

### Dates for the Diary

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

15 Jan - Closing date primary applications  
17 Jan – Fresh Start “Winter Warmer” themed lunch day  
31 Jan - Y6 & Reception Height & weight  
6 Feb - Swimming starts-Mr Kellam & Mr Jenkinson's classes  
12 Feb - Y6 Junior Citizen  
13 Feb - Parents of 2,3,4,5 &6 music meeting 3.20pm in hall  
15 Feb - Last day before half term  
25 Feb - First day back after half term  
27 Feb – 5 March - School Book Fair  
4 Mar - Parents Evenings this week  
7 Mar - World Book Day  
5 Apr - Last day before Easter holiday  
23 April - First day back after Easter  
13 May - Y6 SATs this week  
24 May - Last day before Half Term  
4 June - **TUE First day back (Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> INSET)**  
24 July - Last day before Summer Holiday  
4 Sept - First day back after Summer holidays