



# Longfields' Latest 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018

## Harvest Time

Dear All,

*As usual the weeks are flying by. I can't believe we are at Half Term already. I hope that you all have something good planned for next week's break. The children are well and truly engrossed in their new topics. Ranging from Dragon's and Dinosaurs; travelling the world and World War One history. We always try to make the curriculum as engaging as possible and it has been great to already have had visitors into school to add to the depth of curriculum. Thank you once again for all your support.*

### School House System

We have now managed to make sure we have the right size PE shirts for all our children and these will be ordered and hopefully with each pupil straight after the break. If you have been on the KS2 playground you may well have seen the first House flag flying on the flag pole. This flag will interchange depending on who is ahead in our House challenges. We are looking forward to a year of inter-house competition, challenge and money raising activities.

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

**Blenheim – Royal Blue**  
**Stowe – Green**  
**Waddesdon – Yellow**  
**Claydon – Red**

### Everdon

Well done to all those children who ventured out to Everdon and braved those two nights away from home. It is always a daunting experience but was fantastic to hear all the positive stories on their return - den building; mini-beast hunting and night walks etc. Thank you to all the staff also for their time.



### Parent's Evenings

Our parent evenings this year fall on the second week back after half term (week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> November). As with last year these can be booked via the School Life App and you will be able to start booking these from Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Please do make every effort to attend these meetings as they are a good chance to find out how your children are getting on in their new classes. Partnership is really key to a successful school life so please make every effort. Thank you.

### October Sports Update



What a great start to the school year for sport and PE! We have an exciting calendar lined up and have already had teams representing the school at tag rugby and mini football competitions. Big congratulations to all the teams for fantastic efforts. A special mention to the Year 3 and 4 football team who finished third in the competition. All teams represented themselves and the school brilliantly with great determination and team work (our sporting values for the term).

## Harvest

Thank you to everyone who donated consumables for this year's Harvest Appeal. It has been great to see the collection growing in the hall over the week and I know that the Bicester Food Bank will be very grateful for all the donations.

Well done to Foundation Stage for their great Harvest performances. It is always wonderful to listen to the children singing and performing. This is so important in building that early confidence as they start their full-time school life. I'm sure there have been and will be some priceless moments in each and every performance in Primary School. Enjoy them all!

## Restart a Heart Day

Yesterday was an amazing day with all of our children taking part in the national initiative - 'Restart a Heart Day'

It was wonderful to see our eldest and youngest pupils mixing together and learning vital information to be able to help in an emergency. Last year over 195,000 children took part and I know that the organisers are hoping to beat that total for this year. A huge thank you to Mr Rudzinska (one of our parents, who happens to be a paramedic) who approached the school with the idea. If one life is helped through this initiative it will have been worthwhile.

**Keep a look out in the Oxford Mail for the press release regarding 'Restart a Heart' at Longfields & see photos in school website 'gallery' section.**



## 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.

## Christmas Dinner!

Is it too early to mention Christmas? I'm sure there are some of you who already have presents bought and wrapped. This is just early notice that this year our school Christmas dinner will be on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

If you wish your child to take part in the Christmas Dinner, and have not already ordered for that day, 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)

## Bike and Scooter Security

Please could all who are travelling to school on scooters or bikes ensure that they are locked in the sheds provided. Unfortunately we have had a bike stolen from the bike shed this week – Please keep a look out at drop off and pick up times and ensure your bikes are securely locked to the 'D' rings provided. Thank you.

**Reminder that the last day of term is Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October as the Friday is an INSET Day**

Dates for your diary:

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

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  
8 Jan - First day back at school (Tuesday)