



# Longfields' Latest <sup>2<sup>nd</sup></sup> Nov 2021

## Frosty Mornings are here!

Dear All,

This morning I cleared the ice off my windscreen before coming to work! A very cold morning, but a beautiful sunny drive into Bicester.

It continues to be great catching up with you all on the gate in the morning, although the coming months may see additional layers needed to keep warm.

I hope that you all had a good half term break and that if you were up to taking part in a Halloween get together, that they all went well.

It is great to have you all back safe and sound and we look forward to another exciting term in the build up to Christmas.

Thank you again for your continued positive comments and messages of support. Please remember to pass on those positive comments to Ofsted, when they come to visit at some point.

Please do also catch a member of staff or myself if you have any worries etc.

Thank you for your continued support.



## Christmas Cracker Event

Please save this date in your diary or on your phone. This will be a great chance to buy some early Christmas presents, meet up as a community and raise some more money for the school.

### HELP NEEDED

These events take a lot of organising and don't run themselves, so if you were able to come and help for half an hour or so, I know that the PTA would be very grateful. Please do contact them directly to offer your support.

I look forward to seeing you all at this event too.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

**11a.m. – 3p.m.**

## After School Clubs

After-school clubs will be starting again in a few weeks. Please look out for the sign-up sheet. Please note that these are different clubs to last term and that clubs only run on a termly basis and are then changed. Pupils will need to rebook or apply again.

Look out for more information coming soon.

## RECEPTION ADMISSION SEPTEMBER 2022

Do you have a child who is 3 or 4 years old? Are they due to be starting school next September?

If so, then the closing date for Reception applications is Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Please go to the Oxfordshire County Council website to make your application.

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Oxford Health  
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### Childhood Flu vaccination 2021 Reception to Y6 Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

Your child's annual flu vaccination is now due. The vaccination is painless and free, given by a quick and simple spray up the nose. Consent to vaccinate your child is now via an online consent form.

<https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/forms/flu>

Or see school website - blue scroll news at bottom of page-

<https://longfields.sch.life/Page/Detail/childhood-flu-programme-2021-1>

The unique code for Longfields school is: -

**OX123008**

Please submit your form by 5pm on 21 Nov.

'Glovebox Guide' helps to explain all the enforcement procedures.

## Poppy Appeal



**As usual, we will be raising money for the Poppy Appeal. Please look out for the Year 6 children on the playground before and after school with all of the merchandise and collection pots. Please bring some money to school if you would like to donate or buy merchandise. Please do not send your child in with money unless they walk to school on their own (Year 6 only).**

**Thank you**

## Parent Evenings

We will be having our first set of parent evenings for this academic year starting week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> November. As COVID cases continue to be an issue, we will be holding these virtually as we have done for the last year.

You will be able to book a slot using the school App and these booking slots will be available at the end of this week. As we are intending to start our after-school clubs again in the same week, there may be some teachers who will be spreading their parent evening slots over a couple of weeks rather than just the one. If you are new to the school then you will need to be logged in to the school App in order to book a slot for your child. We will send the Microsoft Teams invite to your child's school email/Teams login, unless you request otherwise by adding an alternative email address to the comments box when you book the meeting.

Booking guidance can be found on the school website:

**Please follow: Parents – School information – Parent evenings**

## New Parking Enforcement

Please have a look at the news section of the website as this contains a pocket guide to the new parking enforcement in and around Bicester. You will be aware that there were changes to the road markings in our own local community. This

## Bike Library

# The bikes are here!

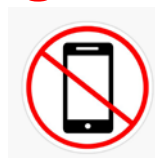


Our bikes have now been delivered and we are nearly ready to loan out bikes to children and families who wish to cycle to school and/or use them for recreation.

Please do contact Mr Tucker if you are interested in being considered for a bike loan. It would be great to use them as soon as possible so please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Bikes will also be supplied with helmets and locks.

## Safeguarding



**Please can I remind all adults that the use of mobile phones on site is prohibited. This is standard school safeguarding protocol. Please keep your phones in your pockets until leaving the school premises.**

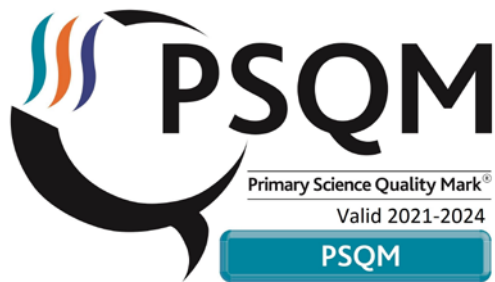
**Thank you.**

## CAR PARK

**A reminder that the school car park is for staff only.** Please do not use it to drop children off or wait for them at the end of the day. If you are spotted using the car park without permission, please do not be offended when you are asked to leave. This is for the

safety of staff and children attending school. Thank you

## CONGRATULATIONS



I have the wonderful pleasure of letting you know that our curriculum development schedule continues to have an impact on the learning experiences our children have on a day-to-day basis. This is further added to by the school being awarded the 'Primary Science Quality Mark'.

Led by Mr Davies and Miss Kardos, we have worked hard over the past year to meet the exacting standards to wear this Quality Mark. Thank you to all those involved, and we look forward to this ensuring a quality science curriculum for all our children. Thanks again, especially to Miss Kardos and Mr Davies.

## COVID UPDATES

It has been good to resume pretty much business as usual this term but that has seen us have more positive COVID cases in the last 5 weeks than we did in the whole of the last 18 months.

You will know that the guidance has changed in terms of pupils only needing to isolate if they test positive. After being identified as a close contact, pupils are asked to undertake a PCR straight away. We have found that in pretty much all cases this comes back as negative because the virus is still within its incubation period. With this in mind we have added a further layer of protection for staff and pupils, and this has an impact on those pupils who are living with someone who is COVID positive. In this instance, we are asking that the pupil undertakes a LFT each morning for the week following their negative PCR test, and only attends school if that test is negative. So far this term, these extra precautions have allowed us to identify 3 or 4 siblings who have tested positive at a later date than their PCR and has therefore helped us keep school a safer place.

## HIGH TEMPERATURES

As a school, one of the only guards we have against the spread of COVID is testing temperatures. If a child is feeling unwell at school, then this is something we do as routine. The result of our temperature test, regardless of any test done at home, has consequences, in that we will ask for the child to have a PCR test (a LFT is not sufficient). In addition to this, the latest guidance asks that even if the PCR test comes back as negative, if the child retains the high temperature, then they should be kept off school until 24 hours after their temperature has returned to normal.

## School Life App

Some parents are not receiving updates from school via the School Life App because they are only seeing the public site. For safety, school messages are only available to those who have logged in. Parents should log into the app:- just open the app, click the two houses at the top, select log in and enter your username and password. If you don't have your username or password, just email- [office@longfields-primary.org](mailto:office@longfields-primary.org)

We can re-set this for you.  
Thank you

Dates for your diary:

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

20 Nov - PTA Christmas Cracker Event 11am-3pm  
23 Nov - Nasal Flu Vaccination  
6 Dec – Y3 to Gaydon Motor Museum  
7 Dec – Y4 to Gaydon Motor Museum  
14 Dec – Christmas lunch (Book via Fresh Start)  
17 Dec - Last day before Christmas Break  
5 Jan - First day back at school (Wednesday)