

15th September 2017



Our first full school week went by in a flash and it has been so lovely getting to know all the children and parents.

We had our Roald Dahl celebration day on Wednesday and we were utterly delighted to see so many of the children dressing up as their favourite characters. The staff joined in the fun too and my scary Grand High Witch

(from Roald Dahl's *The Witches*) costume failed miserably as I did not manage to scare anyone! Instead, the children all wanted a go on my broomstick!

The children have been busy learning school routines and, if you are a nursery parent, you may see some of them going down to the school hall for lunch, all impeccably behaved. It is so important for children to learn how to behave in different situations and already good habits are forming here and hopefully at home too. Many of them have been earning stickers for good manners and lovely gestures to each other and staff.



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Data collection sheets:

Thank you so much to all the parents who have already brought these back. It is absolutely essential that we have the correct information for your child, so if you have yet to return your sheet, please could we ask that you return it to the school as soon as possible.

Nursery lunchtime handover:

Thank you to all the nursery parents for your patience in getting this routine in place. Being a brand new building, we had some challenges around the best way to do this to ensure the safety of our charges. We believe that we now have found the best way of doing this:

- If you are picking your child up at lunchtime, please wait outside reception until we are ready. Mrs Williams will then escort you to the Hedgehog room
- When returning, Mrs Williams will wait by reception so that she can let you safely exit the building.
- If you are dropping off at lunchtime, please wait outside until a member of the nursery team comes down to collect you. You will then be brought back to reception where you can exit the building.

PTA Volunteers:

Letters regarding this very important aspect of our school went out this week and already we have had some positive responses. The more the merrier though, so if you feel you would like to help us raise extra funds for the school and have a real input into our community, then please return the letters to the school office. We will be in touch shortly with a date of the first meeting.

**School Money System:**

We are extremely fortunate to have a state of the art payment system at Longford Park, which allows parents to pay for school trips, nursery fees and, later on, dinner money through an online system. It's very easy to use and you should already have received a text message with a password. If you haven't, please come to the office and we will double check that the mobile phone number we have for you is correct.

Have a fabulous weekend and we will see you on Monday morning.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Julie Hiddleston'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Julie Hiddleston and the school team