

23rd October 2020

Our Value for October is Curiosity

Drop off, pick up and site safety: It is important that you keep to your designated drop off and pick up times and please ensure that you follow appropriate social distancing rules. May I also remind you that if you would like to wear a mask around the school site, then please feel free to do so. Please remember that the shared community car park at the front of school can be very busy at times and to ensure everyone's safety, please drive slowly and carefully. We are teaching the children all about road safety - please can you have a conversation at home to reinforce these messages. Thank you.

A- D	Drop off	8.30	Collect at	2.45
E-L	Drop off	8.40	Collect at	2.55
M-R	Drop off	8.50	Collect at	3.05
S-Z	Drop off	9.00	Collect at	3.15

Important Information regarding Hot Dinners School Dinners are back after half term, **dinners must be pre booked 1 week in advance.** We are no longer able to accept bookings on the same day. Therefore, if your child comes into school without a lunch being booked, arrangements must be made for a lunch to be brought in from home. If you are unable to log in to ParentPay please email the office: info@longfordparkschool.org

Froebel This week in Froebel we met 'Pablo', Miss Covacic's pet tortoise. The children were fascinated by his tiny feet and how quickly he could move! and we learnt that he likes to eat some vegetables too - but his favourite is lambs lettuce. Thank you, Miss Covacic, for showing Pablo to us. In phonics we have been learning how to make vocal and body sound effects to the narrative of 'The hairy Scary Castle'. The children were excellent at listening to the story and joining in making the vocal or body sounds - well done!



Our focus in maths this week has still been 3 and the children have been learning about triangles, using a range of resources to make different sizes of triangles. Our STEAM focus has come to an end, but we hope you enjoy our showcase presentation! Well done Froebel – you have worked so hard!



Franklin & Nightingale: This week our focus has been 'Halloween'. The children have had great fun making potions in the water tray and have written a list of ingredients. They have been making pumpkins out of art resources and have been handling real pumpkins and observing what is inside them. Our focus story has been 'Funnybones' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. The children have been practicing their spooky writing and sounding out through fun Halloween writing activities. Our focus in Maths has been 'One less'. We have come to the end of our STEAM focus now and we hope that you enjoy our presentations! It has been a busy half term and we are all ready for a rest. Happy holidays Franklin and Nightingale Class, Well done for a great term!

Johnson- This week the children have finished their STEAM projects and have been practising their oracy skills with their presentations, we hope you enjoy them. In English they have completed their golden write for 'Welcome to the woodland,' the children needed to write a fact file about an animal that we have been focusing on- Squirrel, Woodpecker, Wood ant or a Dormouse. The children had to write about their appearance, their diet and their habitat. In maths we have been looking at composition of numbers 1-5. The children have been thinking about how this can be represented on a bar model. It has been a very busy half term but they have all enjoyed it. Have a rest Johnson class and I look forward to seeing your smiling faces when we come back!



Kahlo – This week has been all about STEAM and Kahlo class have loved every minute off it! Each day we have worked our way through the design process by designing our raincoats, creating paper templates, making prototypes, and finally working on our final products. We have applied lots of skills including accurately measuring, cutting, and joining materials using a variety of different methods. We are all very proud of what we have achieved. As part of our English teaching this week, we wrote a recount of our STEAM journey showcasing both our writing skills and the knowledge that we have learnt along the way. On Thursday we put this knowledge to the test by completing a Kahoot quiz. To top off the week, today is Climate Change Day! In class we have been learning all about our planet and how to protect it. We have created some inspiring artwork that we will be sharing with you so watch this space! Kahlo class would love you to quiz them at home on their learning, try asking them the following questions: What is the equator? What is the weather like at the poles? What is not a suitable material for a raincoat? What steps did you

take to make your raincoat? I would like to say a huge thank you to Kahlo class children and parents for the extraordinary effort that has been put in during these challenging times. Have a fabulous half term break!



Brunel – What a term we've had! The children have been simply incredible. The resilience, determination and grit they have shown this term has been amazing. This term, the children learnt about forces, magnetism and how to make magnet cars. As part of that they had to plan, design and evaluate their product. The evaluations were very impressive as they required the children to really think deeply about their end product. They have developed their ability to present their findings orally, as well as writing them down. On top of all that, we've started French, completed two Golden Writes and made great progress in Maths, Reading and Read Write Inc. The children have certainly earned their half term break. The children should rest up, because after the break, there'll be plenty more challenging, exciting work waiting for them! Have a good break!

Important information regarding Flu Immunisations

On Friday 13th November The school nurse team will be visiting Reception Year 1 2 and 3 for Nasal Flu Immunisations. It is essential that the following information is read by parents and consent is either given or denied by clicking the link within the letter, even if you are not consenting you still must complete the form.

Consent Letter: [Click here for consent form](#)

Advice leaflet: [Protecting Child Against Flu DL leaflet 2020.pdf](#)

If you have any questions regarding the Flu Immunisations please contact the school nurse team direct, the school office and staff are unable to give advice regarding the Immunisations.

Further information is also available at: www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Wrap Around Care: We are working very hard to try to open our Breakfast Club here at Longford Park. Currently staffing is proving to be a challenge. If you or you know of anyone who would be interested in applying for roles in our wrap around care, please contact the office using the info@longfordparkschool.org. We will keep you informed as soon as we have any further news.

Medication Reminder Thank you for supporting us with updating Health Care Plans for your child, we still need some parents to provide us with additional medications such as inhalers. Please keep in mind that without these items in a medical emergency, we may not be able to fully support your child.

PE News Children in Years 1, 2 and 3 are joining in with the Banbury Virtual Quad Kids competition over the next two weeks. They take part in 4 athletic events including a 50m sprint, 300/400m jog, standing long jump and a tennis ball throw. The best results from the top 5 girls and boys from each year are entered the cross-school competition taking part across Banbury. This is a great opportunity to promote fitness and healthy competition, and to show other local schools how brilliant we are at Longford! We are also asking children to raise sponsorship for this event, all proceeds will go to the Longford Park PTFA and sponsorship forms are being sent home. The competition will form part of PE lessons at school but do encourage your

child to practise at home and talk to them about athletics championships – perhaps you could have your own family competition!

FoLP (Friends of Longford Park) News: So far, we have raised £87.17 on the Smarties Challenge but as there has been some late entries the final total will be announced soon.

What to do if your child is unwell: If your child is unwell, please phone the office at your earliest convenience to let us know the reason for their absence. We have recently received some updated guidance from the government around the management of coronavirus symptoms which we will be following. **Your child, and the rest of the household, must self-isolate immediately and arrange to have a test should your child display any one of the following symptoms:**

- a new, continuous cough;
- a high temperature; or
- a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell.

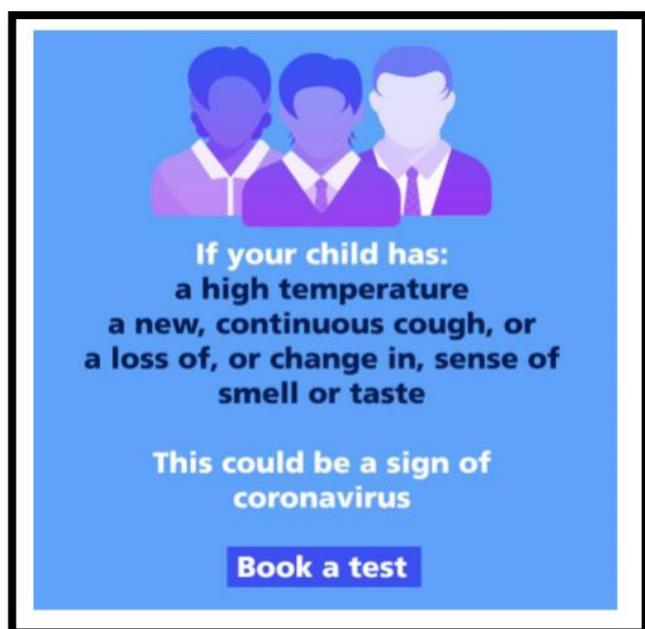
If we observe any of these symptoms in school, we will call you to collect all of your children and take them home. You must then follow the government's 'Stay at Home Guidance'. You will need to organise a swab for the child displaying symptoms. The swab must be done within 5 days of onset of symptoms. If this is not possible, the child will need to complete 10 days of isolation, and all household members will need to complete 14 days isolation. The household will only need to be swabbed if the develop symptoms themselves, of which they will need to isolate for a further 10 days.

Even if the child is feeling better but unable to have a test, they will need to still complete their 10 days of isolation.

They do not need to self-isolate if their swab is negative and:

- everyone you live with who has symptoms tests negative
- everyone in your support bubble who has symptoms tests negative
- you were not told to self-isolate for 14 days by NHS Test and Trace – if you were, see what to do if you've been told you've been in contact with someone who has coronavirus
- you feel well – if you feel unwell, stay at home until you're feeling better

In line with our Covid risk assessment we are no longer able to accept cake and sweets to be handed out for birthdays.

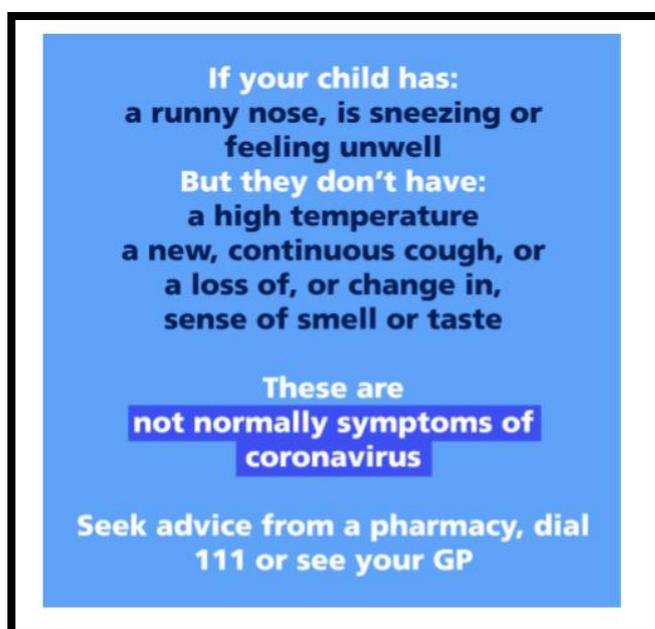


An infographic with a blue background and a black border. At the top, there are three stylized human figures in purple and white. Below them, the text reads: 'If your child has: a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste'. This is followed by 'This could be a sign of coronavirus' and a blue button with white text that says 'Book a test'.

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Key Dates for your Diaries:

- **Friday 23rd October – END OF TERM**
- **Friday 2nd November – START OF TERM**
- **Tuesday 10th November – School Photographs- Further Details to Follow**
- **Friday 13th November – Flu Immunisations for Reception to Year 3 Please see consent form link**
- **Friday 18th December – END OF TERM School Closes at 13.00pm**

Have a lovely weekend

Claire Martin and the school team

 **STARS OF THE WEEK** 

Brunel: Scarlett G

Kahlo: Antek

Johnson: William H

Nightingale: Cole H

Franklin: Isla



LEADERBOARD

1st Noah O

2nd Raksha

3rd Aimee Jayne



NUMBOTS

LEADERBOARD

1st Jovish

2nd Elisabeta

3rd Amelia B





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PARENT INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE



Longford Park Primary School App

We work with a developer called Piota who have devised an app that is perfect for school-home communication. Through the app, we are able to:

- Send messages – much like text, but with more information and links
- Provide information – such as news items, school dinner information etc
- Contact information at the tip of your fingers
- Events and alerts for our events

Downloading the app

You can download the app from the Playstore (using Android devices) and the App Store if you have an iOS device.

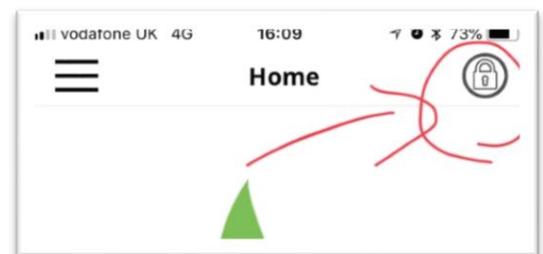
iOS: <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/piota/id1297224201?mt=8>

Playstore: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.piota.app&hl=en_GB

Or search for **Piota – deeper engagement**. The icon is grey and looks like this:



Once you have downloaded it to your device, search for our school and connect.



Using the app

Once downloaded and after your child is enrolled with us and has started, you will be able to register your device with the app, by clicking on the padlock icon:

This will enable us to tailor information to you as a parent. We can send messages to class groups and even individually, so it's really important that you register your device as soon as you are able.

Please ensure you allow the app to send notifications as this will alert you to any information that we are sending you.

If you have any questions regarding the app, please speak to Mrs Williams in the office and she should be able to help you.