

24th November 2017

Badger Room: The children in Badger Class have been increasingly interested in each other's families recently and so we have used this as our focus this week. We have been reading a variety of books about different families and we have had some wonderful opportunities to talk and explore language when thinking about questions such as 'what is a family?', 'what are the special occasions in your family?' and 'why are families important?' Everyone then drew a family tree and labelled it with the names of people in their families. In maths, we have been looking at the properties of some 3D shapes and have been learning to use the correct mathematical language such as number of faces, sides and corners. We have been finding many different ways to sort the shapes according to whether they can roll, their number of faces, or whether they have straight or curved sides.



Thank you to all parents who have been uploading observations to Tapestry – it tremendously supports the children's learning to see the links between home and school (and they love seeing themselves on the big screen in front of the whole class!)

Hedgehog Room: The Hedgehogs have loved 'Superhero Week', with superhero crafts and dressing up galore! We have enjoyed outdoor learning, going on a 'super listening' walk on the field, and some active superhero challenges (with medals!) to support our physical development and our maths skills too – how many jumps can you do? How many giant steps? We learnt a new superhero song and enjoyed hearing all about the daring adventures of Supertato and Evil Pea in this week's storybook.



100 Days Open Celebrations: Plans are going well for our party on 7th December. Part of these plans involve some artwork from your child. Please use the template we are sending home today, and work with your child to produce something for our event. It can be anything, but if possible, using the number 100 would be amazing! We need these back no later than next Friday 1st December. Please give them to Mrs Williams in the School Office.

DREAM ○ BELIEVE ○ ACHIEVE

Parent Volunteers: We would be delighted if you have a spare hour a week where you could come in a read with our children in Badger Class (you do not need to be a Badger parent!). You will be provided with safeguarding training and we will run a DBS check that you get to keep. We would prefer if you could commit to a regular hour/time per week. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register your interest.

New Member of Staff: We would like to extend a warm Longford Park welcome to Amy Benwell, our new Learning Assistant in Hedgehogs. If you are a Hedgehog parent, you will already have met Hedgehog's new addition. Amy has enjoyed her first week getting stuck into Hedgehog's class activities and getting to know the Hedgehog children!



Dance Club: After Christmas, we will be running a dance club for our Reception children. This will be on Fridays from 3:15-4:15pm and the cost will be £3 per session. We will provide more information nearer the time. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up.

Stagecoach Performing Arts: From Tuesday 9th January onwards, Stagecoach Performing Arts School will also be running their junior club from Longford Park School. We will send out information leaflets when we get them.

Morning Timings:

8:20am – the main gate will open in case you need to see Mrs Williams in the office.

8:30am – the side gate will be opened to allow children and parents into the playground area.

8:40am – classroom doors will be opened for school to start.

8:50am – the side gate will be closed for safety reasons.

Please try not to be late as the morning routine which begins promptly at 8:40am is so important to making sure there is a positive start to the day.

Key Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 5th December – whole school outing to Salcey Forest

Thursday 7th December – 100 Days Open party (please let the office know if you wish to attend)

Friday 8th December – 'Flu vaccinations for Badger Class only

Thursday 14th December – Christmas concert (2pm and 6pm)

Friday 15th December – Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children

Tuesday 19th December - early finish at 1:30pm

Thursday 4th January – pupils return to school

Have a lovely weekend!

Julie Hiddleston

Julie Hiddleston and the school team

