

1<sup>st</sup> December 2017

**Badger Room:** We have been excitedly planning for our 100 Days of Longford School celebrations next week and all the Badgers have drawn pictures of their favourite things about being at school. They have all then written a few words about their pictures to explain what it is and why they enjoyed it - it is wonderful to see the progress in all of their writing at this stage of the year. We have had many maths opportunities to explore the number 100 too and we look forward to sharing what we have been doing with you at our party next Thursday. We have also been

hearing and making up number stories and finding ways to record the number information in the stories



to use marks to solve the puzzles. Thank you to everyone who has taken on the Tapestry 100 Challenge - you have been so imaginative; children have been making the number 100 out of biscuits, fruit, Lego, pasta, sweets and much more. There have also been pictures of some children making beds out of 100 books and creating traffic jams of 100 toy cars!

We have also collected a good number of foods in for our 100 items for the food bank - but we have a long way to go to meet our target. If you are at the shops this weekend and able to add just one thing to your basket to bring to our donation table, that would be fantastic!

**Hedgehog Room:** This week our theme in Hedgehogs has been all about transport and travel. We have listened to lots of sounds based picture books, joining in with the noises that different vehicles make. We made our own transport models out of recycled materials, created car tracks on large paper, painted bubble wrap to create a



bumpy road for our Duplo cars and enjoyed water play with some new boats! We have used musical

instruments, ribbons and scarves to join in with songs and rhymes about journeys, and finally have created our own bus and train tickets to use in our play!

Our preparations for the 100 days party next week continue, with lots of painting and collage activities as well as outdoor challenges. Thank you for all your contributions and the food donations too.

From next week: please encourage your child to use our new self-registration bricks at the start of the session. Each child now has their own Duplo brick labelled with their name. Please encourage them to find their brick and add it to the wall to show us and all their friends that they have arrived for the session! This is to promote the children's independence and to help them learn to recognise some letters from their name.

**A reminder** – please make sure you send in a full set of spare clothes for your child each session, and if your child has been sent home in nursery clothes please do return those spares as our stocks are dwindling.

**100 Days Open Celebrations:** We are very much looking forward to our party next week. Please be aware that there will be members of the press in attendance. If you do not want your child in photographs or being spoken to, please let us know by Monday. Due to the nature of the event, this is an opt out only and if we don't hear from you, we will assume that you are giving consent.

If you have accepted our invitation to come to the party next week, we are looking forward to seeing you. Please arrive at 1pm where you will be shown into the hall for our celebration.

**IMPORTANT:** There have been a couple of cases of vomiting and diarrhoea this week. To keep the spread of this to a minimum, it is essential that children are kept off school for at least 48 hours AFTER the last bout illness.

There has been another reported case of headlice. Please check your child's hair and treat if you see any lice or eggs. You can look for advice and guidance here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

**Wrap Around Care:** We are still crunching numbers for wrap around care. However, in order to do this it is important that we have a response from everyone, even if it's a no. With such small pupil numbers, just one person can make a difference. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to give us your response.

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> December – whole school outing to Salcey Forest

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – 100 Days Open party**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – 'Flu vaccinations for Badger Class only

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas concert (2pm and 6pm)

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

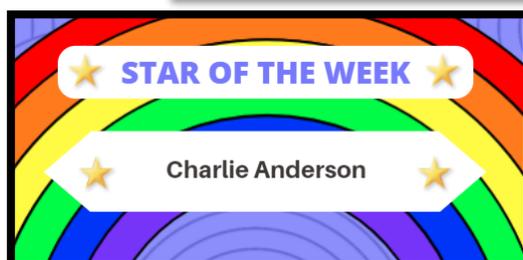
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - early finish at 1:30pm**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January – pupils return to school

Have a lovely weekend!



Julie Hiddleston and the school team



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