

8th December 2017

Badger Room: Well, what a busy week at Longford Park! We had a wonderful first school trip to Salcey Forest on Tuesday where we built shelters and made woodland art pictures. Afterwards, the children who still had some energy left braved the wobbly treetop walk before we all met up again for our picnic lunch and a play in the park. Both Badger and Hedgehog classes were wonderfully behaved and I know they are already looking forward to our next trip out in the Spring term! Another highlight was our 100 Days Party on Thursday - we were very proud of all the children for their first foray onto a big stage and to talk and sing so clearly to the filled school hall. In maths, we have been learning to order the days of the week, seeing 7 days as the 'whole' and the 'parts' as 5 and 2 week/end days. We also have started to measure short periods of time using sand timers and predicting how many things we can do in one minute.



Hedgehog Room: What a hectic week for Hedgehogs? Monday kick-started our theme for the week 'Let's Get Moving' with some physical challenges in the outdoors – climbing, balancing, throwing, kicking, catching...We loved our trip to the forest on Tuesday, giving our little legs yet more exercise and experiencing the colours, textures, sights and sounds of the woodland environment. We enjoyed our '100 days' party on Thursday afternoon with a very popular bouncy castle and craft activities, and we gave parents a sneak peek of our nativity songs!

A reminder: If you have not yet brought in your child's nativity costume, please do so on Monday ready for dress rehearsals! If your child usually attends morning sessions only, please confirm that you will be bringing your child to nursery at 1.30pm ready for the 2pm afternoon performance.



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100 Days Open Celebrations: Thank you to all the parents who were able to come to our celebration yesterday it was lovely to see so many of you. A big thank you especially goes to the wonderful PTFA who helped set up the hall, party bags and who organised some lovely activities to keep the children entertained. It was a fabulous party, and a true celebration of the school and it's most important people, our lovely children.



IMPORTANT: Please read the adverse weather letter that has gone home today, just in case we get more snow!

Longford Park App: Following the email, we can see that many of you have downloaded and registered with the app. We do require 100% take up as we are planning for this channel of communication to replace texting. If you are experiencing issues, please do see Mrs Williams who will be able to help you.

Christmas Lunches/Christmas Jumper Day: Please ask the children to wear their snazziest, brightest Christmas jumpers next Friday 15th December. You can decorate one yourself if you do not have one already – there is no need to buy one! Please bring in a £1 for Save the Children if you are joining in. If you are coming along to join your child for the Christmas lunch, please arrive at 11:45 and we will take you to the hall.

Wrap Around Care: We are still waiting for everyone to respond, please take a couple of minutes out of your day to complete our survey, 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:

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

