

19th January 2018

Badger Room: In Badger Class, we have been looking at the poetry in our book-of-the-week 'Space Poems' to identify rhythm and rhyming words. The children have now started writing their own shape poems to share what they would wish for if they saw a shooting star. In maths, we have been revisiting 2D shapes; recognising, describing and grouping them according to a range of criteria. The children loved hearing the story of Simon Shape who started off as a triangle but as he ate and ate so much, he grew an extra side each day until he became an octagon! Due to the sickness bug going around the class, we have postponed making our moon rock cakes and will do these next week.



Hedgehog Room: Hedgehogs have enjoyed their 'Shapes' themed week which involved lots of interactive and messy activities! We have used inks and shape stampers to create wonderful pictures, have drawn huge shapes using paints and chalks in our garden, and have been making our own playdough to explore with the shape cutters. We have also traced around colourful semi-transparent shapes on our lightbox. Finally, we've been spotting everyday shapes at snack and lunch times, as well as around our environment, and have baked some yummy circular jam tarts! Please use Tapestry to review your child's learning and progress, and record your own observations about activities at home.



Next week's theme, linking to our overall theme this term of 'Love', will be 'The Animals that we Love'. Please encourage your child to bring in toys and objects from home linking to this theme, or photos of family pets, and please also do bring in family photos for our Families Board in the peg area.

SSB Parent Member Appointed: Thank you to all of you who voted. We are delighted to announce the election of Jon Malcolm as Longford Park School's SSB Parent Member. As a member of the SSB, Jon will be involved in planning and strategic decisions with respect to the successful running of our school. It's an incredibly rewarding and important role and we look forward to welcoming his input over the next three years.

Hot lunches: You should have received an email yesterday regarding the booking of hot lunches and choices form. Please can you ensure that you have booked your hot lunches by the Wednesday the previous week and made your choices. Badger parents, we know we haven't done this before, but we still need you to book, even if you're not paying. This allows the kitchen to plan better, reduces food waste and gives the staff a more informed idea of what your child would be willing to eat.

Library books drive: We would like to say a HUGE thank you to Tina McLaren (PTFA Member) who has been instrumental in getting the local community to rally round and donate much-needed books for our library. We are entirely overwhelmed with the response and are delighted with the broad range and high quality of the books we have received! We just need to get them logged on our library system now!

Key Dates for your Diary:

Friday 9th February 2018 – Break Up Day (normal finish at 3:15pm)

Monday 12th–Friday 16th February – HALF-TERM

Have a wonderful weekend



Julie Hiddleston and the school team





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Monday	Tuesday
<p>Sway Dance Club - £3 (all years) led by Ms Whitehead 3:15-4:15pm</p> <p>Ms Whitehead will collect your child from their class, there is no need to come to school until 4:15pm for collection.</p> <p>If you haven't already, you can SIGN UP HERE</p>	<p>Stagecoach - £165 (per term) (Ages 4+) Led by Melissa Lewis (Stagecoach Principal) 4:00-5:30pm (optional 3:15-4:00pm crèche led by Stagecoach prior to the class starting - £3 per session)</p> <p>Stagecoach are offering a free trial to Longford Park pupils on Tuesday 9th January. Please contact her directly to book - banbury@stagecoach.co.uk</p>

Coming soon...

RugbyTots – Ages 3+

RugbyTots is a specific play programme for young children. It uses the multiple skills of rugby to create a fun and enjoyable environment whilst developing basic core motor skills. Each session aims to develop hand-eye co-ordination, balance and agility as well as enhancing social and psychological attributes through a series of games and exercises.

We are currently looking at a Friday session from 3:15-4:15, cost of £4 per session.

Thank you to those who have expressed interest. We are just finalising details and will let you know when we will be doing the first session! Please take a look at the leaflets in bookbags.

Kickboxing – Ages 3+

A no-contact sport which helps with coordination, confidence and discipline – as well as staying in tip top shape! Join Coach Cian to learn all about it in a fun and safe environment.

We are currently looking at a Thursday session from 3:15-4:15, cost of £4 per session. Please let the school know if you feel this is something your child may be interested in. Please take a look at the leaflets in bookbags.