

26th January 2018

Badger Room: In Badger Class, we have enjoyed reading “We’re Off to Look For Aliens” and generating some describing words for what the aliens look like and what some of their characteristics might be. In maths, we have been working on addition by finding 1, 2 or 3 more by counting on, using number lines to find the first number and counting on to find the addition. The children enjoyed learning some new songs in our singing session and have been working on using pitch to change their voices from higher to lower. In PE this week, the children experimented with making a range of static balance poses, with some very imaginative stances being invented!



Hedgehog Room: Hedgehogs have enjoyed learning all about animals this week, thinking about the kinds of habitats that different animals live in and the movements and noises that they make. We’ve looked at the paw prints of different animals (toy animals!) by making paw prints in paint, have used our developing fine motor skills to make animal masks, collages and some pipe cleaner jellyfish/spiders/out-of-this world monsters! I hope that the birds in your garden at home enjoyed the bird food we mixed together and we certainly had fun baking our animal shaped biscuits. Thank you for the animal based Show & Tell items this week – we’ve had lots of toy ponies, bears, and cats big and small, to hear about. Do ask your children if they can teach you the ‘Animal Boogie’ dance and the Makaton signs to ‘Baa Baa Black Sheep’!



Next week’s theme is ‘Our Bodies’ and we will be doing different activities based around our senses and choosing our favourite tastes, sounds, etc. On Friday, we will celebrate Wear Red Day by talking about healthy hearts and this will lead us into our preparations for Valentine’s Day.

Please keep sending in family photos for our notice board and using Tapestry to tell us about all the things you do with your child at home.

Hot lunches: Thank you to everyone who has been busy booking and choosing hot lunches for their children. It is so helpful to know in advance what they are willing to eat, and has already had a positive impact on food waste! We will continue with this in the weeks to come and then there will be a new menu in March.



Wear Red Day is next Friday and we are supporting 'Families of Ocean Ward', which is a local children's heart surgery charity. Please bring in a £1 for this very worthy cause.

Parents Evenings: These are on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd February. Come, meet your child's teacher, and hear how they are progressing. We have had a fantastic response through our online booking form, thank you. For those yet to book, please [CLICK HERE](#) for the form.

Key Dates for your Diary:

Friday 2nd February 2018 – Wear Red Day in aid of the Children's Heart Surgery Fund. £1 donation.

Friday 2nd February 2018 – PTFA Social Evening – details to follow

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

Friday 9th February 2018 – PTFA Movie Night (3:15-5:30pm) – details to follow

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

Wednesday 21st February – Parents Evening

Thursday 22nd February – Parents Evening

Thursday 1st March – World Book Day, come to school dressed as your favourite fictional character

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.