

16<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Badger Room:** We've been thinking about springtime animals and learning the names for the baby animals that are born at this time of year. We've learnt how birds prepare for and look after their eggs and chicks and then we watched a time-lapse video of eggs hatching. The children then chose a picture of a baby animal to label and write captions using some excellent descriptive vocabulary. In maths, we have been counting back from 20, and comparing and ordering the numerals. The children have been particularly creative in the art area this week making Easter egg sun catchers and woolly peg sheep!



**Hedgehog Room:** Our week investigating water has been great fun. We started with some water experiments, making our own water xylophone, and creating colourful 'rain' by using pipettes to drip food colouring through shaving foam 'clouds'. We've had lots of practice pouring, stirring and mixing coloured water into different containers, and enjoyed large-scale painting on a huge strip of bubble wrap! We've sorted and categorised different types of sea shells in our sand tray and on Monday we collected ice from around the garden to create a polar habitat for our little penguins and seals. We then followed the children's interests to focus on sea creatures, particularly sharks and jelly fish! We made our own cardboard boats and enjoyed zooming around the garden wearing our shark fins and sea creature facemasks.

Next week we will be learning about Easter, enjoying some Spring-based craft activities and baking lots of goodies to take home.



**Library:** Thank you to Miss McLaren and Miss Sanchez for attending the training on the library system this week. It's all very exciting that we can now start cataloguing the gifted books and so much more. The children will be given an induction to the system and information sent home for parents after Easter.

**PTFA Events: SAVE THE DATES!** Easter Eggstravaganza on 28<sup>th</sup> March, from 3:15-4pm. Thank you to everyone who has purchased a rock, we already have quite a few back – beautifully decorated, well done! We do need them back by Monday to give the PTFA time to hide them in time for hunt on Wednesday. Also, the PTFA are busy planning a super Summer Fete. We have Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of July as the date and will have an evening festival feel. Again, details will follow when we have them.

**Breakfast Club after Easter:** We are now able to run Breakfast club for the Summer Term! This will be welcome news I'm sure! We have made some changes to the form so that you can give us any shift patterns etc. [PLEASE CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#). Please sign up ASAP so that we can start planning!

**School Trip after Easter:** On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April we are planning a trip to Green Dragon Farm near Buckingham. This will tie in nicely with our topics and of course with the time of year, we should see some cute baby animals too! All children are encouraged to come, although 2 year olds will need to be accompanied by their own adult. Please [COMPLETE THIS FORM](#) to give your permission for your child to join us.

**Punctuality:** We have noticed that parents are bringing children in late again. Please can you ensure your child is in the school gates before 8:40am. Arriving later than this has a knock on effect and means that it takes longer to settle your children once inside.

### Key Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March, PTFA Easter Eggstravaganza – details to follow next week

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – last day of term, finish at 1:30pm

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March-Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April – EASTER BREAK

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April, return to school

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, all school trip to Green Dragon Eco Farm, see letter for details

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, PTFA Meeting (at school), 3:15-4:15pm – all welcome

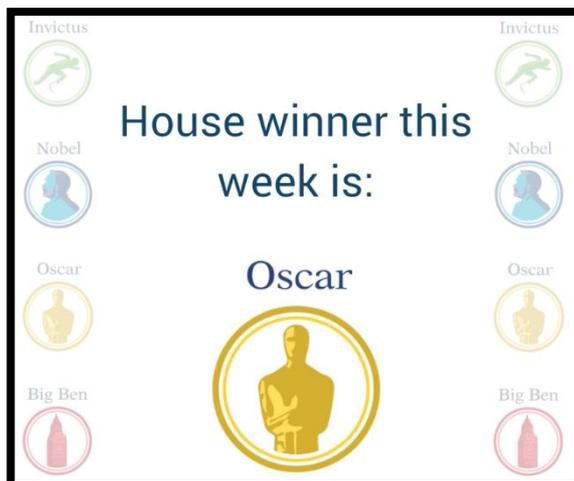
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June – INSET day, no children in school

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 5:30-8:30pm – Summer Festival, details to follow

Have a fantastic weekend

*Hiddleston*

Julie Hiddleston and the school team





# CLUBS

at Longford Park  
Primary School

Monday	Tuesday
<p><b>Sway Dance Club</b> (£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><a href="#">SIGN UP FOR SWAY DANCE</a></p>	<p><b>Stagecoach</b> - £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>Please contact her directly to book - banbury@stagecoach.co.uk</p>
Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Kickboxing</b> – Ages 3+ (£4) 3:15-4:15pm Led by Coach Cian, Temple Martial Arts</p> <p>A no-contact sport, which helps with coordination, confidence and discipline – as well as staying in tiptop shape! Join Coach Cian to learn all about it in a fun and safe environment.</p> <p><a href="#">SIGN UP FOR KICK BOXING</a></p>	<p><b>RugbyTots</b> – Ages 3.5+ - £4 3:15-4:15pm Led by Vince Reynolds</p> <p>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.</p> <p><a href="#">SIGN UP FOR RUGBY TOTS</a></p>

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