

20<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**Badger Room:** We have been enjoying reading about some of the adventures of Winnie the Pooh and have discussed that even though he calls himself a 'bear of very little brain', he is very thoughtful and always somehow manages to sort out problems without really trying because he has a lot of common sense! We learnt how much he loves honey and then worked in small groups to make our own honey and banana sandwiches. This allowed the children to practise using knives safely and to try a food combination that was new to many of them. They then all wrote the instructions for how to make the sandwiches at home. We have also had great fun watching our class caterpillars grow - the difference in size in just five days is astonishing and the children are enjoying measuring them and plotting their growth each day. In maths, we have been becoming more fluent at counting to 100 and back in 1s and 10s.

We are really looking forward to our trip to Green Dragon Farm on Monday - please remember sun cream, hats, water bottles and suitable footwear.



**Hedgehog Room:** This week Hedgehogs started learning about our topic for the term, 'Ready, Steady, Grow!', starting with minibeasts, particularly caterpillars and butterflies. Our pet caterpillars have arrived and seem to be thriving so far! We've learnt about the life cycle of a caterpillar and have decorated some beautiful butterflies and caterpillars for our classroom. We have been digging in our garden to find many different bugs to investigate in our bug pots and also getting messy by painting with mud in our tuff tray. Later in the week, we started to think about the life cycles of other animals including the farm animals that we will meet at Green Dragon Farm on Monday.

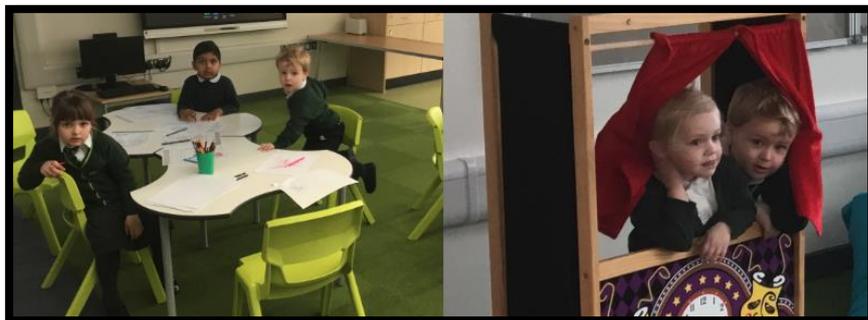
We've been enjoying this lovely warm weather and sunshine whilst also trying to keep cool – we are lucky to have a covered area for crafts and messy play in our garden. However all children do need to come to nursery with weather-appropriate clothing: hat, sun cream, water bottle in the warm weather and a jacket in the colder weather. Please make sure all your child's belonging are named including plimsolls!



Welcome to our many new Hedgehogs who started with us this week. We look forward to getting to know you all and your families.

**Green Dragon Eco Farm:** On Monday 23rd April we will be going to Green Dragon Farm near Buckingham. This is a working farm with uneven ground and lots of mud so please ensure your child has suitable footwear and a raincoat / sun hat to be prepared for all weathers. If your child has any cuts or grazes, could you please ensure these are covered with plasters before we leave on Monday morning to avoid any potential infection.

**Breakfast Club:** We are now running Breakfast club for the Summer Term! We can only accept children that have pre-registered, so if you would like your child to come to breakfast club... [PLEASE CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)



**Photographer:** Our School Photographer, Heather Brown, will be coming on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April to take class photos as well as informal, class based, individual photos. Please ensure uniform is smart and hair is tidy!!

**Summer Festival:** **SAVE THE DATE Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July** will be our big event of the year! Planning has already started, we will need plenty of volunteers on the day and of course all are welcome at the PTFA meetings. The next one is on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 3:15-4:15pm in the school. If you have a business and would like a stall, please get in touch and if you wish to contact the PTFA about anything, you can do so through this email. If you would like to contact the PTFA, they have their very own email address: [LPPSPTFA@longfordparkschool.org](mailto:LPPSPTFA@longfordparkschool.org)

### Key Dates for your Diary:

- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, all school trip to Green Dragon Eco Farm
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, PTFA Meeting (at school), 3:15-4:15pm – all welcome
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Photographer in school
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Book Fair, Studio 4:00-5:00pm
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Book Fair, Studio 4:00-5:00pm
- 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><b>Currently full</b></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><b>Currently full</b></p>

## Free Trial Piano Tuition – Badgers only

Studies show that time spent at the keyboard improves mental health: people who make music experience less anxiety, loneliness, and depression. Playing piano has also been shown to be a great source of stress relief, and provides ample opportunity to bolster self-esteem. It is also a widely used form of therapy for Attention Deficit Disorder.

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