

11th May 2018

Badger Room: We came back from the bank holiday weekend to find our caterpillars had hatched as beautiful Painted Lady butterflies. After watching them for a while in the butterfly net, we went outside to free them into the great outdoors. They were a little reluctant to leave the security of their first home but eventually they stretched their wings and flew off to cheers and clapping from all the children ([click here for our news item and photos](#)). We

also had the opportunity for a very valuable lesson when we found that one of the butterfly's wings hadn't developed fully because their chrysalis had fallen to the



bottom of the net soon after forming. We used this to have some fantastic talks about how people can be born with different needs and abilities and how inside the butterfly was just the same as the others. We knew that this was a particularly special butterfly and we needed to take care of it as it wasn't going to be able to fly. The children were inspired to build a Bug Hotel for it to live in, along with many other minibeasts that we've been finding recently! In maths, we've been practising 'subitising'; that is to identify the number of a group of items at a glance without counting. This is something you can practise at home using the dots on a dice, dominoes or a selection of up to six items shown rapidly.

Hedgehog Room: Some of us were feeling a bit nervous about 'Frog Week' but it was great fun. Having already looked at caterpillars, first we looked at the similarities between the life cycle of a frog and a caterpillar, both undergoing huge transformations as they grow. We've enjoyed lots of mark-making activities, have been busy counting our speckled frogs, baking green lily-pad biscuits and painting frog faces. We created huge bubbles in 'ponds' using homemade bubble mixture and hula hoops. We've read many wonderful stories including Tadpole's Promise and Flora the Frog, about a girl who is given the part of a frog in her school play. It brought back memories for the children of our nativity play and most of them could remember the parts they played! Finally, today we explored the sounds that frogs make and used different instruments to mimic this sound, and we practised leaping like frogs as we measured who travelled the furthest!



Next week we will be looking at bees...

Please remember that children must arrive for each session with enough nappies and wipes to last for them

for the session, sufficient spare clothes particularly during toilet training, and a sunhat, sun cream and water bottle.

Upcycling: We will be embarking on a project, which requires lots of plastic milk bottles! We would be very grateful if you could save yours and bring them (washed please) into the Hedgehogs room, or to Mrs Williams in the Office. Thank you!

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](#)

School Dinners: If your child is having hot dinners – regardless of whether your child is getting the universal free school meal – we would be grateful if you could book them in advance. We need you to book through School Money (you will get a text notification when you can do this) even if you don't need to pay. Then we need you to complete the Google Form for menu choices. The kitchen is working to what has been booked and we are sometimes struggling when we have children turn up expecting a hot dinner, but it hasn't been booked [CLICK HERE FOR NEXT WEEKS MENU CHOICES](#)

Non-uniform day: To celebrate the marriage of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, we are having a non-uniform day next Friday 18th May. Please come dressed in red, white and blue to mark the event - £1 donation to the PTFA.

Summer Festival – Friday 13th July: Thank you so much for those that have already donated. Please keep them coming for Tombola, Raffle and 'new to you' sale. Next PTFA meeting to discuss the Festival is Tuesday 22nd May at 2:00pm at the School. All are welcome to join in. 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 LPPSPTFA@longfordparkschool.org

Key Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 17th May – Census Day, check out the Burger and Pasta Day menu!

Friday 18th May – Non-uniform day for the Royal Wedding (bring £1)

Tuesday 22nd May, 2:00pm at the School – PTFA Meeting

21st-25th May – National Walk to School Week

Wednesday 13th June – ALL DAY: Sports Day

Wednesday 27th June – 3:15-4:30pm: Movie Night

Friday 29th June: INSET day, no children in school

Tuesday 10th July – ALL DAY: Move up day

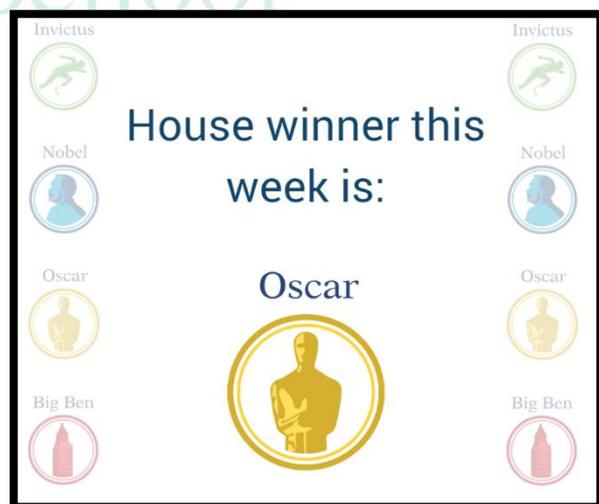
Friday 13th July – 5:30-8:30pm: FoLP Fest School Summer Festival

Have a fantastic bank holiday weekend – see you on Monday!

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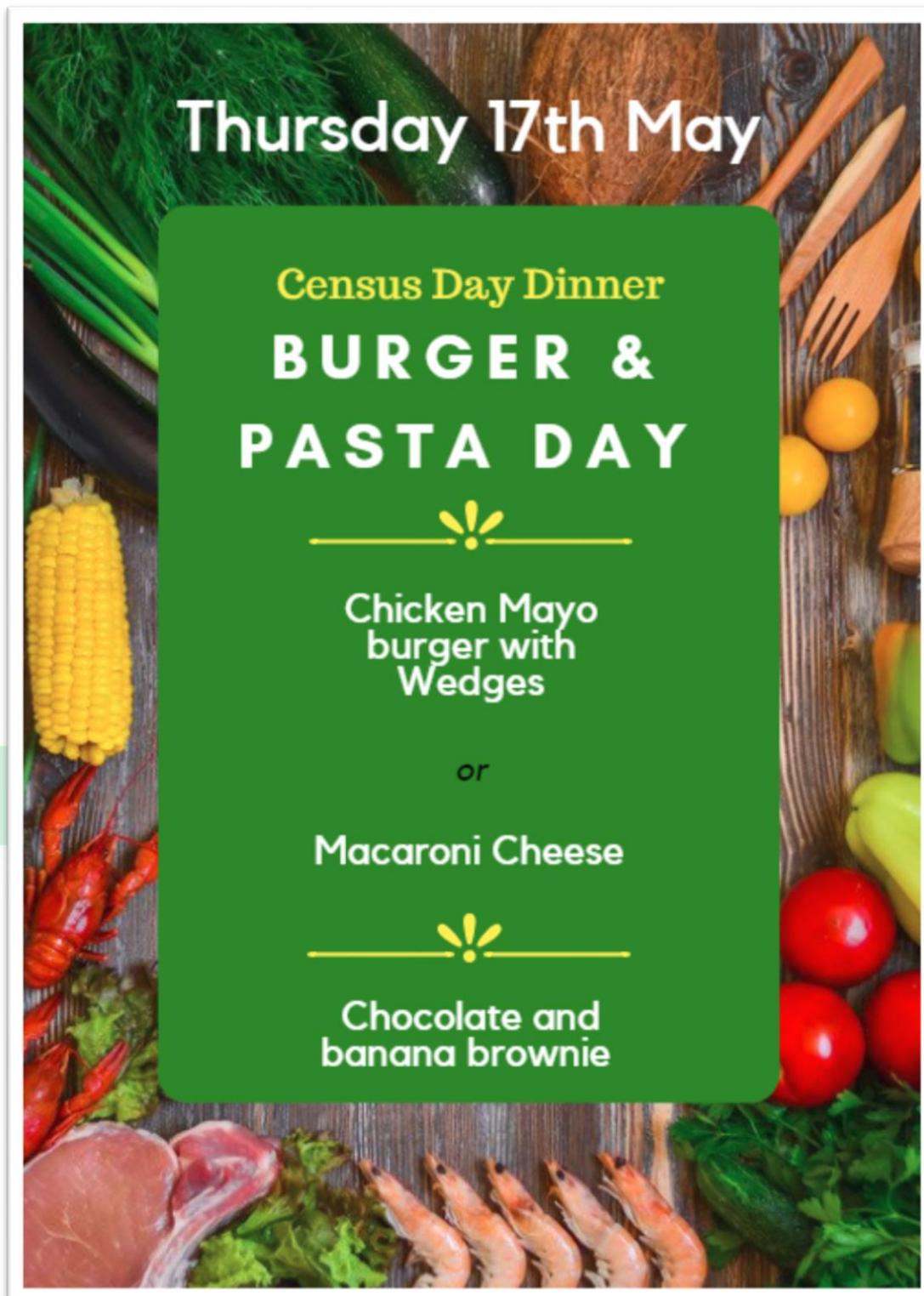
Julie Hiddleston and the school team

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CENSUS DAY: As you may remember, the government requests information from schools throughout the school year and it's known as Census Day. On this day, we have to record how many children are having hot meals, and this directly affects the funding received by the school. Therefore, we encourage as many of our children as possible to have a hot dinner that day – next Thursday 17th May.

We have picked everybody's favourites from the current menu. Mrs Williams will have sent the reminder for school dinner choices already – **WEEK 2** – please make your choices as usual, but there is a slight change to the form to allow for Census Day. If you haven't already, please [MAKE YOUR CHOICES HERE](#)





CLUBS

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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>Currently full</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>Please contact her directly to book - banbury@stagecoach.co.uk</p>
Thursday	Friday
<p>Kickboxing – 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>Not running currently due to staffing issues</p>	<p>RugbyTots – 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>Currently full</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.

Not sure if your child will take to it? **Why not try a month's tuition FREE of charge?** All tuition books and diaries are also supplied free of charge by the service. To obtain an application form, please email [MJmusicservices@aol.com](mailto: MJmusicservices@aol.com)