

7th September 2018

WOW! What an incredible start to the year after the undeniable success that was the entire year of 2017-2018. I can still remember all the new Reception faces this time last year on the first ever day of the school, all so scared, shy, nervous, excited and unsure...and now look at you all, so big and brave dropping your kids at the door of Year 1 😊. Johnson class are all set to blast off and crush it in 2019! Speaking of Johnson class, if you haven't watched the hit movie 'Hidden Figures' which tells the story of the remarkable Katherine Johnson, then I highly recommend you do! #LEGEND



A huge welcome to all our new Foundation Stage children and families. The Nightingales have nested so quickly and so smoothly that you'd think they have been at this forever...until you attempt to get x30 4 years olds changed for PE that is, then reality hits and you remember that it's only week 1!

We have some new children in Froebel join us this term too. Welcome to our youngest and newest members of the LP family.

I wish all the children, staff and parents a very happy and successful 2018-2019!

Miss Hiddleston

Froebel: We are very pleased to welcome back our nursery children after the summer and to meet all our new starters. We are looking forward to the many adventures we are going to have together! This week your child will have been spending lots of time with their keyperson – please ask the team if you are unsure who your child's keyperson is.

Please also send in family photos for our 'Families' display board so that we can all get to know each other and the special people in our lives.

This term we will be looking at 'Traditional Tales' and have started this week by becoming familiar with the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears, using a story sack and puppets. We've been having fun with porridge oats and glitter in our sensory trays, pouring, filling and emptying containers, as well as using oats to bake some yummy flapjacks. Our older children have been teaching the youngest ones nursery rhymes and the signs to accompany them – please ask if your child can teach you at home. This term we will also be exploring nature and the great outdoors and we have been painting using leaf stampers and lovely Autumnal colours. Please send in any interesting finds from outdoors walks for our nature table.

A reminder to **please label** all your child's belongings especially shoes, bags, jumpers and coats.

Nightingale: What a wonderful start to the new school year in Nightingale Class! All 30 children have settled in so well and are having a wonderful time getting to know new friends and exploring all the exciting resources and equipment. Next week we are going to start upcycling our outdoor learning zone using unwanted plastic so if you could spare any old plastic bags, bin bags, plastic sheeting etc we would be very grateful. We will also start phonics lessons next week and your children will come home with photocopies of the sound they've learnt that day. Please encourage your child to name the sound and to tell you the rhyme used for writing it accurately (hint; the first one will be for 'm' and will be "Maisie, Mountain, Mountain"!) Please keep these photocopies somewhere safe as you will find them invaluable to use as the children learn to blend the sounds together to start reading.

Several of our children are coming to school with unnamed uniform, lunchboxes and water bottles. Please ensure absolutely everything is clearly named; we know how expensive it is to replace these items and it is always the unnamed things that tend to disappear for good.

Johnson: We have been looking at lots of inspiring maths, varying from patterns, to graphs, to shapes, to counting! I have been impressed with everyone's participation and enthusiasm to take part. In literacy we have began looking at our Enchanted Forest topic. We have created a list of descriptive words for a forest, and gone on a little walk that we have recounted back in class, with pictures! Everyone worked so hard, we hadn't even realised we had gone a little into our break time, we were that focused! In the afternoons we have been decorating our door, doing some team work games in P.E. and looking at ourselves and our feelings in PSHE.

A reminder: Please make a note in your child's reading record when they read anything at home, not just school books. For everything they read, and is noted, they will be awarded a point on the 'rocket' chart in class!

Healthy Eating Packed lunches: A reminder that takeaway items such as pizza, burgers etc or crisps are not part of a healthy eating lifestyle and against our healthy eating policy. Please ensure you have packed plenty of healthy snacks, vegetables/fruit and water only. Sugary and processed foods are not permitted.

Full STEAM ahead: Our first STEAM project is underway! Johnson Class (Year 1) will be participating in the STEAM project during the Autumn Term and Nightingales will join in during the Spring Term. For more information on our brand new STEAM curriculum delivery please check the website or speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT).

School day and attendance: A reminder that the school day strictly runs from 8:40am – 3:15pm. Please do not be late. Our academic year is calculated to the minute to ensure that we meet all requirements for time allocated to lessons. If your child is later than 8:40am, not only do they have a disrupted and disadvantaged start to the day, but there is a risk that it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. For information on what happens at certain trigger points for 'unauthorised absences', please see the school attendance policy.

Please note that children are required to attend school every day during the term time and any holiday leave during term time is not permitted.

Friends of Longford Park School (PTFA): We have a very active PTFA at Longford Park who raised a whopping £1600+ last year, which is amazing for such a small school. They already have a few 'irons in the fire' for fundraising for this academic year and would be delighted to welcome new members. There will be a letter going out to parents next week with more information on events and how to get involved.

Forest School – volunteer helpers needed: We are looking to start our Forest School very soon! We are just starting to get our equipment together and are now looking for volunteers that can commit to some time during the school day to help out. Please see Mrs Williams in the office if you have some time you could spare with these amazing activities.

Key Dates for your Diary:

- Parents evenings: Wednesday 31st October (3:15-5:00pm) and Thursday 1st November (4:00-7:00pm)
- Break-Up Day – Friday 19th October
- INSET Day – Monday 29th October
- School Opens – Tuesday 30th October

Have a fantastic weekend!

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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 Starts on Monday 10th September</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>Places are limited</p> <p>CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP</p>	<p>Stagecoach - £165 (per term) (Ages 4+) Led by Melissa Lewis (Stagecoach Principal) 4:00-5:30pm Starts on Tuesday 18th September</p> <p>Please contact her directly to book - banbury@stagecoach.co.uk</p>
Thursday	Friday
<p>Hand Gym – Ages 3+ (FREE) 3:15-4:00pm Led by Miss Macdonald Starts on Thursday 20th September</p> <p>A really fun way to increase dexterity in the hands and help with fine motor skills!</p> <p>Places are limited</p> <p>CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP</p>	<p>RugbyTots – Ages 3.5+ - £4 3:15-4:15pm Led by Vince Reynolds Starts on Friday 14th September</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>Places are limited - Free try out the first week!</p> <p>CLICK HERE SIGN UP</p>