

2nd November 2018

Froebel: We have enjoyed lots of sensory experiences this week, using pumpkin seeds and flesh and some secret ingredients to make magic fizzing potions, painting pumpkin pictures and gluing collages. In phonics we've been making 'silly soups' full of objects that rhyme and enjoying our rhyming book 'Room on the Broom'. Our book this week was '5 Little Pumpkins' and this has linked to our recap of numbers 1-5, emphasising the importance of counting in a stable order as well as learning to recognise the numerals. We made our own life size number line, thinking together how to get the numbers in the correct order. Next week we will be looking at Bonfire Night celebrations and Divali too.



We'd like to give very warm welcome to Mrs Tammy Gibbs who comes over from William Morris to join us on Thursday afternoons; she is loving getting to know all of the children.

Froebel's Festive Fete!

Finally – advance notice about the Nursery Christmas performance arrangements. Nursery will not take part in the Nativity performance this year. Instead, Nursery will be having a festive week from 10-14 December where we will be baking seasonal foods, learning Christmas songs and creating our own individual artwork. These will be shared with you at 3.15-4.15pm on Monday 17 December in our Christmas exhibition when the children will showcase their creations, please join us! It is Christmas jumper day on Friday 14 December - please send your child's Christmas jumper back in on Monday 17th in their bags (named please) for this event. Thank you!

Nightingale: Nightingale Class have gone from Longford Park to the Moon and back this week! They were read the book *Whatever Next* and were inspired to relive Baby Bear's adventure by taking an imaginary picnic in their cardboard box rockets and blasting off into space. When they came back, the children were 'hot seated' to talk about their adventures and to describe what they saw and experienced when on the moon. Many of them channelled their inner artists in the creative area by making a giant lunar landscape using a variety of resources and equipment. They also enjoyed listening to some beautiful space-inspired music showing how they could move in different ways to Gustav Holst's *Jupiter*. In maths we have been practising counting on and back from any given number between 1 and 10. A very big welcome to Mrs Luker who started with us this week and who will be in class every Thursday and Friday.



Johnson: In Johnson we have had a surprise visitor arrive! We think there may be an alien in the school, and a few of the children have even said they've seen it! We have been writing reports about our findings and making posters to warn the rest of the school about what we have found. In maths we have begun to look at calculations using addition and subtractions, and getting used to writing the +, -, and = symbols. We have also begun to look at the many different words associated with the symbols (e.g. + can be plus, add, together, etc) to give the children a wide vocabulary for their number sentences. Since we've has an alien visitor, we've been looking at planets and conducting our own research using iPads to begin our next STEAM project. This project will end up with creating a planetarium within our classroom, which we'd love for you to visit at the end of term! In science we are looking at materials, and the properties of them (are they smooth, cold, rough?). In PE we have begun to look at alien movements, and are going to be creating our own dances around the topic. We have also begun to look at music, and what a beat is, and why it's important to keep at the same time together to make this beat, in order for it to sound appealing.

Wild Child Tuesdays (Forest School): The first members of our 'Wild Tribe' met with Mrs Williams, Miss Haskett and our very helpful parent volunteer, Mrs Anderson earlier this week in preparation for the term ahead and our first ever Forest Schools at Longford. The children were given a brief introduction as to what to expect during these sessions and what they could look forward to. They were also reminded of the importance of having the correct kit so that they are able to get the most out of these sessions without getting cold or worrying about getting dirty.

Please provide your child with the following named items so they are able to fully participate in these sessions:

- A waterproof coat
- Wellies
- Thick socks for those chilly days
- Long warm trousers
- Long sleeved top or jumper
- Hat and gloves for colder days
- A spare change of clothes as described above

Please use old clothes and let your child know that at Forest School they can get dirty and you don't mind! If your child does not have the correct kit, they will not be able to participate in the session.

One final request for next week's 'Wild Child Tuesday' – if you are out on a walk or at the park this weekend with your child, take a carrier bag and collect as many natural treasures as possible. Who can find the most beautiful leaf? How many different shades of leaves can you find? The more treasures collected and brought into school for next Tuesday, the more creative your child can be during our first ever Forest School session at Longford. Happy hunting!

Exciting Developments: You may or may not have noticed that we have some visitors on our school site. We are really proud to be hosting the Outstanding 'Gallery Trust' on our school site for the next two years. The Gallery Trust is run by Iffley Academy, based in Iffley of course, which is an outstanding special school. The county council have invested money into the SEND provision within Banbury and we are thrilled to be the temporary 'home' to this amazing facility. This resource base will serve the local community and will cater for children who suffer with communication and interaction difficulties from other local schools. Children will be placed on 6 weeks placement blocks before going back to their own schools. The children who will attend the resource base will be completely self-contained in secure sections of the unused part of the school. Children who attend the Gallery will arrive after our school starts and they will leave before we finish. In two years' time when we need the spare classrooms, the

resource base, 'The Gallery @ Longford' will move to a new location. This is a fantastic opportunity for our staff to learn from experts on site and also for our school to be able to serve the local community around us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Flu Vaccinations: Please remember to return the consent forms for this ASAP. The nurses are booked to come in on Tuesday 13th November to administer this.

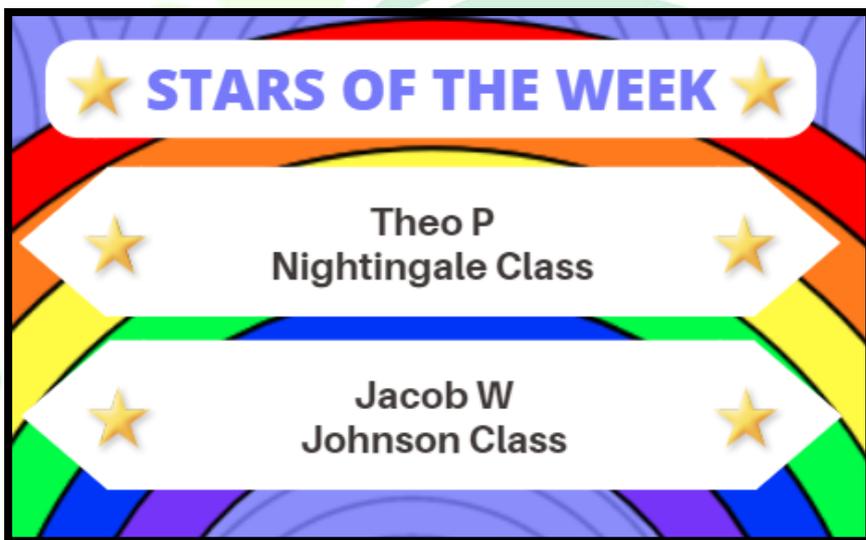
Key Dates for your Diary:

- Tuesday 13th November, Flu Vaccinations (Nightingale and Johnson only)
- Friday 14th December – Christmas Jumper Day, bring in £1 in aid of Save the Children
- Friday 14th December – 3:15-5:30pm FoLP Festive Christmas Fayre. Get your jingle on and help raise much needed funds for our school.

Have a fantastic weekend!



Julie Hiddleston and the school team





CLUBS

at Longford Park
Primary School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<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>Session full</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> <p>Kidslingo Spanish Classes - £5 per class 3:15-4:00pm Starts on Tuesday 30th October We are delighted to announce that Kidslingo is launching a Tuesday After-school Spanish club from 30th of October for ages 4-7.</p> <p>To enrol your child, please follow the link below. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Click here to book</p>	<p>Construction Club – Ages 3+ (FREE) 3:15-4:00pm From 14th November</p> <p>Lego, Duplo, Stickle Bricks, Popoids, Junk Modelling – we build everything! Led by Mrs Brent</p> <p>CLICK HERE TO BOOK</p> <p>Banbury United Football ?????</p>	<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>Session full</p>	<p>RugbyTots – Ages 3.5+ - £4 3:15-4:15pm Led by Vince Reynolds Starts on Friday 14th September</p>

Free Trial Piano Tuition

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 MJmusicervices@aol.com



LONGFORD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christmas Term Events

Tuesday 11th December

Reception/Year 1 Christmas production

1:30pm and 6:00pm performance to parents/carers

Monday 17th December

Froebel's Festive Fete

3.15-4.15pm we will be holding our Christmas exhibition when the children will showcase their Christmas creations - please join us!

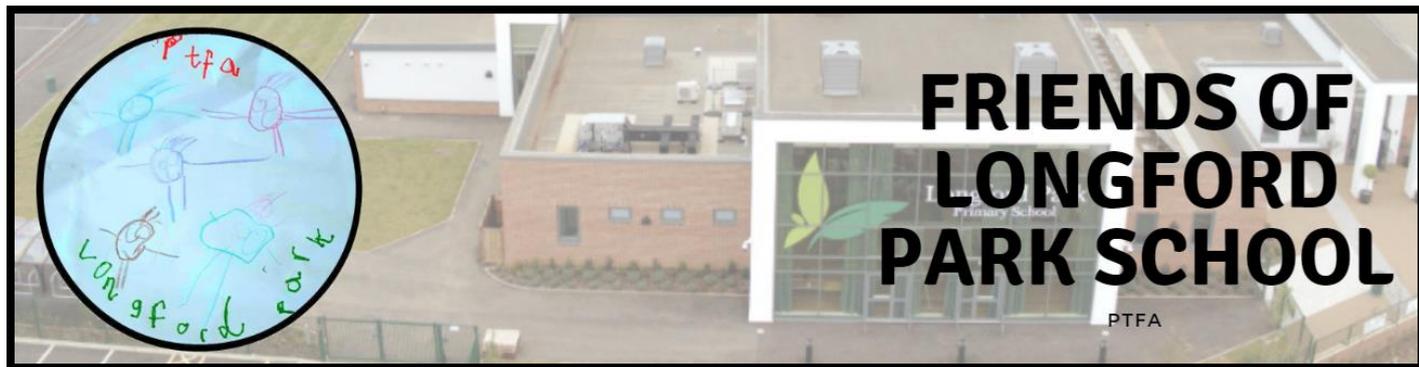
Wednesday 19th December

12:00pm Christmas lunch with parents/carers

We will be sending out notices on how to book and pay for your Christmas meal with us next week. We need to have your booking and payment by 30th November, so that the Kitchen can be sure of numbers and we can cater effectively.

Friday 21st December

1:00pm School finishes

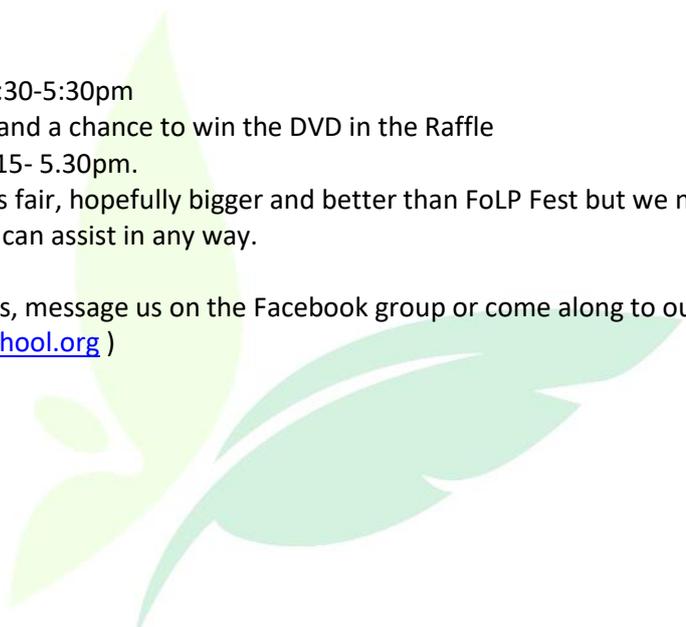


Our lovely PTFA have already been busy this term, planning the first event this academic year:

Events in the Pipeline

- Tuesday 14th November – 3:30-5:30pm
Movie Night - Incredibles 2 and a chance to win the DVD in the Raffle
- Friday 14th of December 3.15- 5.30pm.
FoLP Festive - Our Christmas fair, hopefully bigger and better than FoLP Fest but we need some parent help so please let us know if you can assist in any way.

Please [email us](#) if you have any ideas, message us on the Facebook group or come along to our meeting (our email address is lppsptfa@longfordparkschool.org)



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