

9<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**Froebel:** This week we used Bonfire Night and Diwali as inspiration for a week filled with colourful paints, glitter, chalks and mark-making activities on a large scale including powder paint fireworks on the playground! Just like the baby in our current story, 'Cave Baby', which we will continue to read next week. Our nursery children are really enjoying exploring and experimenting with mixing colours and media. We used clay to make tea light holders decorated with sequins, and used rice and glue to make Rangoli patterns on paper and the tuff tray. We've planted daffodils to bring colour to our nursery garden in Spring time. In phonics we made a delicious 'silly soup' full of rhyming objects and in Maths we've been spotting different ways of representing the numbers 1-5 including numerals, Numicon, and dice patterns.

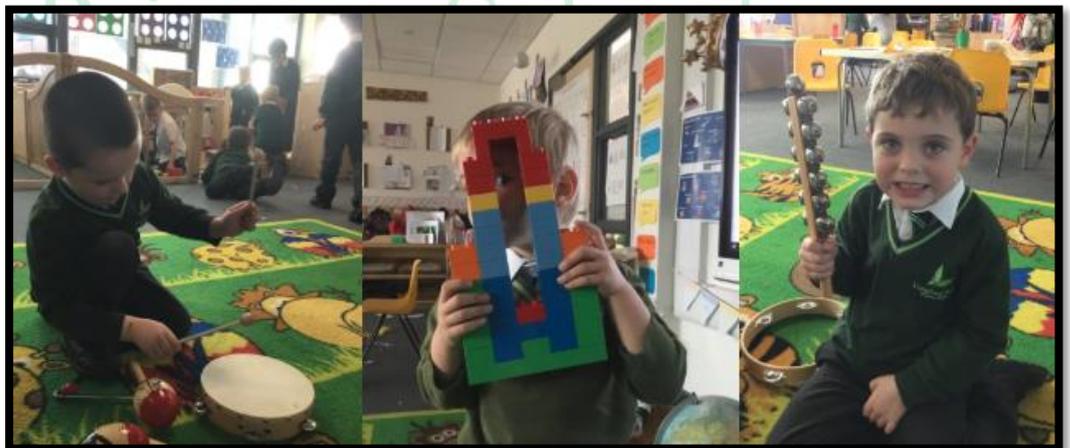


We have now started to use Class Dojo to reward the children for demonstrating a range of learning characteristics and the

expectations of the nursery environment (being 'creative chameleons', 'listening lions', 'tidying tigers'....) Please sign up to this at home (letter sent home this week) and you will be able to talk to your children about the points they are earning!

We have lots planned for next week culminating in a spotty dress-up day for 'Children in Need' on Friday 16 November. Children in Need have teamed up with Hey Duggee this year, a character lots of our nursery children will know well, so we have Hey Duggee activities planned and certificates too.

**Nightingale:** We have continued our explorations of space this week and have been learning some wonderful facts from our non-fiction book of the week 'Rocket'. We have been following bossy, command sentences to make to make rocket nose-cones from circles of card and enjoyed practising writing our sounds in real moon dust! In maths we have been comparing lengths using direct comparison and using the language of 'long', 'longer', 'longest' and 'short', 'shorter' and 'shortest'.



**Johnson:** This week Johnson class have been taking inspiration from their class namesake and have been exploring outer space. In literacy they discovered the wonderful character Beegu, a winsome, banana-allow alien with long floppy ears who crash-lands on Earth and sets off in search of her mother. The children explored their emotions when discussing how she must have felt arriving on Earth, not being able to make herself understood to anyone she met. They then designed their own alien and thought of different characteristics they may have. In PE they listened to galactic music and explored moving in a variety of ways as if on a spacewalk, thinking about how being in zero gravity would impact on their movements. In maths they have been counting in groups of 2s and 10s using a range of equipment and also used this learning in their music lessons when counting beats.



**'Wild Tribe' Tuesday – Week 1:** On Tuesday, the first ever 'Wild Tribe' of Longford Park Primary School had their first ever Forest School session on the school premises and despite the windy weather, it was a great success. Together with Mrs Williams, Miss Haskett and Mrs Anderson, the children set off on their journey to basecamp to find a shelter and log circle ready to begin. Throughout the session, the tribe members were invited to play team games and complete their first nature craft of making a tribal headdress of their own. Thank you to all parents/carers who provided their children with the correct kit – this meant that regardless of the blustery winds, the children were all toasty warm and able to withstand the elements.



**In preparation for next week's session, once again and as with every week at Forest School, 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; old long warm trousers to fit underneath the waterproof trousers provided by school; an old long sleeved top and jumper/hoody; hat and gloves; finally, a spare change of clothes as described above.

**This week's 'Wild Tribe' Tuesday challenge** – if you are out on a walk or at the park this weekend with your child, please can you gather a collection of sticks to add to our stash. Each child will need at least one sturdy stick, approximately just above your child's waist height, 2-4cm thick for an upcoming Forest School project. Happy hunting!

**Flu Vaccinations:** The nurses are booked to come in on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November to administer this.

**Parent reminders:** School starts promptly at 8:50am. We are getting a few parents who are coming in just before the gate closes and then having to settle children which is impacting on the start of the school day. Please ensure you are in the school playground ready for 8:45am when the doors open.

**Spare Clothes:** Please remember to pack spare clothes in your child's bag as sometimes they may get wet or excessively dirty and we don't have many school spares. Also, if you do have any clothes that no longer fit your child that you feel we could use as spares, particularly in nursery, we would be delighted. We are especially short of boys clothes.

**Construction Club:** Due to a clash with the PTFA Movie Night, this will now start on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Mrs Williams will be in touch next week to let you know if your child has been successful in getting a place.

**Panto comes to Longford:** Christmas starts here - We have been very lucky to get a really fabulous Theatre Company booked on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November to perform the Panto "Peter Pan". The production will take place during school and will be finished before the end of the school day. We will have to ask for a small donation towards the cost of this of £2.50 per child which we add to School Money. Take a look at what they've done before: <https://www.magicoftheatre.com/productions/pantomimes/>

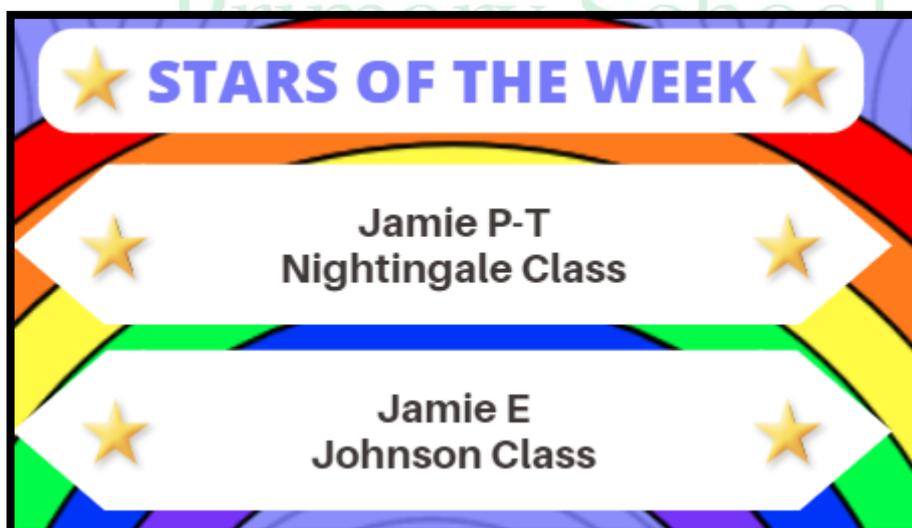
### Key Dates for your Diary:

- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, Flu Vaccinations (Nightingale and Johnson only)
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Spotty Day for Children in need – please bring in £1
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day, bring in £1 in aid of Save the Children
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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!

*Hiddleston*

*Julie Hiddleston and the school team*





# CLUBS

at Longford Park  
Primary School

Monday	Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Sway Dance Club</b> (£3) (all years) led by Ms Whitehead 3:15-4:15pm Starts on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 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><b>Session full</b></p>	<p><b>Stagecoach</b> - £165 (per term) (Ages 4+) Led by Melissa Lewis (Stagecoach Principal) 4:00-5:30pm Starts on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September</p> <p>Please contact her directly to book - <a href="mailto:banbury@stagecoach.co.uk">banbury@stagecoach.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>Kidslingo Spanish Classes - £5 per class</b> 3:15-4:00pm Starts on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October We are delighted to announce that Kidslingo is launching a Tuesday After-school Spanish club from 30<sup>th</sup> 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. <a href="#">Click here to book</a></p>		<p><b>Construction Club</b> – Ages 3+ (FREE) 3:15-4:00pm From 14<sup>th</sup> November</p> <p>Lego, Duplo, Stickle Bricks, Popoids, Junk Modelling – we build everything! Led by Mrs Brent</p> <p><a href="#">CLICK HERE TO BOOK</a></p>	<p><b>Hand Gym</b> – Ages 3+ (FREE) 3:15-4:00pm Led by Miss Macdonald Starts on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September</p> <p>A really fun way to increase dexterity in the hands and help with fine motor skills!</p> <p><b>Session full</b></p>	<p><b>RugbyTots</b> – Ages 3.5+ - £4 3:15-4:15pm Led by Vince Reynolds Starts on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 [MJmusicservices@aol.com](mailto:MJmusicservices@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!

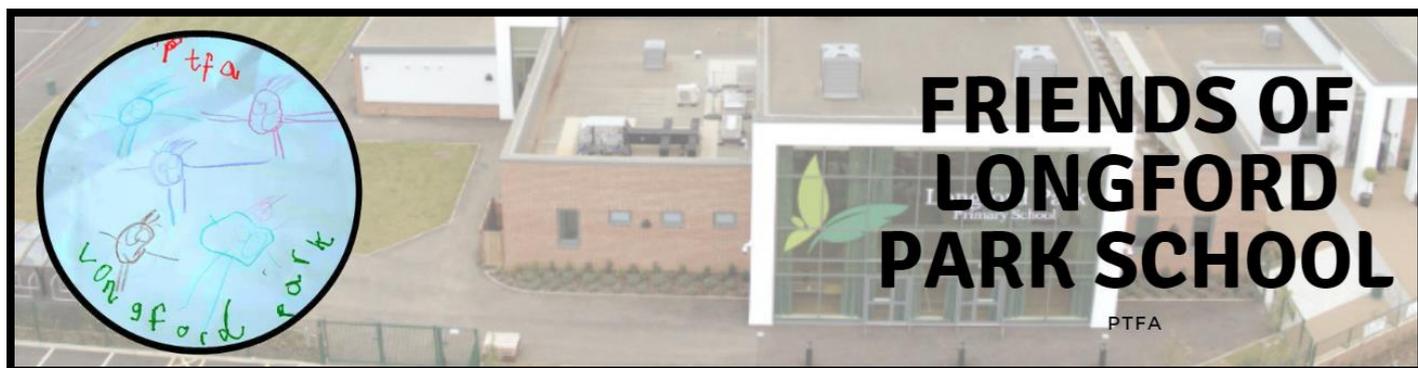
### Wednesday 19th December

12:00pm Christmas lunch with parents/carers

**Please log onto School Money and go to the shop. You can then choose which meals (for adults/siblings) that you wish to book.** We need to have your booking and payment by 30<sup>th</sup> November, so that the Kitchen can be sure of numbers and we can cater effectively.

### Friday 21st December

1:00pm School finishes

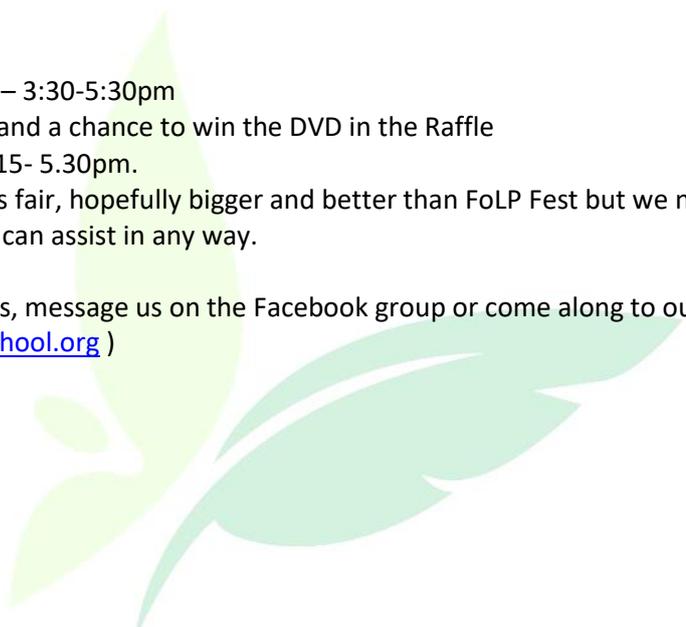


Our lovely PTFA have already been busy this term, planning the first event this academic year:

### Events in the Pipeline

- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November – 3:30-5:30pm  
Movie Night - Incredibles 2 and a chance to win the DVD in the Raffle
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lppsptfa@longfordparkschool.org) if you have any ideas, message us on the Facebook group or come along to our meeting (our email address is [lppsptfa@longfordparkschool.org](mailto:lppsptfa@longfordparkschool.org) )



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