

16th November 2018

Froebel: Our focus on light, dark and colour has continued, now with the addition of a ‘dark den’, just like the dark cave in our ‘Cave Baby’ story. This is a great space for using our light-up writing boards and other tech toys like the torches and stars and has been very popular with the children. We’ve painted rainbows, explored some vivid playdough colours, and have made shadow puppets for our light box and puppet theatre. In phonics we’ve had a fun look at alliteration, with daily ‘tongue twisters’ and digging for alliterative objects in the sand tray. In maths, we’ve been learning to use the terminology of ‘part’ and ‘whole’ when looking at number problems, again through some funky equipment. Friday saw lots of Pudsey Bear and Hey Duggee activities – thank you for supporting this cause. We are very lucky to be watching the pantomime next week so our focus will be on Peter Pan and Pirates! You may have spotted we now have a world map on display in the coat area. We are proud of how diverse our class is and would love for you to talk to your children about the map and to put their photo and pinpoint on the country or countries that are most special to you as a family.



Finally...in case Father Christmas and his elves are stuck for Christmas present ideas, we have drawn up a list of the books we love at nursery and it’s pinned on the daily notice board in the classroom. Please take one if needed!

Nightingale: This week we had Aliens arriving in their underpants! We read the book Aliens love underpants and practised our storytelling actions. Maybe the children will entertain you by telling and showing you the story? We created paper plate aliens with numerous eyes and arms and made repeating patterns on pants. In PE, the children worked in their house teams to have races including collecting up socks and shorts that the cheeky aliens had taken off the washing line. In phonics, we have been super speedy with our sounds and are now working on our blending. In maths, we have been focusing on the number 8 and also investigating coins of different values, including 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p coins. Using iPads we have designed our very own space rockets. To finish out week we had a “Spotacular” Friday! Everyone looked brilliant. We learnt all about Children in Need and took part in lots of spotty activities.





Johnson: In English, we have started exploring the story “Whatever Next” by Jill Murphy. We have discussed and sequenced the main events in the story before moving on to write a character profile. In maths, we have practiced counting in tens and adding ones using a cherry model. In topic, we have had lots of fun learning about the planets in our solar system and even created their own! We especially enjoyed ball rolling in PE this week, focusing on aiming and hitting targets in the hall.

Request: Please save your recycling for us to bring in cardboard boxes (cereal boxes are ideal) and tubes etc for junk modelling around our space theme, thank you!

‘Wild Tribe’ Tuesday – Week 2: A huge thank you to Ms Griffin, who stepped up last minute as our parent helper this week. This meant the Wild Tribe were able to learn some new games focusing on listening and attention in preparation for their very first ever tool talk. This week, the children have been learning how to use the loppers safely to cut elder branches down to size to make their own elder bracelets. Despite the cold wind, the children were able to make some lovely creations. Once again, thank you to all parents/carers who provided their children with the correct kit – please remember them for next Tuesday’s session **which will take place during the morning – due to the Panto being in the afternoon.**



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 ‘stick stash’. Each child will need at least one sturdy stick, approximately just above your child’s waist height, 2-4cm thick for the coming week’s project. **Please send your child with a least one good sized ‘walking stick’ in preparation for next week’s session.**

Longford Park

Panto comes to Longford: Christmas officially starts here! On Tuesday 20th November, we will have a touring Theatre company coming school to perform Peter Pan. We are asking for a small donation of £2.50 towards this, which is on school money. The production will take place during the afternoon and will be finished in time for school pick up. Take a look at what they’ve done before: <https://www.magicoftheatre.com/productions/pantomimes/>

Uniform: We are very pleased to confirm that we have a new uniform supplier – Tesco! Parents are now able to buy branded uniform directly from the Florence & Fred website ([CLICK HERE](#) or go to the uniform page on our website). You will see that the prices are much lower than our previous supplier, as well as standard items such as trousers and pinafore dresses are also good value. The school also receives a commission for any items purchased through the link.

You will notice that they don’t have our ties. We are in the process of sourcing ties from a direct supplier and when we have them, we will keep a supply in the school for you to buy.

School Hours: A letter has been sent home regarding parents/carers arriving late in the morning. Our doors open at 8:45am. It is essential that children are in class no later than this.

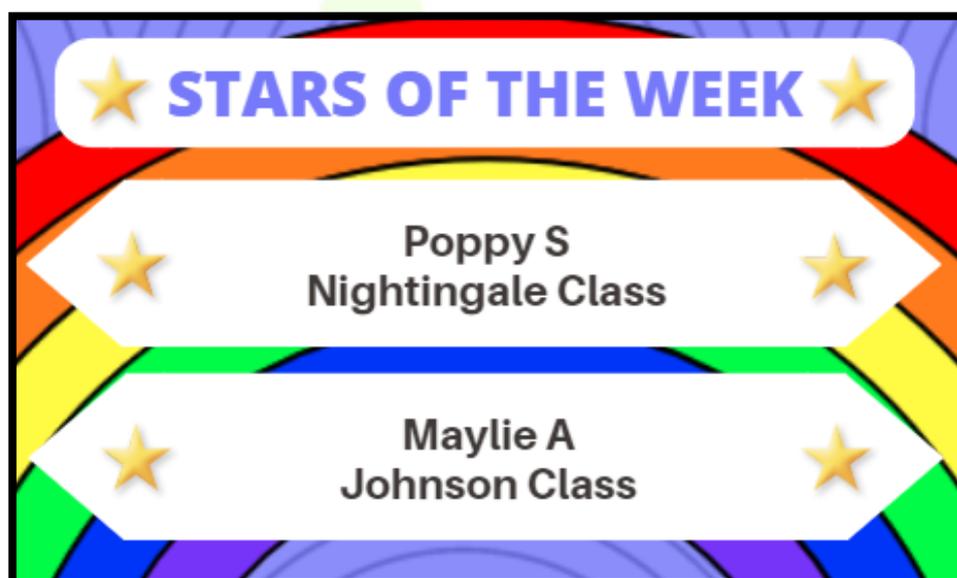
Key Dates for your Diary:

- Tuesday 11th December - Reception/Year 1 Christmas production
1:30pm and 6:00pm performance to parents/carers
- Friday 14th December – Christmas Jumper Day, bring in £1 in aid of Save the Children
- Friday 14th December – FoLP Festive Christmas Fayre. 3:15-5:30pm
- Monday 17th December - Froebel's Festive Fete, 3.15-4.15pm
- Wednesday 19th December, 12:00pm Christmas lunch with parents/carers – hopefully with a visit from Santa!
- Friday 21st December - 1:00pm School finishes

Have a fantastic weekend!

Hiddleston

Julie Hiddleston and the school team



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CLUBS

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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>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 MJmusicservices@aol.com



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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!

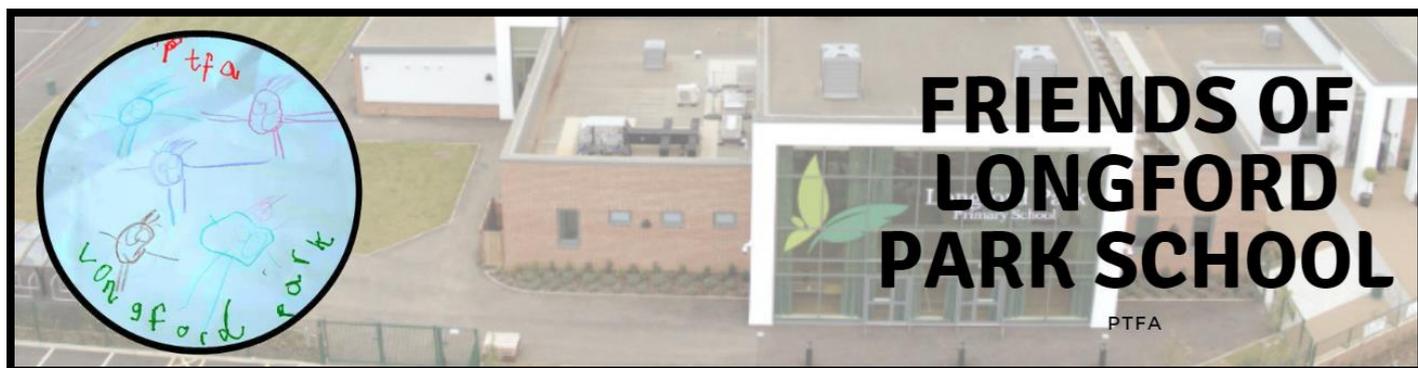
Wednesday 19th December

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 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 money raising activities for this academic year:

Events in the Pipeline

- 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](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)



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