

11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**Froebel:** Welcome back to all our families and welcome to the new families who have joined us after Christmas! Our topic this term will be 'All About Me' and we have been enjoying hearing about what the children have been doing at home over the holidays. Next week we will start to look at our interests and opinions, as well as talking positively about abilities. We have spent this week re-familiarising ourselves with the nursery routine and expectations in the school environment, including looking after each other, our toys and resources. We've also been focusing on our newest number of the week, number 7, including looking at the 7 colours of the rainbow which had made for a very bright and colourful week despite the weather outside! In phonics we've been continuing to look at rhyme and alliteration. It is amazing how much progress the children have made with identifying initial sounds in words, thank you for your support with this.



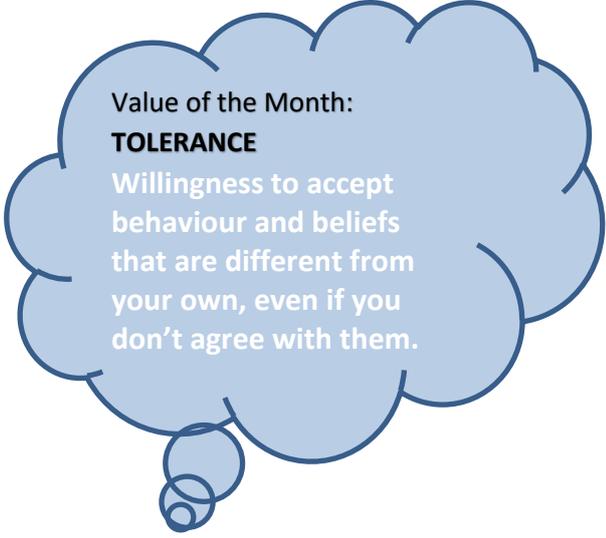
Please keep reading the parent notices on the board in the classroom as these detail our planned learning for the week and also invite you to become involved.

**Nightingale:** The children of Nightingale have all settled back into school and are having fun playing with their friends. We have enjoyed listening to the children's memories of Christmas and they have worked hard on writing about their favourite bit of Christmas. The Gruffalo story has been our focus this week. We set off on a sunny Tuesday morning to go hunting down the field for the various creatures in their hideaways. After looking high and low, we found them all ... including The Gruffalo! Some children made playdough story creatures and used buttons and straws to make the prickles and eyes. Our maths focus has been learning about how the teen numbers are made and we have explored these with Numicon and Tenframes. Our Phonics sessions are still happening daily but we have now split into numerous smaller groups across Foundation and Year One so that we can work more specifically on certain areas of phonics within our Read, Write Inc scheme. To end the week, we started making predictions and doing experiments for our Floating and Sinking topic. The children may explore this topic with their toys during bath time!



**SPECIAL REQUEST!** Please could parents remember to send in a photo of their child with their favourite teddy bear (or cuddly toy) by Monday 14th January. This will help your child with our topic next week and will ensure favourite special teddies can be shared with the class...whilst staying safely tucked up at home. Thank you for your assistance with this.

**Johnson:** This week Johnson class been very busy and enjoying lots of creative art activities. The children are feeling excited about their new topic Superheroes and have already began using creative adjectives to describe both a Superhero and the villain. In maths, we are trying something new as the children have been adding 2 one digit numbers together using a tens frame.



**'Wild Tribe' Tuesday – Week 1:** This week we welcomed our second group of children from Johnson class and our new lovely areebt helper, Mrs Bird, to Wild Tribe Tuesdays, and what a beautiful day to begin! We played games, made story sticks, had hot chocolate but most of all, just enjoyed the sunshine and being outside.



**Parents and carers of our newest members of Wild Tribe, if you could spare a few hours on a Tuesday afternoon from now until February half-term and can commit to coming each week, Mrs Williams and Miss Haskett would love to hear from you. The more, the merrier and the more adventurous we can be with our activities.**

**Lockdown:** On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January there will be an assembly for children to explain what happens in a lockdown drill and why a school might need to do one. A lockdown drill will then follow on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>** in the afternoon. A letter has been sent out via the app giving more details. You can also read it on our website [HERE](#).

**Uniform:** We are delighted to let you know that we are now up and running with a new Uniform supplier – MyClothing.com. This is an online store and has all the compulsory branded items as well as a good deal on the non-branded items, such as trousers, shirts and skirts etc. Also, for every item sold, the school gets a small commission. The uniform is great value, with branded jumpers priced at only £9.00. PE tops and ties will available from the school office (although we are awaiting a delivery of ties currently). [CLICK HERE](#) to visit the site. We have a sample of the jumper if you would like to take a look.

**Clubs:** It is time to sign up again for the next term. Dance and Rugby Tots forms are available. If we are oversubscribed, we will put names in a hat. **Check the clubs page for the links to sign up.** We also now have a football coach on a Thursday – this club can only run if we have the minimum number of 10. We are currently at 5

**Wellies:** It is that time of year where we have a lot of wet weather which = a lot of mud! Our play equipment is amazing and the children love it, but in order to let them get to the play equipment in the damp weather they have to cross over some muddy grass. We ask that you please make sure that if you are in Johnson or Nightingale class, your children have their wellies here everyday so that they can go onto the field in all weathers during lunch times.

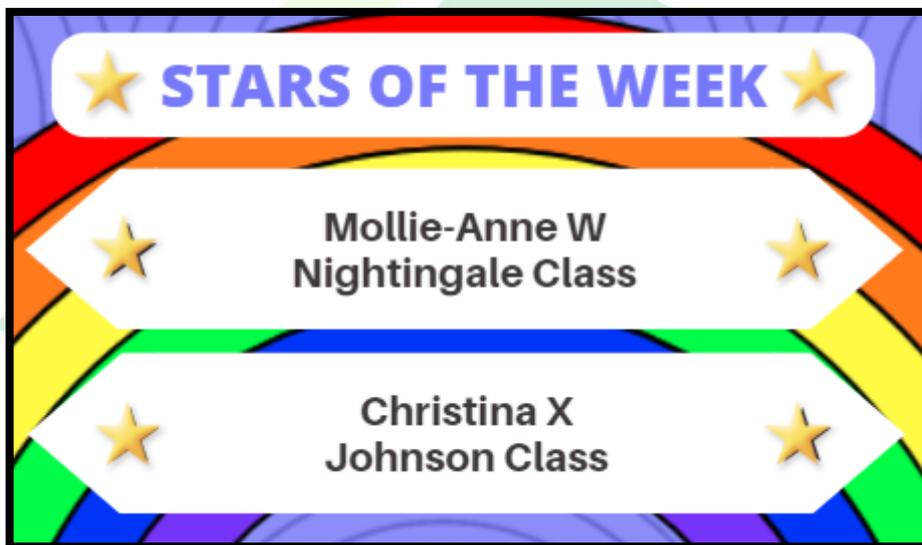
### Key Dates for your Diary:

- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January – Lock-down drill

Have a lovely weekend!

*Hiddleston*

*Julie Hiddleston and the school team*





# CLUBS

at Longford Park  
Primary School

Monday	Tuesday
<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><a href="#">CLICK HERE TO BOOK</a></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 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. <a href="#">Click here to book</a></p>
Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Phil Lines Football</b> – Ages 5-6 Price £3 per session Led by Phil Lines (Banbury United)</p> <p>We still have a few places left and there is a minimum of 10 for the club to run.</p> <p><a href="#">CLICK HERE TO BOOK</a></p>	<p><b>RugbyTots</b> – Ages 3.5+ - £4 per session 3:15-4:15pm Led by Vince Reynolds</p> <p><a href="#">CLICK HERE TO BOOK</a></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)