

18<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**Froebel:** This week we've continued our look at 'All About Me' by thinking about our families and the similarities and differences between us. Thank you for all the family photos you've sent in. In maths, we've been focusing on measurements, estimating and checking which child is the tallest/smallest in the group, and painting hand and footprints so that we can measure and compare these. In phonics we are learning about 'Metal Mike', a robot who cannot talk like we do. Instead he has to split words into component sounds. Can your child practice their robot voice with you at home?



We have started two new initiatives this term, the first is a 'Helper of the Day' who will help with tasks such as preparing snack for the class. This helps to develop a sense of responsibility. The second is that we will send home a 'class bear' each weekend. Ours is Roo the Kangaroo. He has a little diary where you can write about your adventures together over the weekend. This helps us with home-school links and will help the children to develop their confidence in communicating about special family experiences. Every child will have their turn with both of these new initiatives.

**Nightingale:** We have been very busy in Nightingale this week. We read the story My Friend Bear by Jez Alborough at the start of the week and the children have been sharing photos and stories about their own special teddies. We have also been using our sounds to write about our cuddly toys. In Maths we have been focusing on number 11. We have also been finding one more and one less of a given number, helping us to sequence numbers up to 20. As part of our STEAM project we have continued our work on floating and sinking, looking at various balls and making predictions about what might happen when we drop them into water.



**Johnson:** This week in Johnson we have been using our bonds to 10 to help us calculate the total. We have been using many different strategies such as numicon, cherry model and a number line. Perhaps your child could show you at home? More excitingly, we have been making a 3D clay model of a super hero and will be painting it next week! If you have signed yourself up to Dojo, please check regularly to ensure you have seen any messages from us. Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January, we are asking Johnson Class only, to come dressed as their favourite Superhero!



### **‘Wild Tribe’ Tuesday – Week 2:**

Well this week, despite being a bit chilly, the weather was kind. We enjoyed playing a new game ‘Zip! Zap! Zop!’ before Group 2 braved using their first ever tool at Wild Tribe, the loppers. Following a tool safety talk, each child was given the chance to use the loppers under direct instruction in order to cut their elder beads ready to make their bracelets and the finished results were rather beautiful!



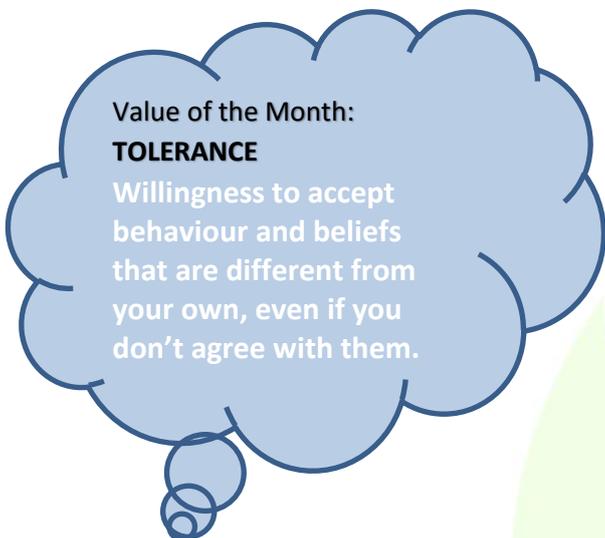
## Primary School

### **A date for your diary**

The weekend of 26-28 January 2019 sees the RSPB’s annual Big Garden Birdwatch. For those of you interested in spending your weekend in nature, simply visit [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk) to request a postal pack or take part online. Weather dependent, we will be enjoying our own bird-inspired games and activities at next week’s Wild Tribe.

**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.**

**Change to Morning Routine: IMPORTANT PLEASE READ** We are making a slight change to the way Y1 are being dropped off in the morning and collected in the evening. The gate at the far end of the EYFS/Nursery playground will be open so ALL parents will enter the school grounds through the EYFS/Nursery playground and if your child is in Y1, you will make your way through the playground to the gate by the field and then walk round to the class that way.



**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 be 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.

**Benches/Tables:** We have had a very kind offer from Mr and Mrs Sala (nursery parents) who have offered to make us some benches for the school. We will provide the materials and Mr Sala has offered to make them for us. The materials will be paid for by the sale of stock from our old uniform supplier which

we should be getting next week. We will let you know when it's in so that you can buy them from the office and all proceeds will go towards the benches for our children.

**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.

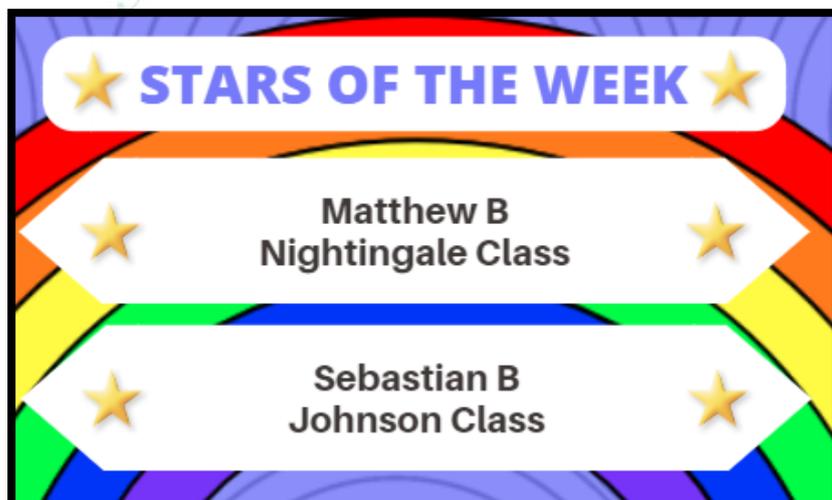
### Key Dates for your Diary:

- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 3:20pm – Y1 Phonics Parent Meeting (Creche provided)
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February, last day of Spring Term 1
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February, first day Spring Term 2

Have a lovely weekend!

*Julie Hiddleston*

Julie Hiddleston and the school team





# CLUBS

at Longford Park  
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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 will be offering a free taster session soon, watch this space!</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)