

10<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**Froebel:** We have concluded our look at caterpillars and butterflies by transferring our chrysalides into the butterfly net ready for their transformation into butterflies! Thank you for sending in the many interesting books from home to support this topic. Our next topic focus is on ladybirds and bees and we will use this look at 'spots and stripes' to learn about patterns and symmetry in Maths. Our focus this week has been on the number 4 as well as on size and length, measuring the caterpillars we have been looking after. In phonics we have listened closely to voice discrimination, making new sounds with our voices and thinking of new vocabulary to describe voice sounds. We even began to talk like robots, breaking words down into their component sounds – can your child teach you how to talk like 'Metal Mike'? We have continued with our 'growing' focus in the garden and the children have each now planted their own sunflower seeds. We will be watching closely to see the shoots appear!



**Nightingale:** Our class book this week is We're Going on a Bear Hunt. The children have been learning to retell the story and drawing their own story maps to sequence the events. We will be continuing with the book next week and the children will be using the maps they have drawn to help with their writing. In Maths we have been learning about sharing amounts into equal sized groups. Nightingale class are very good at spotting when objects aren't shared fairly, especially when we talk about cakes and sweets. The children have also been finding out about Ramadan and what Muslims do during this time. Mrs Bibi was able to talk about fasting and share her own experiences of Ramadan with the class.



**Johnson:** This week, Johnson class have continued to be story-tellers and retell the story of *The Steadfast Tin Soldier*. We use Talk for Writing to help us to do this as the repetition of the story enables us to sequence and write in full sentences. In particular, we have explored question marks and exclamation marks to show cause and effect in our writing. In maths we have continued learning about money. We have a better understanding of the value of the coins and are using all of our acquired knowledge of addition and subtraction to help solve money problems. In STEAM we are well on the way to making our model cars. We have made the basic structure and the next step is to cover the body and add detail. Please continue to make your model cars at home. On Friday we spent the afternoon as gardeners planting sunflowers and had lots of fun learning a new skill. Watch this space as they continue to grow! Whose sunflower will grow the tallest?



**Wild Tribe Wednesday – Nightingale, Group 1:** Following on from last week's session, the Wild Tribe did a great job in identifying the eggs belonging to some common garden birds. They looked closely at their features before deciding who they belonged to. Next the Tribe made their own little hatchlings. Aren't they adorable?!



## Primary School

**Louise Price:** It is with a truly deep sense of sadness that we say farewell to Louise Price at the end of the year. Louise and I joined William Morris at the same time in April 2016, We then opened Longford Park together in 2017. It has been a long and at times extremely difficult journey but William Morris is the strongest it has ever been in its long history and Longford is one of the most successful new schools in the GLF Trust. A huge debt of gratitude and thanks is owed to Louise for the many many MANY long days, sacrificed weekends and holidays. It is not often that you get to work with a colleague as authentic and talented as Louise, but we are truly fortunate to have had her drive the school forward with me. I can genuinely say that our school would simply not be where it is now if it wasn't for Louise's support and unending commitment and passion for teaching. Louise we wish you the very best the world has to offer you in your next adventure and thank you from the bottom of the Longford Park heart for all that you have done.



## Now for some very good news!

Big congratulations to Claire Martin and Ally Johns who have both been promoted to Deputy Headteachers. Claire and Ally have been working alongside and within in the senior leadership team for some time now and we are thrilled at their recent success. I know that they will continue to lead in the outstanding manner they always have. We are extremely fortunate to have such a high calibre of educators.

**Library Books:** Can parents please remember to RETURN library books. We are thrilled that children are taking books home but we need books to return so that other children can take them home!

### Key Dates for your Diary:

- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, last day of Summer Term 1
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, first day of Summer Term 2
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July, last day of Summer Term 2 – 1pm finish

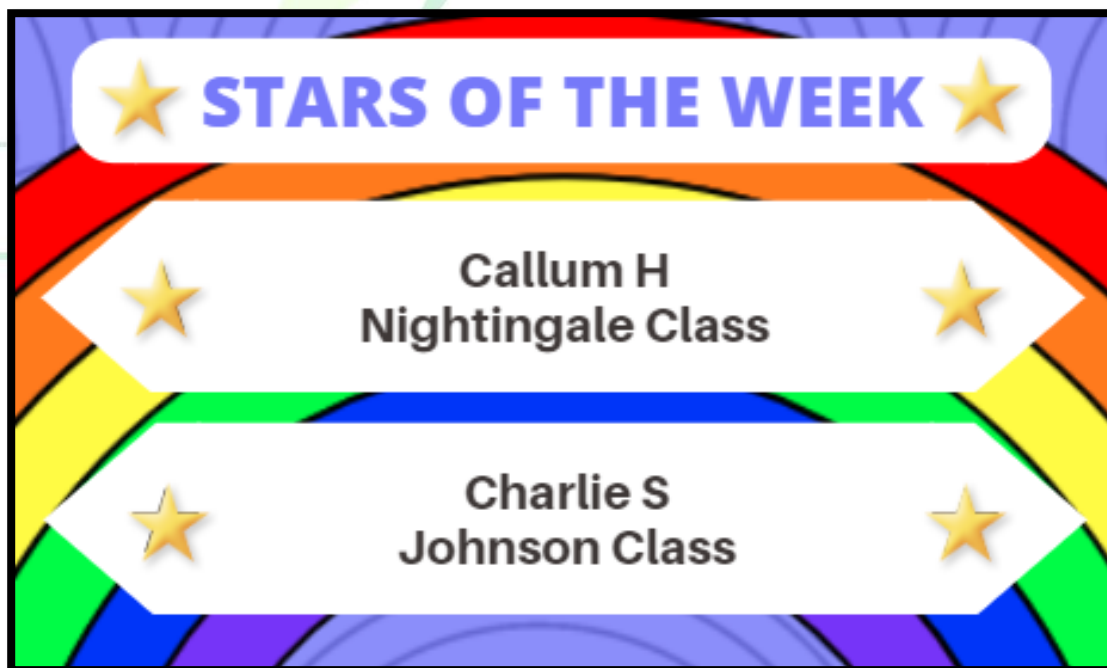
Enjoy the weekend!

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*Julie Hiddleston and the school team*

### Value of the Month:

**Respect** - due regard for the feelings, wishes, or rights of others





# CLUBS

at Longford Park  
Primary School

Monday	Tuesday
<p><b>Sway Dance Club</b> (£3) (all years) led by Ms Bladon 3:15-4:15pm</p> <p>Ms Bladon will collect your child from their class, there is no need to come to school until 4:15pm for collection.</p> <p><b>This session is now 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>
Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Phil Lines Football</b> – Ages 5-6 Price £3 per session Led by Phil Lines (Banbury United)</p> <p>Resumes on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019 from 3:15-4:15pm</p> <p><b>This session is now full</b></p>	<p><b>RugbyTots</b> – Ages 3.5+ - £4 per session 3:15-4:15pm Led by Vince Reynolds</p> <p><b>This session is now full</b></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](mailto:MJmusicervices@aol.com)

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**LPPS  
Dates for  
your diary**

23rd May  
**END OF  
TERM**

26th May  
**INSET DAY**

28th June  
**INSET DAY -  
SCHOOL  
CLOSED**

3rd July  
**SPORTS DAY**

5th July  
**Summer Fayre**

17th July  
**Family BBQ  
1pm**

19th JULY  
**End of Term  
Close at 1pm**

**SUMMER  
EVENTS**

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