

27<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**Froebel:** Our focus for this week has been fish. The children have really loved having the fish tank and our four new fishy friends in class! They have spent time watching them swim, describing them and writing the names of the fish. We have made a lovely display of shape fish, where the children designed fish using circles and triangles. To develop their skill of number, the class have been continuing with their work on number bonds and have found different ways of making five. The water tray has been used to help with letter recognition and the children have had fun fishing for letters. We are continuing to learn different letter sounds and we are starting with 'm,a,s,d,t,i and n'. The children have been listening to stories in small groups and have been encouraged to join in with rhyme and repeated refrains. They have listened really carefully, commenting on the pictures and answering questions about what has happened in the story. Please do aim to read a book to your child at bedtime, as well as helping their literacy skills it can reduce their stress levels and help them to sleep better at night!



**Nightingale:** This week, Nightingale Class have been reading the book 'The Circus Ship'. The children have been writing letters from the point of view of the animals. They have also been making their own animal masks to go with the story. In maths, they have been learning all about number stories and how to write addition number sentences. For our STEAM project, the children have been learning the song 'A Million Dreams' from the movie 'The Greatest Showman'. Please can you help your child practise this song.

**Johnson:** This week in Johnson class we have been warming up our vocals and getting into (another) full STEAM spirit. We are singing the lyrics to The Greatest Showman song 'A Million Dreams' and have been rehearsing alongside Nightingale. It sounds beautiful, with passion and meaning. In English, we are picking up the skill of editing our work in purple pen. The children are encouraged to skim read their writing and check for any corrections such as *full stops, finger spaces, capitals and spelling mistakes*. This skill encourages the children to take ownership of their learning and help them learn from their own mistakes. Remember to always encourage children to make mistakes as it is the cycle of learning!

In maths, we are focusing on telling the time by o'clock and half past. I would encourage you to ask your child for the time at any given opportunity. We will later progress onto telling the time in minutes. Finally, as sports days is fast approaching next Wednesday, the children will have a run-through practise on Monday but can I ask that all children wear a t-shirt in their house colour? This will enable the children to be identified clearly.

**Parent Forum:** Working together with parents is the only way for a school to be successful. I would like to share an interesting statistic with you: only 20% of the outcome of a child's life is down to school. 80% is home-life and parents. Working alongside you is one of the most important things for us to get right, schools work in partnership with children, school and parents. With this in mind, I would like to begin a Parent Forum. The Parent Forum will need to comprise of one representative from each class and we will look at all aspects of school life (not all in one go!) with the purpose for improving things as much as we can. The function of the Parent Forum is different to that

of the PTA who is responsible for fundraising. Everything can always be better and can always improve and so this forum is designed for school and parents finding a way to workout solutions together. If you are interested in nominating yourself as your class representative for the Parent Forum, please [CLICK HERE](#). If more than one of you nominate yourself, then we may need to go to vote in your classes. Meetings will usually be first thing in the morning after drop off.

**Sports Day:** On your marks, get set, go! Sports Day, our summer term highlight, is quickly approaching. The children have already been practising their running, jumping and throwing in their PE lessons. We warmly invite all parents to come and support the children during this event. **Please do join us from 12pm for a picnic** and bring a rug for your family to sit on. The children will be provided with packed lunches on this day unless you wish to bring their packed lunch for them. From 1pm the children will be involved in a carousel of activities representing their house, during which you can follow your child's group as they compete at the different activity stations. After this there will be a series of competitive races for all the children. There may even be a chance for a parent's race! So



please do come and join us from 12pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

**Please can parents bring children to school in PE kit ready to go on Wednesday? This will ensure a smooth transition from class to field for our afternoon of sports and fun!**

**FOLP Fest (Summer Fayre) Friday at 4-7. Come along to the best fayre in Banbury! Raffles, barbecue, drinks, stalls and children will be singing at 5pm.**

**Move up day:** 8th July is our exciting annual move-up day. If your child is moving into Years 1 or 2 you will be given an opportunity to pop into school after drop-off at 8:40am to have a cup of tea or coffee for 20 minutes to meet their new teacher for next year. Please note children moving into nursery and Reception, will also be joining us on that day at 9:30am. Parents will stay with them for 15 minutes, the children will be staying until parents collect at 11:30am. For any parents of 2 year olds, they will be invited to stay with their child for an hour and then take them home at 10:30am

**POLITE REMINDER:** Please pass all messages to your class teachers, through the office or classroom. Please do not use Class Dojo for this, as this is more about a celebration of learning and not as a means of communication directly with teachers.

**INSET Day:** Please don't forget that the **School will be CLOSED TOMORROW Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June** for staff training.



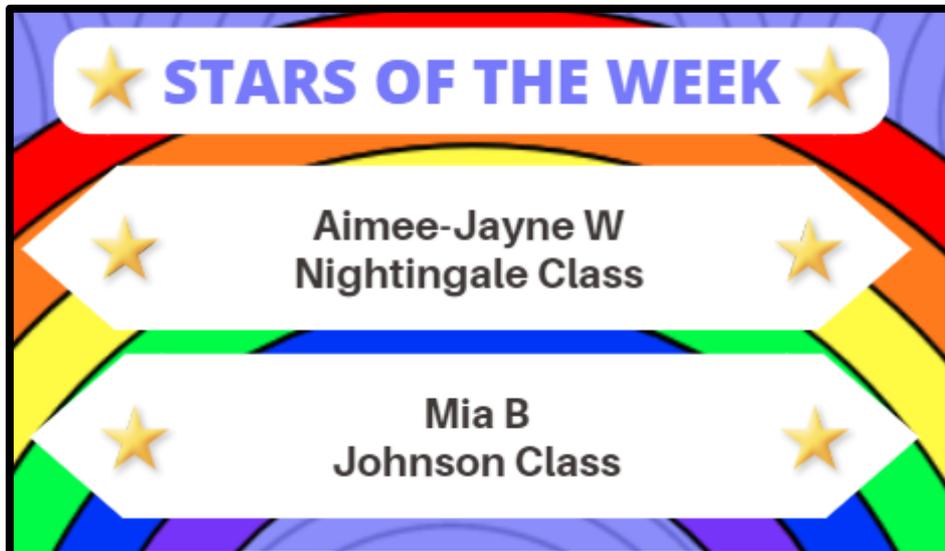
## Key Dates for your Diary:

- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June, INSET Day – no children in school
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, Sports day & Family Picnic
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July (4-7pm) Longford Summer Fayre
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July, move up day: this is when you will have an opportunity to meet with your new teacher for next year and the children will spend the morning in their new classes
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July, Reports out to parents
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July, Longford Family BBQ
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July, last day of Summer Term 2 – **1pm finish**

Enjoy the weekend!

*Hiddleston*

*Julie Hiddleston and the school team*





Supporting

Longford Park  
PTFA

# Make the most of Summer

Help the Community Shine!



**Supporting our cause means the sun won't be the only warmth we feel this year**

- Help us to make a difference to our community – play for just £1 a week
- For every £1 ticket our cause will receive 50p back, a further 10p goes to other great causes in the local area
- We can do so much more with your support
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Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.





# 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>

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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?**

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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**