

# February 2023

### Clubs

We are planning on having clubs after half term. We always try to get a balance of clubs across school so that all year groups are catered for. We also try to vary the clubs offered, clubs are run on a voluntary basis by our staff and we only charge for specialist coaches or clubs that incur additional costs to the school outside of the normal budget.

When children have not received their first choice clubs, we endeavour that they do get their first choice next time.

#### Sporting Events

Fantastic efforts from our girls and boys football teams. We have had lots of matches recently both home and away. The girls team had a particularly good win just last week. A team of year 5 and 6 also attended the swimming gala in January at the Bicester pool. Sadly we could not go to the athletics at Cooper school on January 25<sup>th</sup> due to the very crazy icy weather that morning. There are more sporting events planned over the next few weeks.

### <u>Message from Mrs Rughoobeer</u>

Hello everyone! I am hoping the weather picks up soon and it warms up on the gate! It is always lovely to be able to greet everyone as they arrive and leave but it has certainly been chilly out there recently!

I have been really impressed with all the lovely work going on around our school. I have shown several visitors around who have commented on how polite and friendly the children and staff are. This was also commented on by the recent theatre company who came and performed Sleeping beauty for years 1-6. A great fun event which had everyone singing along.

Time travel education gave years 5 and 6 a taste of living through World War 1. This involved primary artefacts and using virtual reality headsets. This was hugely successful, and the children got a lot out of the experience, we hope to plan more opportunities like this.

We do have fencing taster sessions for KS2 and archery for KS1 and Reception booked in over the next few weeks.

Year 6 as part of our involvement with the Shakespeare hub have a dance workshop planned for 13<sup>th</sup> March.

These are just a few of the exciting events coming up.

### Scooting/cycling

Please remind your children to walk with their scooters once they are within the school grounds, we have had a few near misses on the paths in and out of school. It can get quite busy particularly as everyone is leaving, we want you all to stay safe and by walking with scooters and not riding them or running everyone is safe.

## PARKING IN THE COMMUNITY

Please do not risk a fine by parking illegally. Please also respect our local community and neighbours by parking responsibly. Please do not park on the grass verges or over the driveways of local residents. If you see any near misses or cars parked irresponsibly then please report to 101.

Parent Governor Vacancies
We will be looking for parent
governors to join our governing board. I will be sending out a letter inviting anyone interested to apply.

#### Who's new?

We have welcomed many new children to the school over the past few weeks. They have settled in well and the Longfields children always look after new starters and make sure they are ok.

### **Upcoming Events**

Last day of school before half term – 10.02.2023

PTA Disco 10.02.2023

First day back to school after half term 20.02.2023

Reception and Year 6 Height & Weight Measuring 21.02.2023

> Book fair 22–28 February

World book day 02.03.2023

Class Photos 23.03.2023

Last day of school before Easter Holidays 31.01.2023

Back to School after Easter Holidays 17.04.2023

# Safeguarding



Please can I remind all adults that the use of mobile phones on site is prohibited. This is standard school safeguarding protocol.

Please keep your phones in your pockets until leaving the school premises.

Thank you

### School Life App

Some parents are not receiving updates from school via the School Life App because they are only seeing the public site. For safety, school messages are only available to those who have logged in. Parents should log into the app - just open the app, click the two houses at the top, select log in and enter your user name and password. If you don't have your username or password, just email- <a href="mailto:office@longfields-primary.org">office@longfields-primary.org</a> and we can re-set this for your.

Please ensure that all of your contact details are up to date.

Thank you