



# Longfields' Latest 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020

## Welcome Back!

Dear All,

*I would like to start by saying that it is so good to have a school full of children again. Thank you all for your continued support throughout a very difficult time for everyone. I know that the current restrictions mean that school is still a little different, but within the parameters that we have, we continue to try and make things as normal as possible. That is, if 'normal' is still a word we can use?*

*I have been enjoying standing at the gates in the mornings and afternoons. It has genuinely been good to see you all and welcome you back.*

*The system we have in place seems to be relatively smooth at the moment, but there will be a couple of tweaks just to ease some bottlenecks along the one-way system.*

*There will be a small COVID section to the newsletters from now on, but I want to make sure that we can get back to letting you all know what we are up to in school in regards to our children's learning.*

*As always, thank you for your continued support and contribution to the life of Longfields.*

Some much loved time in the mud kitchen, the water trays, weeding and even harvesting our first ever crop of potatoes.



What a great effort from everyone. There were also a few carrots but they were really too small to be worth a mention.

## FOREST SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

After an extended period of settling back in to school, we have started our journey into all things Forest School. For the moment, it is our Reception children benefiting from sessions out in the Forest area.



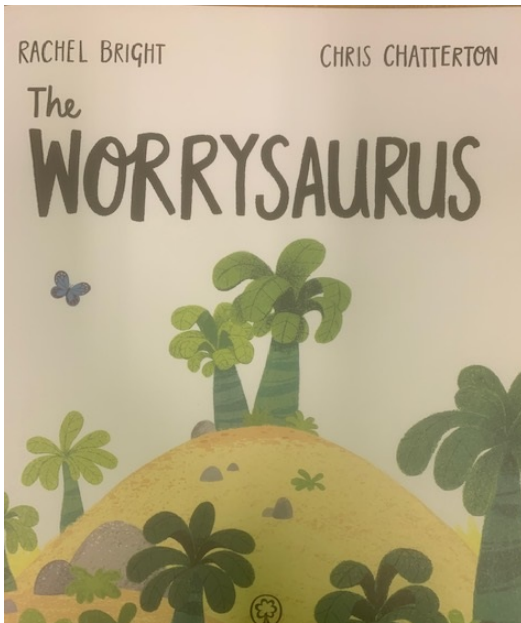
## PARENT EVENINGS

Please note that our Parent Evenings are scheduled for the second week back after half term, although it is quite likely that we will need to run these differently this year. Our current thinking is that these will to be run via Microsoft Teams. We will give further information a little further in to this term.

## 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- [office@longfields-primary.org](mailto:office@longfields-primary.org)  
We can re-set this for you.  
Thank you

# The Worrysaurus



It has been a new experience for me delivering whole school assemblies via Microsoft Teams – beaming into everyone’s classrooms. You may have heard some of your younger ones saying that they saw me on the telly!

This book was a great story about not worrying about things that haven’t happened and focusing on the moment. Lovely book!!

## Microsoft Teams Support



Microsoft Teams

Over the summer we have been working hard on adding to the online support given during lockdown. Many of you will have signed up and agreed to the protocols around the use of Microsoft Teams for your child. Equally, there were some families who did not sign up. We are hoping to use Microsoft Teams within school a little more as well as for home learning and therefore a letter will be sent home to those still needing to sign up and agree to the online protocols. Please read the letter carefully and sign up via Scopay.

Thank you

## Parking around Longfields

The observant amongst you will have noticed that there have been changes to the parking restrictions around the school. This has included an area of new double yellow lines where there is to be no parking and single yellows for partial restriction. I am hopeful that the single yellow restrictions will mean it is easier to drop off in the morning, as it will mean people are unable to park all day and walk into town to work. As always, could I please ask all parents and carers to park legally and respect our local neighbours.

This morning was pretty bad outside the school. Parking on the verges is not acceptable and I have asked if the local police can keep an eye on things. You may have to park a little further away and walk, but that would be preferable to upsetting all of our neighbours.

**Please help with compliant parking**

## SCHOOL SPORT and PHYSICAL EDUCATION

A reminder that last academic year we achieved the Gold Quality Mark. Well done to all our staff and pupils for the dedication shown towards physical education and school sport.

We received an external inspection from the Youth Sport Trust in regards to our school PE status. I am very pleased to remind you all that once again we have reached the GOLD standard for the delivery and participation in school sport and curriculum PE. This is not an easy award to achieve or retain, so well done to all involved, particularly Mr Tyler who is currently leading this area.



## MINDFULNESS at LONGFIELDS

At Longfields we are committed to promoting the well-being of all the children and the staff. To achieve this, we are developing our use of **Mindfulness** across the school. Practicing **Mindfulness** techniques can help children change their mindset from a FIXED mindset to a GROWTH mindset.

**Mindfulness** can help children feel empowered, so they can learn to try new things and take more risks, overcoming anxiety when they make mistakes.

**Mindfulness** means paying full attention to something. It means slowing down to really notice what you're doing. ... When you're **mindful**, you're taking your time. You're focusing in a relaxed, easy way. Across the school, every class takes part in a mindfulness activity for 10-15 minutes each day.

These activities may include

- Breathing exercises
- Listening to music
- Yoga
- Exercise
- Mindful colouring – focus on the shapes, pencil stroke
- Keeping a Feelings Journal
- Paper folding
- Weaving



### **Childhood Flu vaccination 2020 Reception to Y6 Tuesday 13th October.**

Your child's annual flu vaccination is now due. The vaccination is painless and free, given by a quick and simple spray up the nose. Consent to vaccinate your child is now via an online consent form.

<https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/forms/flu>

Or see school website page - Childhood Flu programme 2020

The unique code for Longfields school is: -  
**OX123008**

Please submit your form by 5pm on 8 Oct

## CAR PARK

**A reminder that the school car park is for staff only.** Please do not use it to drop children off or wait for them at the end of the day. If you are spotted using the car park without permission please do not be offended when you are asked to leave. This is for the safety of staff and children attending school. Thank you

Dates for your diary:

### **Please see School Life calendar for full dates**

**School Photographs – Postponed, hopefully will be rescheduled for the Spring Term**

13 Oct - Nasal Flu immunisation-Rec,1,2,3,4,5&6  
22 Oct - Last day before Half Term (Thursday)  
2 Nov - First Day back after Half Term  
18 Dec - Last day before Christmas Break  
5 Jan - First day back at school (Tuesday)