

Dear Parents and Carers,

After the hubbub of the start of term, it is great to see the school settling down with the business of the autumn term and children being absorbed in their topics for this term. I have been able to spend some time in Nursery where the children have been enjoying learning all about people who help us. While I was there, I had my pulse checked by one of the children who was exploring what it was like to be a doctor. I was very relieved to be told that I am in good health!



Nursery hold a Stay and play session every Wednesday from 9:30 – 11:00 which is open to **any** children aged birth to 4 years and their parents/carers. Please come along and invite your friends. We would love to see you.

### Important – Thursday October 6th

October 6<sup>th</sup> is census day for schools which is when the school funding is decided for the whole school year. This is an extremely important day for schools to ensure that we receive the maximum funding that we can. Some of this is based on the number of children who have a school dinner on this day. If your child often brings sandwiches, please consider having a school lunch as this will help us

continue to support the children's learning in the many ways that we already do. All children in Reception, Year One and Year Two are entitled to a free 2-course hot school dinner every day. We will be having a special lunch on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Every child who has a school lunch will receive a raffle ticket and will be entered into a draw to win a prize. Some children are entitled to Free School Meals and the school receives 'Pupil Premium' funding based on the number of children registered for this entitlement. Details of the special menu and who can claim Pupil Premium will follow.

*Lisa Millington*  
**Headteacher**



## This week at Longlands

Nursery enjoying their first sessions in the hall.



Beech getting active with Rocktopus.



Rowan also loving making their video with Rocktopus.

## SPORT



As most of you will know, Longlands has a history of excellent PE and sporting activities. This is something that we are very proud of.

This week, we have been visited by Griff King from Stoke City Football Club, who led an assembly for the children. The children will be bringing home a letter for a special offer school ticket to watch Stoke City FC play Sheffield United on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

We will also be having another sporting visitor from Sports for Champions UK, in the next few weeks. (Letters with further details will follow.) The children will bring home a sponsorship form and will be able to win prizes for the amount of sponsorship money they are able to collect.

Finally, Longlands Primary has 2 Twitter accounts which share the sporting and eco activities that the children take part in. If you use Twitter, you can follow us @LonglandsSport and @LonglandsEco.

Two of our pupils attended the In Bloom Gardening competition Presentation Evening at the Royal British Legion on Wednesday evening. We are delighted that Longlands won the award for Best School, came 2<sup>nd</sup> in Best Eco Garden and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Best Allotment. Thank you to the pupils and staff who work so hard and also to our volunteer, Mark, who does a fantastic job in the allotment.



## CELEBRATION



Happy Birthday to:

JJ	Fir
Mia	Elm
Nancy	Elm
Samuel	Rowan
Lettie	Maple
Harper	Elm
Lexi	Beech



## AWARD WINNERS

Star of the Week

Saplings	Alice
Saplings	Colby
Acorns	Annalise
Acorns	Hudson
Fir	Thea
Willow	Taya
Maple	Lettie
Rowan	Arietty
Elm	Sam
Beech	Leland
Oak	Ronnie
PE	Esmeralda

## UPCOMING EVENTS

[Click here](#) to view our upcoming events. Events at a glance:

- Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September – Choir singing at the Ginger and Spice Festival
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Macmillan Coffee Morning in the school hall 9:00 – 10:00
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October - Parent football reading workshop 9:15 – 10:15
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Year 6 Bikeability

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## NEWS

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