

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are really looking forward to our Harvest Festivals at Market Drayton Methodist Church, this afternoon. Thank you for everyone's generous donations for the foodbank. These will help the foodbank to continue to support families in the local area.

We had a wonderful day on Sunday at our **Farm Open Day** and it was fantastic to see so many people turning out to enjoy visiting the animals as well as taking part in all of the fun activities. We raised nearly £600 which will go a long way towards supporting the upkeep and development of the farm. All pupils are able to spend time on the farm helping out with maintenance, planting and allotment duties, seasonal tasks, cleaning, as well as assisting with the feeding and welfare of the animals during lessons, lunchtimes and school clubs. It also has the very important job of having a positive impact on pupils' wellbeing.

Congratulations to **Mr Mason** for achieving a distinction for his Level 2 Community Activator Coach apprenticeship. His support for the children is excellent and helps Longlands to provide brilliant sporting activities.

Reminder – The children break up for half term today and we return to school on Monday 31st October which will be a non-uniform day. Please can they bring a donation of a chocolate bar or box for the Halloween Bingo which is at 5pm on Tuesday 1st November. We would love to see you there!

If you are looking for a **free activity** to do with the children during half term, we have received information that, for a limited time, you can claim a free National Trust visit this autumn. *'Escape to a place in our care this autumn. Each free visit ticket is single use, and available for up to two adults and four children at a participating place we care for. Valid until 30 November 2022. One ticket per order. <https://www.nationaltrust-tickets.org.uk/category/33142?branches.branchID=2286>*

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome that I have received in my first half term at Longlands. It really is a wonderful school and community!

Lisa Millington
Headteacher



This week at Longlands

Photos from the wonderful Farm Open Day



Miss Holding receiving the School Games Platinum Award on behalf of the school. Mrs Holding gives a lot of her time



Reading at Longlands Primary

Focus



We ask that parents read daily with their children, particularly in the school holidays, to maintain the progress that they are making at school. Whilst reading you can support your child by discussing the meaning of any unfamiliar words, making predictions about what might happen next, by talking about the character's thoughts or motives for behaviour and summarising what they have read.

We are very excited to announce that we have recently subscribed to the Read Write Inc online eBooks to further support Early Reading at home. Here you'll find eBooks of the core Storybooks for Read Write Inc. Phonics, from the Sound Blending books to Grey level. There are also two non-fiction eBooks for each level, from Green to Grey. The children will have access to these books at home and will be able to take a short quiz at the end of this to check the sounds and words that they have practiced in the eBook. The quizzes will help your child by reinforcing the activities that have taken place at school.

Learning to read takes lots of practice. Your child will cover the sounds and spellings at school but the time you spend reading with them is worth every minute. Your class teachers will be providing you with more information on how to access the online eBooks so look out for this. We hope you and your child enjoy sharing all the wonderful stories available and find these supportive in developing your child to become independent confident readers.

CELEBRATION



Happy Birthday to:

Nicky	Oak	Robyn	Rowan
Summer-Leigh	Elm	Dylan	Oak
Tommy	Saplings	Alistair	Beech
Jazmin	Oak	Sally	Rowan
Rayah	Willow	Jonah	Beech

Congratulations to Mikey who won the England football shirt raffle.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- Friday 14th October PD Day – no children in school.
- October half term Monday 17th October to Friday 28th October
- Monday 31st October – return to school
- Monday 31st October – non-school uniform day – chocolate donations
- Tuesday 1st November – Halloween Bingo at school – 5:00pm
- Friday 4th November – Athlete visit to school

[Click here](#) to view our term dates.



NEWS

[Click here](#) to view what our students have been up to recently.

