

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy but fun week with the children taking part in lots of engaging activities, including Fir and Key Stage 1 classes visiting the Film Festival at Festiva Drayton Centre yesterday, and thoroughly enjoyed watching Two by Two. Key stage 2 classes will also be enjoying the Film Festival on Tuesday afternoon (15th) and will be watching Rotten Romans.

I had the very unexpected opportunity to appear on BBC Breakfast on Tuesday morning after being invited to talk about the challenges that schools are facing with funding. This is a very serious issue at the moment and we hope that a positive solution will be reached to help all schools, including our own, continue to provide the educational opportunities for our young people.

On Wednesday, we had a visit from the mayor who supported our British Values curriculum by speaking to the children about his role and the role of others around him. He has also invited Longlands to take part in switching on the lights at Festival of Lights on Saturday 19th November. (Please see the poster below and on our Facebook page).

Yesterday, Graham Westwood joined our Remembrance assembly and spoke to the children about why we wear poppies on Remembrance Day gives people the chance to remember those who fought and lost their lives during the war and honour their memory. It makes sure that we never forget the past, and that those who died didn't die in vain.

The days continue to get colder so we ask that all children bring a warm coat to school. Wherever possible, we take the children outside to ensure that they are staying active and getting some fresh air but want to ensure that they warmly dressed.

As you will know, Longlands offers an excellent choice of after-school clubs. Each half term, Mrs Holding, send out a letter offering the opportunity for your child to try a free session at one of the clubs. This half term, Year 5 and 6 have had the chance to claim a Golden ticket. (See the photo below of the Golden Ticket winners.) Look out for these letters in the future.

Lastly, but very importantly, I would like to remind you about the importance of good attendance. For our young people to gain the greatest benefit from education, it is essential that they attend school regularly and punctually. They should only be absent from school when it is absolutely necessary as good attendance is one of the keys to success. If your child is unwell, parents should inform the school on 01630 652312, as soon as possible, on the first day of absence, and before 9.20am .



Lisa Millington
Headteacher

This week at Longlands

Festival of Lights

Market Drayton Town Centre
Festival of lights
Switch on at 5.00pm
Saturday 19 November 2022

Performances by the Library

10.00	Salopian Brass Band
10.45	Santa arrives in Cheshire Street
11.00	Longlands Choir
11.30	Salopian Brass Band
12.15	Grove School Choir - Voicebox
12.45	Robots
1.15	Mad Dom - Children's Entertainer
1.45	Fire Eating Act - Cheekmeister
2.30	Santa drives through Cheshire Street
2.45	Robots
3.15	Mad Dom - Children's Entertainer
4.00	Fire Eating Act - Cheekmeister

Singing under The Bittercross

11.00	Jess Williams
11.45	Lily Hudson
12.30	Jayne Stonehold
1.15	Liv Lutiner
2.00	A Chaired Taste
2.45	Lilly Boughey
3.30	Rock N Roll Alley Solo
4.00	Andrums Little Voices

4.40 Christmas Carols with Market Drayton Methodist Church followed by the light switch on at 5pm

Clown
Christmas Markets
Punch & Judy

Background Rides & Musical Organ
Face Painter

Santa
11am - 4.45pm
at the Town Hall

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Drop off, drop in

You are invited to join us for a FREE hot drink after dropping the kids off at school.

Where? The Zone, Market Drayton, TF9 1QT

When? 8.45am - 10am
Wednesday mornings
in Term Time

For more information contact: Carolyn Lawrence 01630 652312 or email: carolyn.lawrence@drayton.org

Drop in

Please remember the Drop in mornings at the Zone on Wednesday mornings – 8:45 to 10am.



Golden ticket winners from Beech and Oak



Remembrance assembly with the Royal British Legion



Y2 enjoying their dance lesson based on the Great Fire of London

Parent Afternoons and parent partnership

Apologies for the error in last week's newsletter – the correct information is below.

Focus



Starting from this term, the children would like to invite all parents and carers into school to take part in a fun activity with them.

These 1 hour afternoon sessions will give you the chance to see some of the engaging learning activities that the children take part in at school and you can take part in as little or as much as you would like to.

These afternoons will help you to be even more included in your young person's school life and are a great opportunity to see the different ways in which children learn and to talk to them about their learning.

You will receive an invite from the children and class teacher, at least one week in advance, to let you know which afternoon this will be on.

We really look forward to seeing as many of you as are able to come. If you are not able to attend, nan, grandad, aunt uncle etc, are welcome to attend in your place.

CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday to:

Leo **Maple**
Lucie **Beech**
Jack **Rowan**
Marshall **Fir**



AWARD WINNERS

Star of the Week

Acorns	Ben
Saplings	Lorelai
Fir	Quinn
Willow	Elliott
Maple	Harriet
Rowan	Jack
Elm	Scarlotte
Beech	April
Oak	Mcauley

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 18 th November	Children in Need Pyjama Day
Wednesday 23 rd and Thursday 24 th	Parents' Evenings
Friday 25 th November -	Mufti Day
Friday 2 nd December	Year 3, 4 and 5 Panto at Festival Centre
Friday 2 nd December	Lapland at Longlands (Christmas Fair)
Wednesday 7 th December	Christmas Concert at St. Mary's



NEWS

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