

### Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at parents evening and thank you for completing the parent survey. These surveys are very important to us as they tell us what we are doing well but also help us to improve even further. We are reviewing the data from the survey and will share any actions over the coming weeks.

If you had the chance to visit the Festival of Lights on Saturday, you will have seen that some of our pupils (and staff) had the honour of officially switching on the lights. It is wonderful to be part of such a close community where these events are so well supported.

Market Drayton Library are also celebrating the festive season and have opened their Christmas Tree Festival. 11 local primary schools are taking part, including Longlands. The children have designed Christmas bees and these have been used to decorate the Longlands tree. Please go along to Market Drayton library and vote for Longlands' tree. The winning school will win £50 and the tree, which is potted, will be donated to school, to be planted in the school grounds. We would also like to say a huge thank you to Ann Wilshaw for making the wonderful Bee Angel which has taken pride of place on the top of the tree!

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Children in Need day. We raised a fantastic £204 which will go to help lots of good causes.



We are holding a Kevin the Carrot Raffle. Tickets cost £2 each to win the Kevin set. Tickets can be bought by returning the reply slip which has been sent out on Seesaw. The draw will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. There is no limit on the number of tickets that can be bought.

Finally for this week, to follow what has been a very festive themed newsletter, we are holding our Lapland at Longlands Christmas Fair on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. This will open at 3:30pm and is the entry is free. There will be Santa's Grotto, live music, tasty treats, face painting, gifts, a HUGE raffle, games and much, much more.

We are very grateful to our Longlands PTA 'Friends of Longlands', who give their time to organise and support these events. We would love more parents to join us so, if you have some time, please pop into the office and join our wonderful PTA.

*Lisa Millington*  
**Headteacher**



## This week at Longlands

### Children in Need



### Festival of Lights Switch On



### Longlands' Christmas tree at Market Drayton Library



## Focus



Over the coming weeks, we will be focusing on the individual subjects that we teach at Longlands.

This week, we will be taking a closer look at Music.

**Music** is an incredibly enriching subject and brings such a sense of joy, along with other emotions. We all know the impact of this when a song is played from our childhood and we still know all the words or a song that suddenly brings a tear to your eye.

At Longlands, we help children feel that they are musical, and to develop a life-long love of music. All children in school are given the opportunities to listen to, sing, play, evaluate, analyse, and compose music in a wide variety of ways. Our curriculum introduces children to music from all around the world and across generations, teaching children to respect and appreciate the music of all traditions and communities.

For many, the highlight of the performing year is often the L-Factor where the children are able to share their enthusiasm for music and be confident performers.

The children also get extra-curricular opportunities to share their love of music as part of our excellent **choir** who regularly perform for our community.



## CELEBRATION

### Happy Birthday to:

**Quinn**      **Fir**  
**Zachary**    **Rowan**  
**Jaiden**      **Acorns**



## AWARD WINNERS

### Star of the Week

Acorns	Hudson
Saplings	Everleigh
Fir	Wyatt
Willow	Taya
Maple	Olivia
Rowan	Skyla
Elm	Lucas
Beech	Jaelyn
Oak	Keera

## UPCOMING EVENTS

December	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y3, 4 and 5 Panto at Festival Centre
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lapland at Longlands (Christmas Fair)
7 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Concert at St. Mary's
13 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 and 2 Panto – Theatre Severn
14 <sup>th</sup>	Y1-6 Christmas Concert at St. Mary's 1:30pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner
16 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term.
January	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bank Holiday – School Closed
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Start of Spring Term – children back to school



## NEWS

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