

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of the Autumn term in, what feels like, record time. We hope that you are all looking forward to celebrating with friends and family over the Christmas period. Our children and staff have worked extremely hard this term and I would like to take this chance to thank them all for the welcome that I have received. It feels like I have always been a part of Longlands!

We are delighted that Longlands was recently announced as winner of the Christmas tree decorating competition at Market Drayton Library with our entry 'Maze of bees' which was inspired by our school logo. Thank you to everyone who voted for us and to the Friends of Market Drayton Library for the £50 prize.

On Tuesday, Year 1 and 2 travelled to Shrewsbury to watch the pantomime at Theatre Severn. They very much enjoyed watching Beauty and the Beast and thought it was great fun!

On Wednesday, we were joined by some of the residents from Hatton Court Care Home. It was a fantastic morning where the residents took part in sport and craft activities with the some of the children from Elm and it was wonderful to see the smiles and laughter from the children and residents. They enjoyed their time so much that they decided to join us at the church for our Christmas at St. Mary's concert. It was fantastic to see so many of the carers, parents, friends and family members who were also able to come along to this. It really helped to get everyone into the Christmas spirit. The children and staff have worked very hard to prepare and rehearse for the wonderful performance and we all send our thanks to Rev Catherine McBride for her warm welcome at St. Mary's.

Yesterday was Christmas dinner day which was delicious and enjoyed by nearly 200 children, staff and governors - our amazing kitchen staff, Julie, Pippa and Alena, deserve a massive well done and thank you for all of their hard work today and every other day. We have seen an increase in children choosing school dinners since we changed meal providers and this is great to see. They really enjoy the different meal choices as well as the jacket potatoes and sandwiches. If your child hasn't tried them yet, we highly recommend them!

Today will be filled with Christmas activities, parties, joy and laughter as the children in Reception to Year 6 enjoy their Christmas parties. Nursery, who have been enjoying their parties throughout the week, will be continuing to have Christmassy themed fun and learning.

We would also like to wish Ms Allen and Mr Smith good wishes and all the very best of luck in their new jobs. They have both been a huge part of Longlands and you will be missed.

My final thought for 2022 is, Christmas is a wonderful time for many filled with excitement and magic but, for many, it can be more difficult. Please don't feel guilty about keeping things low key this year and finding other ways to create special memories. When I look back on my childhood, it isn't the presents that I remember but the time that we spent together as a family so put on your coats, hats and gloves and go for a walk to see all the Christmas lights, play a game of hide and seek or put on some Christmas tunes and dance together in the kitchen.

However you choose to spend your time over the festive break, everyone at Longlands hope that Your Christmas is full of joy, laughter and togetherness and we look forward to wishing you a happy New Year when we return to school on Tuesday 3rd January.



Lisa Millington
Headteacher

This week at Longlands

Pantomime visit



Active Care Visit



CELEBRATION



Happy Birthday to:

Olivia	Beech
Riley	Oak
Ethan	Beech
Mila	Acorns
Boden	Fir
Lorelai	Saplings
Phoebe	Elm
Keera	Oak
Darcey	Oak



AWARD WINNERS

Star of the Week

Acorns	Jaiden
Saplings	Dexter
Fir	Leo
Willow	Freya
Maple	Alfie
Rowan	Johnathan
Elm	Lena
Beech	Vlad
Oak	Kai

UPCOMING EVENTS

December	See main newsletter
January	
2nd	Bank Holiday – School Closed
3rd	Start of Spring Term – children back to school

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NEWS



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