

Dear Families,

It has been a delight to **welcome** all the children back to school and to welcome all of our new starters and their families. I am so impressed by how quickly the children have become confident in coming into school each day and enjoying learning both inside and outside the classrooms.

Many of you will know that we had building and decoration work completed during the summer holidays so that our **Nursery** class is now in the main building. We are absolutely thrilled with how the classroom and courtyard look and these are now great spaces for the nursery and reception children.

The classrooms in the **demountable building**, called The Orchard and The Meadow, are now being used as much needed intervention and learning support classrooms throughout the day. Lots of children will be using this space for 1 to 1 and small group learning. It is also the new base for Miss Highfield, our Child and Family liaison worker and Mrs Lloyd's SENCo office. **Breakfast Club** and **KidsQuest** are also based in The Orchard.

You will receive the **Curriculum Letters** for this term via email today. These will share all of the learning that the children will be enjoying throughout the Autumn term and will also give you key information about PE day, trips and days when the children will be learning in the woodland area or in the garden. They will also explain what the children need to wear on these days so please have a read through them, when you receive them.

We introduced a **new spelling scheme** part way through last year and we would like to give this a real boost. The children will bring home a big list of the spellings for the year. They do not have to be learned all at the same time so please encourage them to practice a few each week, at home. They will be tested throughout the year so that they know which words to work on.

Snacks - Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 are provided with daily fruit/veg snacks by the government. Children in Y3-6 are welcome to bring snacks for breaktime and these should be healthy snacks. Crisps, chocolate and sweets, etc are not allowed. A slice of toast is available to buy each breaktime for 20p.

Before and After school clubs for years Reception to Year 6

Bright Start in the hall (Active Morning Club): 8:30am, free and no need to book.

Breakfast club (available every school day): 8:00am until 8:45am – £1.50 (this includes breakfast, if required) – no need to book.

Kids Quest Wrap Around Care (available everyday Mon-Fri):

3:15pm until 4:30pm – £4.50

3:15pm until 6:00pm - £6.50

This must be booked by 2pm on Sunday via the booking form emailed out to all parents. Late bookings will only be taken in a genuine emergency.

Good attendance and punctuality are extremely important to each child's education success.

School doors open at 8:45 with registers being taken from 8:55 – 9:00 so please ensure that your child arrives in time for the register.

If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact school on **01630 652312** by 9:30am on the first day of absence explaining why they are absent and when they are likely to return to school, if possible.

Lisa Millington
Headteacher



This week at Longlands



Happy birthday to:

Olly
Ava
Harlow-Rae

Oak
Elm
Acorns

Sophie
Kris
Beech
Fir

Tegan
Layla
Elm
Rowan

Rosie
Connie-Lee

Rowan
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UPCOMING EVENTS

September	
11 th – 15 th	Year 6 Arthog
13 th	Weekly Stay and Play (baby and toddler group)
14 th	Marches Student Conference 10 Year 5/6 pupils
15 th	Key Stage 1 and 2 Dodgeball
18 th	Care home residents to visit Longlands
19 th	Year 5 swimming
20 th	Weekly Stay and Play (baby and toddler group)
26 th	Year 5 swimming
27 th	Weekly Stay and Play (baby and toddler group)
28 th	Y3-6 Netball workshops – PE kit needed
29 th	9am -10am Macmillan coffee morning- all welcome
30 th	Ginger and Spice Festival – choir performing
October	
3 rd	Taylor Shaw (lunch supplier) Food Focus Sessions
3 rd	Year 5 swimming
5 th	KS2 swimming festival – more info to follow
8 th	12:30 – 3:30 - Farm open day and new Reception intake (2024) open day – to be confirmed.
11 th	Stoke City Assembly



STAR OF THE WEEK



Acorns	Toby
Saplings	Mila
Fir	William
Willow	Thomas
Maple	Caoimhe
Rowan	Maddison-Rai
Elm	Alex
Beech	Fabian
Oak	Ollie

