

Dear Families,

Sporting Visitors - This week, the children have had sporting visitors to our assemblies. On Wednesday, a member of Stoke City led an assembly. Max from Year 4 said, "We had to guess the names of Stoke City and we saw a video of the activities that you can do when you visit or watch a game – you can play in the arcade, there is a shop where you can buy lots of Stoke city things, pool tables and even X-boxes and PSs! We also got a letter to get a ticket for less money. I think it was really good and made me like Stoke City a lot more."

On Thursday, we had a visit from Max Oakley who spoke to the children about his archery career so far. Max is a pupil at one of our Trust Schools and has had an amazing year, winning two international medals out in Switzerland and his first senior National competition. It is great for our children to have the opportunity to hear about these inspiring athletes and sporting opportunities we are thankful to both Max and Griff for their time.

Uniform Deliveries - RAM Leisure has restarted their uniform deliveries from this month and you can find all of the ordering information on our website. When you order, there will be an option to choose free delivery to school with the orders being delivered to us once each month.

Pupil Voice – On Thursday, we were visited by Mrs McGarvey who is a member of our Academy Trust. She spent time speaking to the children about their opinions of school and what we can do even better. She was blown away by the children, their confidence and their views on the school. They were overwhelmingly positive and the children had great ideas for making the school even better, which we will be following up when we receive the report. Your voice is also extremely important so I will be continuing to share opportunities for you to tell us what is going well and what to do next so look out for this at parents' evening.

Governors – This morning, the governors are visiting school so that they can see the work that we are doing in school. They are vital role in the leadership in school and work very hard to hold me to account, making sure that the school continues to aim high for all of our children. Governors are volunteers and we are extremely lucky to have such a dedicated team who support the children and the staff so well.

Their visits allow them to visit the classrooms and also meet with staff to discuss key aspects of the school. This year, I have decided to make sure that the governors hear from the most important people in the school, so some of our pupils will be showing the governors around, this morning, and answering any questions.

Farm Open Day – Thank you to everyone who came to support our Farm Open Day on Sunday and for helping us to raise nearly £400! This will be a great help towards all of our farm costs as well as our plans to update the animal enclosures over the next few months. I would also like to say an enormous thank you to all of the staff who gave their time to help make the day happen.

World Mental Health Day – Finally, on Tuesday, school was a sea of yellow with the children and staff marking World Mental Health Day. It is very important to us that all of children, staff and community are able to understand their emotions and that it is okay to ask for help.

We are here to listen if you ever need someone to talk to.

Lisa Millington
Headteacher



This week at Longlands



UPCOMING EVENTS

October	
17 th	New Reception Intake (2024) Open Day 10:45 – 11:00am Book here
17 th	Year 5 and 6 swimming
18 th	Weekly Stay and Play (baby and toddler group)
18 th	Harvest Festival 1:30pm for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and 2:15pm for Years 3 – 6.
19 th	Primary PE Varsity (The team will receive letters).
20 th	Tennis Event – (The team will receive letters).
20 th	Break up for half term
w/b 23 rd and 30 th	Autumn half term
6 th	PD Day – no children in school
7 th	School reopens
7 th	Reception, Y1 & 2 – Into Film Festival – Puss in Boots – Festival Drayton Centre
7 th	Year 5 and 6 swimming
8 th	Individual pupil photos
8 th	Weekly Stay and Play (baby and toddler group)
9 th	Netball Years 3 – 6 (The team will receive letters).
9 th	Years 3 - 6 – Into Film Festival – Matilda – Festival Drayton Centre
10 th	Diabetic Screening – further information to follow
14 th	Year 5 and 6 swimming
14 th	Spooky Disco
15 th	Weekly Stay and Play (baby and toddler group)
17 th	Children In Need
21 st	Year 5 and 6 swimming



STAR OF THE WEEK

Acorns	Saoirse
Saplings	Ben
Fir	Lucas
Willow	Marshall
Maple	William
Rowan	Scarlett
Elm	Sam
Beech	Joe
Oak	Lucie

