

Dear Families,

Harvest Festival, vision and values - As we have felt the real change to autumnal weather this week, we have also celebrated our Harvest Festival. Thank you to everyone who was able to come and for your generous donations to the food bank. We were able to pass on the food donations which will help so many in our community. During the festival, I spoke to the children and families about our focus this half term on kindness, which is one of our values, and how this is so important at all times but especially when so many families face financial challenges. I also shared a challenge, which I extend to all of our children and families, which is to reach out with one act of kindness every day, as we never know the difference that this can make in someone's life.

Our vision and values are very important to us as they form the identity of our school. It would be great to hear from parents about times when they have seen the children putting our values into action both inside and outside of school. After half term, there will be values tokens in the school entrance where you can **nominate a child for showing one of our values** which we will then celebrate in assembly. (The vision and values are attached again as a reminder for you).

Dark nights, cold weather and club collection – After the half term holiday, we will be returning to darker nights and colder weather. Please can all children be collected from clubs after half term so that they are not walking home in the dark. We will not allow any children to walk home on their own. Can you also ensure that the children are well dressed for all weathers. We try to let the children spend time outdoors every day, as long as it is safe, so they need to have coats, hats and gloves and appropriate footwear to keep them dry and warm.

Thank you – We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Steve from the handy help, who has volunteered his time to school. Steve has helped to move the playhouse into our courtyard for EYFS to use. This adds to the children's creative play and story telling which will help their speech and language and social development.

Half term break – As you will know, we break up today and **return to school on Tuesday 7th November**. Monday 6th November is a training day when teachers will be working on adaptive teaching and learning to further develop the support that every child receives in class.

We wish you all a safe and restful holiday.

Lisa Millington
Headteacher



This week at Longlands



Happy birthday to:

Summer-Leigh	Beech	Sally	Elm	Rayah	Maple	Jonah	Oak	Toby	Acorns
Reggie-John	Acorns	Alistair	Oak	Cecilia	Acorns	Lwandile	Willow		
Leo	Rowan	Alanah	Fir	Aimee	Maple	Robyn	Elm		

UPCOMING EVENTS

October	
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
21 st	Parents' Evening 3:30 – 6:00pm
22 nd	Weekly Stay and Play (baby and toddler group)
22 nd	Parents' Evening 3:30 – 6:00pm
28 th	Year 5 and 6 swimming
29 th	Weekly Stay and Play (baby and toddler group)
29 th	Years 3- 6 Kwik Cricket (The team will receive a letter)

STAR OF THE WEEK

Acorns	Eric
Saplings	Elliott
Fir	Alanah
Willow	Thea
Maple	Archie B
Rowan	Caiden
Elm	Ivory
Beech	Poppy
Oak	Jaelyn

