

Dear Families,

Half termly value - The school Value for this half term is 'We respect each other'. The children will be talking in assemblies and classes about what respect means and how we show it to each other and to ourselves. It would be great if you could continue these conversations at home with the children as respect is such an important value for us all.

Measles update – This week, we have received an update from the United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA) following a national increase in the number of measles cases. UKHSA is urging parents of young children, teenagers and adults to check they are up to date with their MMR vaccines, particularly as we are spending more time indoors where measles can spread more easily. Children are offered the first vaccination at 1 year and the second dose at 3 years and 4 months.

Parents/Carers can check if their child is up to date with their MMR vaccines, by looking in the child's personal child health record (PCHR), known as the [red book](#), or contact the GP practice. If anyone has missed one or both doses of the MMR vaccine, contact the GP practice to book an appointment. It is never too late to catch up.

Symptoms of measles

Measles usually starts with cold like symptoms e.g. a high temperature, blocked or runny nose, sneezing, cough, red, sore watery eyes

Other symptoms:

- Small white spots in mouth
- Measles rash (red and blotchy) which usually appears a few days after the cold like symptoms starting on face and behind ears then spreading to rest of the body.

Anyone displaying symptoms should consult the GP or NHS 111

Reducing the spread of infection

Wash hands regularly with soap and water
Use tissues when you cough and sneeze
Throw used tissues in to the bin

For further information visit [NHS Website](#)

Anyone with symptoms should not return to the setting, school, nursery etc. for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears and avoid close contact with babies, pregnant women and people with a weakened immune system.

HAF Active Holiday sessions – At the Zone, 2nd – 5th January for school aged children from Reception to Y11 who receive benefit related free school meals. Book early to ensure your place.

Sporting achievements – In the last couple of weeks, we have had a number of sporting successes. On Monday, the U11 boys' football team won against Prees and on Tuesday, the U11 girls won against Baschurch. The girls will go on to play at Shrewsbury Town FC in the summer as part of the Shropshire Schools' Tournament. Yesterday, the U11 boys played again and achieved a 3-1 win against a strong, experienced Newtown team. Well done to them all!

Parents' Evening – We look forward to seeing you all at Parents' Evening after school on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Please see the class teacher to book your appointment. Please look out for the QR code to scan for this term's parent voice. Your support in ways to continue to improve school are always incredibly valuable.

Lisa Millington
Headteacher



This week at Longlands



Happy birthday to:



Lucy Jack

Oak Elm

Marshall Sophia
Willow Willow

Alfie Beech

UPCOMING EVENTS



November	
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)
December	
1 st	Years 1 – 6 - Pantomime
5 th	Year 5 and 6 swimming (last session)
6 th	Weekly Stay and Play (baby and toddler group)
6 th	Nursery and Reception sing-a-long am and pm
12 th	Year 3 and 4 – Kwik cricket festival (The team will receive a letter)
14 th	Key Stage 1 and 2 hockey festival (The team will receive a letter)
14 th	Christmas Fair – Lapland at Longlands
TBC	Christmas Carol Concert at St Mary's
21 st	Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner
22 nd	Class Christmas parties
22 nd	Break up for Christmas
January	
2 nd – 5 th	Christmas HAF Active Holidays sessions
8 th	School reopens

STAR OF THE WEEK

Acorns	Reggie
Saplings	Leo
Fir	Alice
Willow	Emma
Maple	Freya
Rowan	Shelby
Elm	Lylah
Beech	Alfie Mc
Oak	Wiktorija

