

Dear Families,

Following our Ofsted inspection in July, we have been working on **making adaptations in the classroom** to continue to ensure that all children are supported and can fully take part in the learning. On the PD day at the start of this half term, teachers used research to find out more about the evidence behind different ways of supporting children and shared good practice with one another. They also started to put together a 'toolkit' of ways to support the children.

To follow this up, Mrs Lloyd and I visited all of the classrooms yesterday to see what strategies have already been put in place for the children and it was great to see so many ways that the children are being supported in fully taking part in all learning. There are a wide range of strategies being made in school including sound cards for spelling, translation tools for pupils who are developing their English skills, laptops for pupils with physical needs or dyslexic traits, regulation spaces for children to feel calm and ready to work as well as access to many other resources around the classes.

This was great to see as it means that less than a term since Ofsted visited, great progress is being made in the development of adaptive teaching and learning.

This half term, working with Mrs Cross, some of the **Year 5 children are campaigning across school to champion saving water**. Keep a look out for the posters around school and the fliers that are going home. The children leading change are Fabian Moga, Joseph Bloore, Oliver Murray-Brooks, Jake Gater, Tia Aujila, Maisie Nimmo, Mia Freail, Evie Partridge, Sienna Goodman Adriana-Maria Canceu. The children would like you to consider this question and their suggestions below. - **Water. Are we doing enough to save it?** The answer is no, unfortunately, and that's something that everyone needs to know because if we don't then we can't fix it. But now we do know, and we can help the young, the old, the poor, the sick that don't have enough water. Here are some ways to save water: Don't fill your cup/bottle up to the top- only fill it up halfway. If you're thinking about having a bath, either reuse the water or have a shower instead.

This week, we have received feedback from the Trust about our [Facebook page](#) and the results were brilliant as we have an incredibly active Facebook page which you interact with really positively. This helps to get the message out about our great school and I thank you for this. I would also like to give a shout out to the Marches Academy Trust's [Facebook page](#), in case you have not seen it.

Community Safety Information- Crimestoppers – did you know that Crimestoppers are an independent charity that gives people the power to speak up to stop crime **100% anonymously**. Your report is sent to the relevant authority with the legal responsibility to investigate crimes, make arrests and charge people in order to bring them to justice. What do they mean by anonymity? Watch these [videos](#) to see how they ensure that you remain anonymous. E.g. If you complete an online form, it won't show on your search history.

Lisa Millington
Headteacher



This week at Longlands



Happy birthday to:

Jaiden
Arrietty

Saplings
Elm

Marcel
Alex

Oak
Elm

UPCOMING EVENTS



December	
5 th	Year 5 and 6 swimming (last session)
6 th	Weekly Stay and Play (baby and toddler group)
6 th	Nursery and Reception Christmas sing-a-long am and pm
6 th	Market Drayton Schools' Joint Christmas Concert – St Mary's – 5pm
12 th	Year 3 and 4 – Kwik cricket festival (The team will receive a letter)
13 th	Year 1 – 6 Christmas Carol Concert at St Mary's – 2pm
14 th	Key Stage 1 and 2 hockey festival (The team will receive a letter)
14 th	Christmas Fair – Lapland at Longlands
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
9 th	Year 2 swimming
11 th	Reception and Year 6 height, weight check and Reception healthy teeth talk
11 th	Year 3 Read the Game
15 th	Application for Reception places 24/25 closes

STAR OF THE WEEK

Acorns	Cecilia
Saplings	Isla
Willow	Jacob
Maple	Milena
Rowan	Arianne
Elm	Emma
Beech	Molly
Oak	Vlad

