

Dear Families,

**Happy New Year** to you all. We hope that you were all able to enjoy the festive break and are looking forward to 2024.

In 2024, Longlands will be continuing to find ways to help our planet by reducing, reusing and recycling. Everyone in school has been challenged with reducing the amount of energy we are using across the school. In Year 2, they have a simple but effective way to remind them all, which is a gold sticker on the switches that need pressing when they leave the room, so the children can do this even if the adults forget.

Also, led by Mr 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 will be going home. The children leading change are Fabian, Joseph, Oliver, Jake, Tia, Maisie, Mia, Evie, Sienna and Adriana-Maria. Please read their message, below, to you so that you can help to make a difference at home as well.

**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, you will receive a copy of your child's **curriculum letter for this term**. It has been designed to give you as much information as possible regarding your child's learning. Please also see this for the details of PE days.

If you would like to keep up to date with what's been happening in your child's class please have a look at the **school Facebook page** at [www.facebook.com/LonglandsPrimarySchool](http://www.facebook.com/LonglandsPrimarySchool) where we share photos and information about the activities that the children have been involved in.

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, we are lucky enough to be hosting our annual Athlete's visit and sponsored event. This year, we are delighted that the athlete joining us will be Chris Tawiah, champion Basketball player. Whilst he is here, he will lead the sponsored fitness circuit- details of this will be sent out shortly. Please help us to raise money which will be split between the school and the Sports for Champions athletes who train for 35+ hours per week so do not have any other source of income. In school, we will be using any money as part of our fundraising towards a new climbing wall, which all of the children will be able to enjoy.

Finally, a uniform reminder was sent out yesterday as we have seen an increase in children not wearing the correct uniform. Please ensure that children are wearing school shoes every day, with the exception of PE days and the correct school sweatshirt/cardigan. We will be consulting parents on the colour of polo shirts later this term to further reduce the cost of our school uniform so please look out for this information.

*Lisa Millington*  
**Headteacher**



### This week at Longlands



### Happy birthday to:

- Nathan
- Maple
- Mikey
- Oak
- Jake
- Oak
- Grace
- Beech

### UPCOMING EVENTS

January	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Application for Reception places 24/25 closes
16 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Vision screening
16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 swimming
17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Library visit
18 <sup>th</sup>	Basketball competition (The team will receive a letter)
19 <sup>th</sup>	Kwik Cricket Festival (The team will receive a letter)
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 2 swimming
25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Read the Game
26 <sup>th</sup>	Maple Class/Year 2 parent session 1.30pm
30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 swimming
February	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3 Read the Game
5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability
6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 swimming
8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Read the Game
9 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for half term
w/b 12 <sup>th</sup>	Spring half term holiday
19 <sup>th</sup>	PD Day – children not in school
20 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens
20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 swimming

### STAR OF THE WEEK

- Acorns
- Tommy W
- Saplings
- Jesse
- Fir
- Max
- Willow
- Bonnie
- Maple
- Amiee
- Rowan
- Teegan
- Elm
- Arrietty
- Beech
- Molly
- Oak
- Pheonix

