

Dear Families,

Our last week before the **Easter holiday** has been another busy week. It has been lovely to spend some more time outside in the milder weather and to see the insects that have taken shelter over winter, busy in the farm and forest school areas.

This week, we have, once again, been **awarded the Youth Sport Trust Gold Mark**. I am so proud of the work that the adults and children put into sport in our school. The feedback highlighted the excellent work that is put in by the PE Team, Mrs Hounsell and Miss Holding, with the support of the Trust lead, Mr Hounsell. They recognised the excellent PE lessons, the active breaks throughout all lessons, the quality professional development of all staff as well as the fact that all of the pupils take part, right from the time they join us in Nursery. Well done to everyone involved.

Enormous thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Dixie, Lettie, Jaelyn, Mrs. Hounsell, and Mrs. Brennan who spent their Sunday **building a new chicken pen** on our school farm. The chickens are now enjoying their little hatch, which allows them to interact with the goats. We would also like to say a huge thank you to **Rachel and Wendy at Fordhall Farm** who have worked with some of the young people who attend their Youth Services provision to build us a new guinea pig and rabbit run as well as bird and bat boxes.

A big thank you to everyone who donated chocolate and/or joined us for **Easter Bingo** on Wednesday and thank you to Mr Cross for being our fantastic Bingo caller. It was a great event filled with fun and laughter. Not only did we have a great time, but we also raised £280 for the PTA. These funds directly support school resources and activities. Also thank you for your support for our **Comic Relief Wear Red** day last Friday. The cake sale raised an impressive £90 for Comic Relief.

Please take a moment to review the attached **Child Care Choices Poster**. It provides valuable information on how you can access **support for child care costs**. Scan the QR code on the poster to get more information.

Please follow the link to see more information about the [national childhood immunisation campaign](#) which has been launched by NHS England and UKHSA (UK Health Security Agency). The campaign aims to encourage parents of children aged 0-5 years to get their children vaccinated. If your child has missed or may miss a vaccine, we strongly recommend getting them vaccinated. Recent data shows a drop in vaccinations for measles and whooping cough, so let's protect our little ones together!

Our school is committed to fostering open communication. The **Promoting Open Conversations Poster** is a helpful resource. It encourages children to express their feelings confidently. When children feel heard and understood, it positively impacts their well-being and the poster offers suggestions of how to do this at home.

You Said, We Did – following last summer's feedback, please see the summer dates attached. If dates have to change for any reason, we will give you as much notice as possible.

Finally, we would like to **wish Mrs Hughes the very best of luck** as she moves on from Longlands. She has been a fantastic lead of our KidsQuest afterschool club and we thank her for all that she has done. KidsQuest will continue after Easter with current staff from Longlands running the sessions.

We wish you all a happy Easter and look forward to seeing you for the Summer term which starts on Monday 8th April.


Lisa Millington
Headteacher



This week at Longlands



Happy birthday to:

 Emma Willow Elliott Acorns Amelia Rowan Elliott Maple
Ella Beech Max Fir Freya Maple Joseph Beech
Ivory- Elm Ruby Rowan Sienna Oak Thea Willow
Rose

UPCOMING EVENTS

March	
22 nd	Break up for Easter Holiday
w/b 25 th March and 1 st April	Easter Holiday
April	
8 th	Summer term starts
9 th and 10 th	Chance to Shine Cricket
10 th	Netball finals (The team will receive a letter)
11 th	Hedgehog rescue talk for all classes
16 th & 17 th	Chance to Shine Cricket
19 th	Schools Mini-marathon
22 nd	5 year old dental survey
22 nd to 25 th	Fir and Willow Bikeability
23 rd	Year 3 and 4 swimming
30 th	Year 3 and 4 swimming
May	
1 st	Chance to Shine Cricket – Y2 to 6
2 nd	Deaf awareness assembly
6 th	School closed – bank holiday
7 th	Year 3 and 4 swimming

STAR OF THE WEEK

Acorns	Saoirse
Saplings	Stanley
Fir	Max
Willow	Rory
Maple	Logan
Rowan	Lettie
Elm	Arrietty
Beech	Lexi
Oak	Jonah

