

Dear Families,

Welcome back to all our families for the summer term. I am hoping that the sun will make an appearance sometime soon but, in the meantime, please continue to send the children with their coats as we try to get outside everyday, as long as the rain is not too heavy.

This half term, the **school value** that we are focusing on is **'We are curious'**. In assembly, yesterday, I challenged the children to think of their own question that they are curious about and to find a way to answer this so please ask them about this. I look forward to hearing what they found out!

Here's why curiosity is crucial for our children:

1. Curiosity fuels a lifetime of learning. When children ask questions and seek answers, they actively take part in their education.
2. Curious minds dig deeper and develop their problem solving skills. Whether it's understanding a toy or unravelling mysteries, curiosity encourages critical thinking.
3. Wondering "What if?" opens doors to innovation. Curiosity sparks creativity—the birthplace of breakthroughs. Einstein would not have made his amazing discoveries about space and gravity if he hadn't been curious.
4. Curiosity also helps children to build connections. Curious children notice details others miss. They ask, "Why?" and explore, enriching their understanding of the world.

Our **parent afternoon sessions** will continue throughout this term so please look out for the dates of any of these. We are also excited to be working closely with Grove School and their new headteacher, Mr Allsopp. Grove staff are hoping to attend some of our parent sessions to get to know our families better.

I would like to remind you of our **Before and After school clubs** for years Reception to Year 6

- Bright Start in the hall (Active Morning Club): 8:30am, free and no need to book.
- Breakfast club (available every school day): 8:00am until 8:45am – £1.50 – no need to book.
- Kids Quest Wrap Around Care (available everyday Mon-Fri): 3:15pm until 4:30pm – £4.50 3:15pm until 6:00pm - £6.50

Lastly, but very importantly, I would like to remind you about the importance of **good attendance**. For our young people to gain the greatest benefit from education, it is essential that they attend school regularly and punctually. They should only be absent from school when it is absolutely necessary as good attendance is one of the keys to success.

If your child is unwell, families should inform the school on 01630 652312 on the first day of absence, before 9.20am.


Lisa Millington
Headteacher



This week at Longlands



Happy birthday to:

 Tabitha Acorns
Xion Saplings

UPCOMING EVENTS

April	
16 th	Year 3 and 4 swimming
17 th	Chance to Shine Cricket – Y2 to 6
19 th	Schools Mini-marathon
22 nd	5 year old dental survey
22 nd to 25 th	Fir and Willow Bikeability (bikes provided by school)
23 rd	ProStrike football event
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
8 th	Chance to Shine Cricket – Y2 to 6
10 th	Year 5 Enginuity Visit
13 th to 16 th	Year 6 SATs week
14 th	Year 3 and 4 swimming
15 th	Chance to Shine Cricket – Y2 to 6
20 th	Bee day – wear black and yellow or dress as a bee
21 st	Year 2 Pond dipping visit

STAR OF THE WEEK

Acorns	Addison
Saplings	Elliot P
Fir	Archie
Willow	Emmy
Maple	Caoimhe
Rowan	Joseph
Elm	Alicia
Beech	Summer
Oak	Lucie

