



Dear Families,

This week, Year 1 had a visit from Hazel Snape, our **Teacher of the Deaf**. She helped the class to understand more about hearing loss which helped the children to follow our school values of 'we are kind', 'we are curious' and 'we respect each other'.



Year 3 have started their **Reading the Game sessions** which will take place weekly over this term. These sessions, run by Coach Neil from Shrewsbury Town Foundation, aim to inspire pupils to read more and improve their confidence and attitude towards literacy. This includes helping children to improve their writing skills through football related resources, encouraging children to write match reports, diary entries, letters and reading comprehension.

This programme uses the power of football to inspire learning within the classroom. Each child receives a unique Shrewsbury Town Football Club workbook that has been designed by experts of the educational sector, to complete the classroom section of each session. The programme also includes an hour outdoor football skills session each week.

Class teachers have been sending out the termly curriculum letters so I hope that you have seen these and find the information useful. For further information about what the children learn, you can also visit our website at [Curriculum - Longlands Primary School](https://www.longlandsprimaryschool.co.uk).

We are also excited to tell you that we are **working on a new website for school** which will look fantastic and be easy to access, once it is complete, and we will let you know when this is available.

Last term, we asked you what you thought about our current uniform guidance, focusing on hairstyles and shoes. Across the Trust Primary schools, nearly **300 of you got involved, thank you**. As a Trust we are now exploring the results, along with views from secondary school families. We will share more later in the year.

Please remember that PE kit for all pupils is a plain white t-shirt, black shorts/ jogging bottoms and a plain sweatshirt or school jumper. No hoodies please for safety reason.

Finally, **if you need to contact the office** for any reason, please select the correct option. For Student absence, it is option 1 and for any other query it is option 2. If the office are not able to answer when you select option 1 or 2, please leave a message. Please do not select option 3 as this is the staff absence line and does not go to the office.

Lisa Millington
Headteacher



This week at Longlands



Happy birthday to:

Grace Oak **Brodii** Saplings
Jude Maple **Taya** Rowan

UPCOMING EVENTS

January	
21 st	Year 2 swimming begins
21 st	Year 3 Read the Game
22 nd	Weekly Stay and Play 9.30-11 (baby and toddler group)
28 th	Year 2 swimming
28 th	Year 3 Read the Game
29 th	Weekly Stay and Play 9.30-11 (baby and toddler group)
February	
4 th	Year 2 swimming begins
4 th	Year 3 Read the Game
5 th	Weekly Stay and Play 9.30-11 (baby and toddler group)
7 th	Key Stage 2 Orienteering competition (The team will receive letters)
10 th	Year 5 and 6 Football Partnership competition (The team will receive letters)
11 th	Year 2 swimming
11 th	Year 3 Read the Game
12 th	Weekly Stay and Play 9.30-11 (baby and toddler group)
12 th	Year 2 open afternoon – begins at 1.30pm
14 th	Break up for half term
w/b 17 th	Spring half term holiday
24 th	PD Day – children not in school
25 th	School reopens

STAR OF THE WEEK



Acorns	Kai
Saplings	Finnley
Fir	Mark
Willow	Eden
Maple	Saanvi
Rowan	Freya
Elm	Lettie
Beech	Zach
Oak	Alex

