



# The Clock



From **Mrs Piper-Hadfield**

## **Time for the latest news:**

*Thank you to all of the Owls' parents who joined us on Tuesday to view the children's topic homework. We were amazed at all the inventive ways in which the children had made their shelters – from plant pots and bean tins to cake! They were all unique and you could see the effort that had gone into each one. It was also great to see/hear how eager the children were to discuss their projects. We hope you enjoyed viewing them too.*

## **Time to Celebrate...**



**Mrs Piper's sparklers this week are:**

**Billy Y1** for progress – nominated by Mrs Clarke

**George Y5** for thoughtfulness – nominated by Miss Townsend

**Quaid Y5** for effort – nominated by Mrs Piper-Hadfield

**Madeline Y6** for effort and maturity – nominated by Mrs Piper-Hadfield

**Ripley Y6** for resilience – nominated by Mrs Whitney

**Mrs Shaw** for kindness and empathy – nominated by Jemima

**Cover Photo: The Owls showing off their incredible Anderson shelters!**



### **School Walk**

So long as the weather stays dry, we will be going on a whole-school walk on Monday. Please can children therefore make sure they have suitable clothing with them (this is needed for breaktimes anyway), including a thick coat. They will also need to bring sensible shoes e.g. wellies – these can be brought in a bag to change into/out of.

### **Lunches – Tuesday**

A reminder that as we will be returning to school at around 1pm after the theatre trip, all children will need to bring a packed lunch with them to have at school once we have returned. They will of course be having ice cream during the interval and we ask that they bring a water bottle with them (they can also bring a snack).

Thank you to all who have given consent and made payment for the theatre trip so far. If this is outstanding, please can it be completed as soon as possible. Any problems, please contact me at [headteacher@longford.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@longford.derbyshire.sch.uk). Thank you.

### **School Christmas Lunch**

Our school Christmas lunch is on Wednesday (14<sup>th</sup>). All children signed up for school lunches will receive a Christmas meal, along with any additional children who requested one.

### **Christmas Plays – Thursday**

The children are looking forward to performing for you on Thursday – they've spent a lot of time practising this week. Some of the songs are particularly catchy this year!

Performances are at 1.30pm and 6.30pm, with KS1 performing first, followed by KS2.

### **Christmas Craft Afternoon**

Along with Mr Leeson, our chair of governors, I will be holding a Christmas Craft Afternoon for the whole school on Wednesday.

There will be a range of activities for the children to take part in – including decorating cookies, making tree decorations and designing Christmas cards. It will be a lovely opportunity for the whole school to celebrate together. I know I'm looking forward to it!



### **St Chads Carol Service – this Sunday**

A reminder that St Chads' Christmas Carol Service is taking place this Sunday and it would be lovely to have as many Longford pupils in attendance as possible. They will be singing Abba's 'I Have a Dream' and some children have volunteered to do a reading.

Mrs Hawksworth and Mrs Johnson have also been in school this week, making angel decorations with each of the children, to decorate St Chad's with. Thank you both for your time!

### **Strep A**

Please see the guidance issued on ParentHub earlier this week as regards what to do if you feel your child is showing symptoms. I will of course keep you updated should any further guidance become available.

No further cases have been reported in school this week.

### **Next week:**

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>
Whole-school walk	Wind in the Willows at Derby Theatre	Christmas lunch	Christmas Performances – 1.30pm and 6.30pm	
Art Club	Eco Club	Whole-school craft afternoon		
		Creative & Games Club	Primary Stars Sports Club	General Club





Important dates for this term:

<b>Monday 12<sup>h</sup> December</b> – whole school walk
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b> – whole-school theatre trip
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b> – Christmas plays, Wyaston (1.30pm and 6.30pm)
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b> – Christmas Church Service
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b> – Christmas Jumper Day and last day of term
<b>Christmas Holidays</b>

