



# The Clock



From **Mrs Piper-Hadfield**

**Time for the latest news:**

*It has been a fun-filled first week back, with new topics, new areas to explore and for many, new teachers! I hope you all had a lovely summer break – having beautiful weather this week has meant that our wonderful new reception have been able to spend lots of time outside, which they have really enjoyed – it has been great having 12 new members of the Longford family!*

**Time to Celebrate...**



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

Every single child for such a fantastic start to the school year!

**Photo: Our new reception children!**



### **Parent Meeting – Wednesday 13th**

After speaking to a number of parents, I have moved the parent meeting next week back by 15 minutes, to 5.30pm. I hope this means that more of you are able to attend – I appreciate that a time will never work for everyone. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **After-School Clubs**

A reminder of the clubs on offer this term:

3.15-4.15pm = Themed Club

4.15PM – 5.15PM = General Club

All bookable via ParentPay bar Tuesday, which is booked directly with Primary Stars

**Monday:** Wildlife (Mrs Whitney)  
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**Tuesday:** Dodgeball

**Wednesday** Creative (Miss Beresford)

**Thursday:** Footgolf & Handball

**Friday:** Games (Miss Beresford)

If children do not have PE on the day of any sports clubs, please can they bring their kit with them to change into at the end of the day. Thank you.

### **Reading Records/Diaries**

The company we order from has had some issues with production over the summer – they have assured us they will be with us by the end of next week. Apologies for this delay.

### **Toys Wanted!**

In Robin class this half-term, we are looking at 'Toys through Time' and are therefore in need of some toys from the past and across multiple decades.

If anyone has the following, we would really appreciate borrowing them (along with anything else you feel may be of interest!)

- Gameboy (original or colour)
- Etch a Sketch
- Mr Potato Head
- Happy Families card game
- Monopoly (old version)
- Older toy trains & soldiers
- Barbie/Ken/Sindy
- Old bears
- Older toys – inc Victorian

### **Summer Reading Challenge**

If your child took part in and completed the challenge over the holidays, please ensure the library are aware asap so they can arrange certificates and medals for when they are in school.

### **Harvest Service**

As Harvest has fallen early in the school year this year, St Chad's have invited us to join them for their service, rather than having a separate school and village service. This is a great opportunity to further build links between the school and community and we thank the church for this offer. By joining together, it also means that a vicar is able to run the service.

The Harvest Service will therefore take place on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 11.15am** and we invite the whole school community to join us. I have been assured that there will also be cakes on offer after the service!

Children are invited as normal to bring a food and/or toiletries hamper with them to be donated to those in need. Please no perishables.

We of course understand that as it is at the weekend, not everyone will be able to attend but hope that there will still be many of you joining us.

### **NSPCC Letter**

Please see the attached letter re our NSPCC 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' assemblies.

### **First Week Back:**

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>
		Parent Meeting – 5.30pm	NSPCC assemblies	
(Mrs Whitney)	Dodgeball Club	Creative Club (Miss Beresford)	Primary Stars Club	Games Club (Miss Beresford)



Important dates for this term:

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** – Parent Information Meeting, 5.30pm.  
**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September** – Harvest Festival Service at St Chad's, 11.15am  
**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September** – Grandparents' Day  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October** – Robins' School Trip  
**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October** – Owls' Topic Workshop  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – Longford Little Ones  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** – Response Marking Morning  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October** – Parent Consultation Meetings  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October** – Inset day (school closed to pupils)

**HALF TERM**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** – Woodpeckers' School Trip  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** – Open Day for prospective parents (school open as normal)  
**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** – Response Marking Morning  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Longford Little Ones (Christmas Party)  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Whole-school theatre trip  
**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas plays at Wyaston  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** – Church Service at St Chad's (TBC) & last day of term

