



# The Clock



From **Mrs Piper-Hadfield**

**Time for the latest news:**

*This afternoon, we welcomed back Beth from Ashbourne Library to present certificates and medals to all the children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge. She was very impressed with the enthusiasm shown by Longford pupils and so are we! Well done to everyone that took part.*

**Time to Celebrate...**



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

**Jack YR** for friendship – nominated by Ted

**Georgia YR** for politeness – nominated by Alice

**Billy and William Y2** for kindness – nominated by Nico

**Phoebe Y2** for effort with writing – nominated by Mrs Piper-Hadfield

**Oliver Y4** for kindness & encouragement – nominated by Mrs Shaw & Mrs Clarke

**Jake Y4** for empathy and care – nominated by Jemima

**Thorley Y3, Jake Y4 and Oliver Y4** for positive play – nominated by Mrs Clarke

**Photo: Presentation  
Assembly**



## Reception Children – From Monday

As the children have been with us for three weeks now and are settling more into the school routine, we are going to ask that parents allow children to come into the classrooms themselves. Any issues, of course please speak to Mrs Whitney or the member of staff/governor on the gate (if you haven't already) and we can support you with this transition.

## Music Lessons

A couple of parents have enquired about music lessons within school. I have reached out to Derby Music Partnership, and they have located a flute teacher who may be able to provide these for us in school (piano and guitar teachers with availability are proving very difficult to find).

They only recommend lessons for children in Year 4 upwards but as we are a small school, they will allow Year 3s too.

If your child is interested in flute lessons, please get in contact with me so that I can get an idea of possible uptake. Thank you.

## Christmas Theatre Trip

Please find attached a letter regarding our Christmas trip. Apologies if many of you would rather not think about that time of year yet (!) but we always endeavour to get trip/payment information to you as early as possible.

## Next Week:

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>
Wildlife Club (Mrs Whitney)	Dodgeball Club	Creative Club (Miss Beresford)	Primary Stars Club	Grandparents' Day (Robins)  Games Club (Miss Beresford)



## Harvest Festival at St Chad's – this Sunday

Just a reminder that St Chad's have their service this Sunday (24<sup>th</sup>) at 11.15am. Everyone is welcome.

They will also be collecting donations for Padley's – please see the list sent home in book bags for recommended donations. Items do not need to be presented in a hamper – they can be brought in a bag.

Some of the items in highest demand are:

- Biscuits
- Cook-in-sauces
- Coffee
- Cereal
- Long-life milk
- Shower gel
- Shoes
- Underwear (new)

I look forward to seeing lots of familiar faces!

(We are currently waiting for confirmation on our school Christmas service but I will let you know once it has been confirmed.)

## Longford Little Ones and Open Day

We have our first Longford Little Ones session taking place on Wednesday **18<sup>th</sup> October**. This takes place from 1.15pm and we invite a parent to stay with their child for the session.

The children will be able to explore the provision in their (possible) future classroom!

This is for prospective parents, who will be applying for a reception place for 2024-25.



We also have an **open day** on Wednesday **15<sup>th</sup> November**, where we invite prospective parents to come and have a look round the school. This will be a normal school day.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in seeing what Longford has to offer and/or is thinking of joining us, then please let them know.

Important dates for this term:

**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)

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November** – Response Marking Morning

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** – School Photos (Individual)

**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 (1pm & 6pm)

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** – Church Service at St Chad's (TBC) & last day of term

