



# The Clock



From **Mrs Piper-Hadfield**

**Time for the latest news:**

*It's been a very exciting week at Longford - we've definitely lived out the school motto of, 'time to learn, time to care, time for fun!' We had a fabulous World Book Day yesterday, with buddy reading and activities in the morning and then a tea party for Robins and Woodpeckers in the afternoon, whilst the Owls were out at the theatre. The children's outfits were incredible so once again, a huge thank you to all of you for your efforts – you went above and beyond!*

**Time to Celebrate...**



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

**Viktorija** for kindness – nominated  
by Sophia B

**Ivy and Inaya Y3** for helpfulness –  
nominated by Mrs Clarke

**Mrs Clarke and Mrs Bates** for  
support – nominated by Amy-Leigh

**Fiona Harrison** for helpfulness  
(transporting 3 children to Sheffield  
when the bus didn't show up!) –  
nominated by Mrs Piper-Hadfield



### Outdoor Learning

Please see the attached letter regarding outdoor learning sessions and a trip to Kilburn in the summer term – we're really excited about the extra opportunities these will provide for our children.

### Easter Week

We have managed to find a vicar to run our Easter service on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March, so please keep this date in your diaries. Start time is 2.30pm. As usual, children will walk over from school, so will need wellies. They can then be collected from church.

We invite families and the wider Longford community to join us.

During the week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> March, we will be having an Easter theme running throughout the afternoons, involving lots of whole-school activities, including a village Easter egg hunt! We also have an exciting event happening on the Thursday morning, which I know the children will be very excited about – more information to follow soon!

### School Uniform – Hair Accessories

We have noticed lately that there have been quite a few elaborate hair accessories being worn by children in school. Please can we ask that any headbands, bobbles etc are in keeping with school uniform. I would rather not go to the extent of stipulating sizes, but we have had some rather large bows! Please can we also ask that children do not have glitter in their hair. Thank you.

### EMBARK Dance Festival – Y5/6

On Thursday, our Owls will be representing Longford at the EMBARK dance festival, being held at the New Horizons Centre in Langley Mill. Each school will be showcasing a dance, linked to their topic and the Owls are performing 'Under the Sea', linking with our Environmental theme for this half term (this is also being used for their QEGS dance).

They will need to be at school for 8.15am, with an anticipated arrival time back at school of 3.30pm (the event is due to finish at 2.30pm). They should come dressed in black bottoms and a top and require a packed lunch and water bottle.

Best of luck Owls!

### Mother's Day Service at St Chad's

The above service will be taking place at 10.30am. It is a village-led service, and everyone is welcome.

### Parking – April

Some of our neighbours (to the right, when facing school) have been in touch to inform us that they are having work done on 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> April and so there may be some disruption on those days, in terms of parking and traffic.

They have also kindly asked that parents do not park over their driveways on a day-to-day basis at drop off or pick up. Thank you.

### Diary Dates

Please see below for a list of diary dates up until the end of this academic year. These will of course be added to/updated as we go along but I know how much you appreciate having dates as early as possible.

For clarity, sports events are listed separately further down (please note that bikeability dates have now been added).

A reminder that there is **no after-school club this Monday** due to staff twilight training. Thank you.

### **Next week:**

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>
	Monthly church-led assembly		Y5/6 EMBARK dance festival	
No Club (due to staff training)	Basketball Club (Primary Stars)	Creative Club (Miss Beresford)	Dance Club (Primary Stars)	No Club

**Important dates for Spring 2 & Summer:**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – EMBARK dance festival**



**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** – Parent Response Marking Morning  
**w/c 25<sup>th</sup> March** - Easter Celebrations  
**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March** – Longford Little Ones  
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Easter Bunny Racing & Easter Service at St Chad's, 2.30pm  
**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March** – Good Friday (school closed)

**EASTER HOLIDAYS (1<sup>st</sup> April – 12<sup>th</sup> April)**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** – Earth Day assembly  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April** – Year 1 Phonics Meeting, 2.45pm  
**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** – HSBC workshops  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May** – Parent Response Marking Morning  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May** – KS2 SATs week  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May** – Longford Little Ones  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May** – QEGS Primary Art Day (Y4-6)  
**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** - Road Safety Workshops (whole school)

**HALF TERM (27<sup>th</sup> May - 31<sup>st</sup> May)**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June** – Matt Crawford - EMBARK Awards assembly, 2.45pm  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June-Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June** – Y5/6 Residential to Mount Cook  
**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June** – Inset day  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June** - Parent Response Marking Morning  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July** – Y6 Kooth Workshop  
**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**- whole-school transition day  
**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>-Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July** – QEGS Y6 transition days  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July** – whole-school Sports Day  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July** – Whole-School Faith Trail trip (details to follow nearer the time)  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Speech & Sparkle  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – Y6 Leavers' Service and last day of term



## Upcoming Sports Events

Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	EMBARC Dance Festival
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	EYFS & KS1 Fundamentals
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Y3&4 Mega Athletics
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Y5&6 Kwik Cricket
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3&4 Kwik Cricket
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	QEGS Dance Festival
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3&4 Rounders
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Primary Stars' EYFS & KS1 Sports Day
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Primary Stars' Y3&4 Sports Day
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Y5&6 Rounders
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Longford Sports Day
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Longford Games
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Bikeability (all day)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5 Bikeability (morning)

### School/Trust Event



### Primary Stars Event



### QEGS Event

