

# THE CLOCK

The weekly newsletter of Longford CofE Primary School

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Harvest Service, walk and conker collecting!

## This Week's News from Mrs Piper-Hadfield:

Thank you to everyone who joined us for this year's Harvest Festival service - I am sure you will all agree that the children were fabulous! A big well done to our reception children in particular, who have only been with us for three weeks and yet not only sang beautifully with the Y1s but used Makaton too!

Thank you also for all of your generous donations to Ashbourne Foodbank - these will all be dropped off and will be much appreciated by the families who receive them.

## Sparkler Awards:

Rolled over to next week due to Harvest Festival in lieu of Sparkler Assembly

## Parking

We are of course aware that with 20 new children joining us this year, there are a quite a few more cars at drop off and collection.

Whilst I do not have any authority over the roads, to make the situation as smooth as possible for everyone, I ask that everyone keeps to the established system we have in place.

**Drop Off:** Driving up to school from the left hand side (if facing school) and waiting your turn to pull forward and drop your child(ren) off. Two cars can do this at a time, to increase flow. Please then drive on to allow the next car to pull up. If you prefer to park and walk your child into school, please park on the right hand side of the road (if facing school), again, so as to increase flow for parents just dropping off.

**Collection:** Parking on the road and coming onto the playground to collect children.

Please avoid blocking access for neighbours or any vehicles coming down the other side of the road.

Thank you for your cooperation - I know parking is a challenge at most schools and so hopefully, we can work together to make it as smooth as possible here.

## Show & Share Morning

Our first 'Show and Share' morning of the academic year is on Monday. This is where we invite parents into school between 8.50-9am to look at your children's work. These run every half-term. Hopefully we'll see many of you there!

## Longford Little Ones

On Wednesday, we invite children who are due to start reception in 2026-27 to join us for Longford Little Ones - it's a great opportunity to get stuck into some activities and get to know the school. Please share with anyone who you think may be interested - whether they are definitely joining Longford or are just exploring options. Parents stay for this event, which takes place from 1.15-2.45pm.

## Sweets, Snacks and Juice

Just a reminder that we ask that confectionary is not included in children's lunchboxes i.e. sweets and chocolate. We also asks that any breaktime snacks brought in are whole fruit or vegetables (not Fruit Winders etc).

Water bottles should only contain water, no juice. Thank you.

# UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

## NEXT WEEK:

Monday - Show and Share, 8.50-9am

Wednesday - Longford Little Ones, 1.15-2.45pm

## THIS TERM:

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September** - Show and Share morning

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** - Longford Little Ones

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October** - Owls' topic workshop

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October** - Celebrating 150 years of Longford, 3-5pm

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October & Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October** - Parents' Evenings

**\*27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> October: Half Term\***

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November** - Inset Day

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November** - Individual & sibling school photos + Longford Little Ones

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December** - Show and Share morning

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December** - Whole-school Panto Trip

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Jumper Day

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - School Plays at Wyaston Village Hall

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - Longford Little Ones

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - Christingle Service at St Chad's, 2.30pm + last day of term

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

**Monday** - Lego Club until 4.15pm

**Tuesday** - Dodgeball (Primary Stars\*) until 4.30pm

**Wednesday** - Creative (Miss Beresford) until 4.30pm

**Thursday** - Tennis (Primary Stars) until 4.30pm

**Friday** - Games (Miss Beresford) until 4.15pm

\*Booked directly with Primary Stars



## Reminders!