

Friday 5th November 2021

The Clock



From **Miss Piper**

Time for the latest news:

It seems that the children all had a lovely half-term break and are ready for the next term and the lead up to Christmas! It is always a busy few weeks and we have lots of exciting plans in place, as well as our fantastic new topics, which focus around the global theme of 'Peace & Conflict'.

Time to Celebrate...



Miss Piper's Sparklers this week have been:

Charlie B Y3 for effort – nominated by Florence W

Jake Y2 for love of learning – nominated by Mrs Clarke

Olivia A Y4 for resilience – nominated by Mrs Whitney

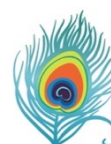
Jemima Y3 for kindness & helpfulness – nominated by Mrs Whitney & Miss Piper

The Collective Worship Team (Olivia, Penny & Lucy Y6) for service & responsibility – nominated by Lucy D & Florence W

Chester Y6 for standing up to gender stereotypes – nominated by Mrs Ashworth

Demi Y6 for co-operation – nominated by Miss Piper

Peacock Award – **George C Y4** for effort & determination with his handwriting



Cover Photo: The Woodpeckers' Anglo-Saxon settlement



In Robin's class, they are using a text called, 'My Name is not Refugee', in Woodpeckers, the Vikings are the focus for this term with the core text being 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' and in Owls, the Ancient Greeks are being studied, using the story, 'Who Let the Gods Out?'. It is sure to be another jam-packed term with lots of learning taking place.

Dates for the diary

As we all know, the half-term leading up to Christmas is always a rather busy, albeit exciting, one and so please find a list of important dates for your diaries below. More details will follow regarding each event in due course.

INSET day - Monday 29th November (school closed to all pupils)

FPTA Christmas Fair – Friday 10th December

Y6s will be running enterprise stalls at this fair too!

Christmas Plays at Wyaston Village Hall – Tuesday 14th December

Separate KS1 & KS2 performances, as normal with a dress rehearsal in the morning, followed by an afternoon & then evening performance.

Pantomime (Aladdin at Buxton Opera House) – Thursday 16th December

1.30pm performance (with a later return time, around 5pm – more details to follow in the letter).

School Christmas Day – Monday 20th December (including the Christmas Church Service at St Chad's, which you are all, once again, welcome to join us for)

School Boxing Day and last day of term – Tuesday 21st December

Parents' Evening

Due to parental feedback, we will be holding parents' consultation meetings both face-to-face and virtually, depending upon your preference.

Face to face meetings will take place on **Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th November**. I have attached a form listing time slots. Any parents wishing to attend a face-to-face meeting, please email back the class teacher(s) with your availability on those days so that a suitable slot can be allocated to you.

Robins – please email j.bates@longford.derbyshire.sch.uk and n.clarke@

Woodpeckers – c.townsend@

Owls – e.piper@ and n.white@ (we will be doing half each)

Virtual meetings via Zoom will take place during the week commencing **22nd November** and class teachers will send their own individual availability throughout that week to you next week. Please then email the class teacher(s) with your availability so that they can allocate an appropriate slot.

Woodpeckers

Please note that there will be **NO swimming** on Monday, due to Miss Townsend's absence

Mrs Chambers

As many of you will know, Mrs Chambers returned to Longford on Monday to take on the role of Business Assistant. It has been a fantastic week and so lovely to have her back. I thank Mrs Chambers for all of her hard work this week and I know that parents are as happy about the appointment as we all are.

Contact email:

k.chambers@longford.derbyshire.sch.uk

Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that Breakfast Club starts on Monday and is bookable on ParentPay for a cost of £4.50 per session Monday-Friday, 8am-8.50am, including breakfast. Thank you to those of you who have booked on already. This will be run by Mrs Chambers Monday-Wednesday and Miss Beresford Thursday & Friday.

Next week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
08	09	10	11	12
NO SWIMMING	Miss Harrison on gate duty	Mrs Hawksworth on gate duty PE – Robins & Owls	Commando Carl in & on gate duty	

