



# The Clock



From **Miss Piper**

**Time for the latest news:**

*It has been lovely to welcome everyone back for the last half-term of the academic year (if a little emotional – I cannot believe the Year 6s leave us in just six weeks!) The children all returned full of enthusiasm and eager to find out about their new topics. The Owls found out theirs via an orienteering activity around Longford – Mrs Whitney had sneakily hidden 20 clues about their core text, 'The Clockwork Sparrow' (a personal favourite of mine!), which the children had to use their map skills to find.*

## Time to Celebrate...



**Miss Piper's Sparklers this week have been:**

**Jake and Oliver Y2** for helpfulness – nominated by Harriet

**Alfie Y2** for kindness and generosity – nominated by Miss Beresford

**Olivia, Georgia, William, Florence & George** for empathy & effort – nominated by Miss Piper

**Billy and Thomas Y3** for respect – nominated by Jemima

**Quaid Y4** for thoughtfulness – nominated by Quaid

**Thomas Y5** for love of learning – nominated by Miss Townsend

**Chester Y6** for resilience – nominated by Mrs Whitney

**Penny Y6** for effort – nominated by Mrs Whitney

**Mrs Stubbs** for helpfulness – nominated by Lottie

**All Longford Staff** – nominated by Seren

**Cover Photo: The Clockwork Sparrow!**



With this term's theme across school being 'Our World and Beyond', the Robins are exploring the continent of Africa, using the story, 'Lila and the Rain'. The Woodpeckers will be comparing and contrasting countries of the world, using the text, 'This is Our World'.

Both the Robins and Woodpeckers have an exciting workshop coming up this term, which the teachers will provide you with more information about soon.

### **Summer Events**

We have lots of events coming up, which families are of course invited to. Dates and times are detailed below but please note the following:

**Sports Day and Family Picnic** – Enjoy a morning of sports before a whole-school picnic. Feel free to bring your own picnics and if you'd like to contribute a cake etc to share, that would be lovely! School lunches will still be provided (as packed lunches).

**Speech and Sparkle** – Join in as we celebrate each child's achievements this academic year. All children receive an award to celebrate something they have achieved/stood out for this year.

**Year 6 Leavers' Service (Y6 parents only)** – Join us as we say goodbye to our 18 fabulous year 6s. Tissues will be required!

As usual, the FPTA will be providing refreshments for these events – thank you!

### **Parents' Induction Meeting – September**

I have started to add dates for the next term/September as I am aware that the earlier dates are sent out, the easier it is for parents to organise childcare etc.

Please note that the parents' induction meeting, which we invite you all to attend and which contains invaluable information about school life, including any changes, will take place on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm**. This will take place face-to-face, at school again, as it is a good opportunity to speak to all members of staff, as well as meet new ones.

### **Wraparound Care**

Our Wraparound Care has been well attending so far this year and having Breakfast Club has been a great addition to the school.

I am however aware that many of the users for both Breakfast Club and the later After-School Club are Year 6s. I therefore ask that any parents who intend to use Breakfast Club and the later 4.15-5.15pm sessions next year, send me an email so I have a general idea of numbers going forward.

Please also remember to sign up for any slots required this half-term – numbers are currently lower than they have been for the rest of the year. Thank you.

### **Absence/Lateness**

Further to my email regarding absence last half-term, please can I ask that if you are emailing to say your child is absent or going to be late, to email Mrs Chambers, copying in myself and the class teacher. Mrs Chambers doesn't work on a Friday and there are of course times when I am off site, so this just makes sure that one of us sees your message. Thank you, I know many of you already do this.

### **Cake stall – raising funds for WWF**

Following on from her Y6 assembly all about tigers this week, Olivia in Y6 will be running a cake stall next Friday (17<sup>th</sup>) to raise funds for the WWF. This will be held at breaktime and all children will be able to purchase a treat. I know the children will all want to support it, so if they could bring some change with them on that day to buy a treat with, Olivia (and the tigers!) will really appreciate it.

### **EMBARK Award**

We have had a lot of children interested in fundraising lately, which is excellent, so this week's EMBARK Award focus is:

**'Raise at least £10 for a charity event'**  
(Integrity #1)

### **Faith Trail – Head coverings**

Head coverings will be required for the Faith Trail trip on Tuesday – a cap/hat will suffice (or a scarf) but no logos please. Trousers, leggings or tights should also be worn.

### **Next week:**

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>
	Whole-school trip – Faith Trail			



Important dates for this half-term:

<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b> – Reception cohort in for half a day (excluding lunch)
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b> - Reception 2022 cohort in for half a day (including lunch)
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b> – Sports Day & Family Picnic , 9.30am
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b> – whole school move up day (full day for new reception children)
<b>5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup> July</b> – QEGS transition days
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b> – Y6 treat day & sleepover
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b> – Speech & Sparkle, 2pm
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b> – Y6 Leavers Service, 1.30pm (+ last day of term)

Important dates for next term

<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b> – first day of term for all children
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b> – Parents' Induction Meeting, 6pm (st school)
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b> – school photos (individual & whole-school)

