



31st October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, may I say how well the children settled in last term and thank you to everyone for your support in helping this happen. This will be a very busy term as we have the run up to Christmas.

A quick reminder that children will continue to have gymnastic session on Monday afternoons and an outdoor PE session on Tuesday mornings. The children have a dance and drama session on Friday mornings. The children will need shorts and a t-shirt for the two indoor sessions; they will need jogging trousers, now the weather has turned colder, t-shirt, sweatshirt and trainers or plimsolls for the outdoor session. Thank you to all of those Parents and Carers who have labelled their child's clothing; this enables us to match the correct clothing to the correct child more easily. Please encourage your children to dress/undress themselves at home, as this will help with them to become more independent and help them achieve their Early Learning Goals or their targets.

This term we are introducing Continuous Provision to the Year One children, they currently know this as *Getting Busy*. It is a play based approach to learning, as used in Reception and afternoons in Year One. This will now take place alongside their more formal approach to learning; it will give the children more time for practical activities throughout the day. They will still be following the Key Stage One curriculum. We will be trialling dropping morning break time as a lot of learning time is taken up toileting and getting ready for break and snack time. The children will have rolling snack time, which means they can eat their snack when they are in Busy Time. This potentially gives them an extra 20 minutes a day to embed their learning through play. This will mean that all children need a coat and wellies in school as they will spend the learning outdoors and our grassed area gets very wet at this time of year. The children can bring wellies into school daily, leave them in school, or take them home for the weekends, whichever works best for you. As the weather gets colder hats and gloves will also help to keep your child warm.

If you have a spare hour or two to listen to readers, please let me know.

Finally, at Longford we have an Open Door Policy and encourage Parents/Carers to discuss any problems or worries with the staff members, so we can sort it as soon as possible. We are always available until 8.55am before lessons and straight after school, so please pop into see us if you have any worries.

Thank you for your support!

Sharon Cole

Dates for you diary

Friday 11th November - Visit St. Peter's Church, Britford

Tuesday 15th November 9.05 -9.25am - Reception/Phase 2 Parents Phonics Session

Wednesday 16th November - School Photographer

Friday 18th November - Children in Need Day

Monday 21st November - Flu Vaccinations

Friday 25th November - 2.45pm - Share a Book (with your child) Session

Wednesday 30th November - Castle Day - Dress up as a Knight, Princess etc.

Friday 2nd December - 11 am - Walk to Britford Farm Shop to post Christmas cards

Friday 9th December - Nativity 1.15pm

Friday 9th December - Open Classroom 3.15-3.30pm

Wednesday 14th December - Christmas Show 1.15pm