To make our dreams come true

through our shared Christian Values of **compassion, respect, trust, wisdom and friendship**

Monday 16th November

We hope everyone enjoyed a very well-earned break over half term. It is going to be a busy term in school with lots of learning and the build up to Christmas with all its festivities.

Scholastic Book Fair

Following last year's success, we will be hosting a book fair **after school** from Wednesday 18th November to Monday 23rd November (inclusive.) There are books for all ages, and children will be shown them as soon as they arrive. There is no obligation to buy, however parents can visit after school, or send their child with cash in a named envelope.

Children in Need

As we have our sports lessons with Coach Harry on a Friday, we have arranged to celebrate 'Children in Need' with a fundraiser on **Thursday 26th November**. In exchange for a donation to the charity, children can wear any clothes they like to school on this day. Philosophers will be running a soft toy tombola and some other small games for 20p a go. If children would like to play, please send them in with 10p and 20p coins (unfortunately we will not have change.)

Uniform

Please make sure that correct uniform is worn to school. Children should have grey or black trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafores along with a white shirt or polo shirt and a Longford sweatshirt or cardigan. Black school shoes or plain black unbranded trainers are also part of our uniform. **Nail varnish, jewellery and make-up should not be worn to school**. Our pre-loved uniform is available in the entrance area and no charge is made for any items available there – please come and have a look.

PE Kit

PE lessons take place every Friday and children should wear **plain black shorts, leggings or joggers**, a **plain white t-shirt** and their **school jumper** or cardigan. Long hair must be tied back and ear-rings removed or taped up for safety reasons. Tape should be supplied from home and children must be able to apply it themselves. Trainers are ideal footwear for growing feet; however plimsolls are an affordable alternative. If children do not have safe and suitable kit, they may not be able to join in with their PE lesson.

Attendance

Most of our pupils have made a super start to the school year, with 21 of them currently having good attendance (over 95%). Children who attend well, particularly at the start of a school year, typically make better academic progress than those who do not. We understand that children can be ill, and would like to remind parents that they must let the school office know about any absence on every day that their child is away from school. Leave of absence must be requested for any reason other than illness.

Headteacher's Award

We have now awarded 4 of these special certificates, which is great news! We are planning an exciting trip to the 'Rocket Ship Bookshop' at the end of this term, where the children who have earned these will be able choose their own book, which we will buy for them in recognition of their efforts. 😊

House-Points

Children are in 3 'houses' within school; Avon, Castle and Spire. House points can be earned for being helpful, using good manners, being polite and friendly, working hard, being respectful and demonstrating our three special values of being 'Safe, Kind and Proud.' Each week there is a reward for the winning team and each term, there will be a special treat for the team with the most points.

Parent Governors

We have a space on our governing body for a parent governor. We are keen to fill this position as currently parents are not represented. Governors play a crucial role in setting the strategic direction of the school alongside other governors. If you would like to find out more, please email Mrs Nic Ford or Mrs Erica Quirk (who are our co-chairs.) Nic.ford@longford.wilts.sch.uk or Erica.quirk@longford.wilts.sch.uk



Friends of Longford School – FoLS

The 'Friends of Longford School' have done a superb job of raising funds to make school life that little bit more enjoyable for all our families. Over the last year though, it has only been school staff raising funds. Sadly, we did not have any parents attend our coffee and cake morning last term and so we have no-one to help with small things, like serving refreshments at our Christingle service or running an after-school bake sale.

We will continue to have events like the Children's Christmas party; however, we now have no funds to continue to bring in a disco, or to contribute to our Year 6 leaver's hoodies at the end of the year. We really do not want this to happen, but having run this without parent support for a year, we are no longer able to do so.

If anyone feels that they are able to help out, please come and have a chat to Mrs Dyde or Mrs Mills who have kindly run this for the last year.

School Council

School council will be meeting this term to decide on a new set of rewards for teams winning the weekly and termly house points challenges. All children have a chance to tell their ideas to their class representatives, who discuss this at their meetings – democracy in action. 😊

Coming Up…

18th – 23rd November – Scholastic book fair
26th November - Children in Need non-uniform day
30th November – Fire Service visits
30th November – Song for Christmas recording
10th December – Festive Jumper Day – non uniform
9th December – TBC – Christingle Service
18th December AM – TBC - Nativity at St Peter's Church
18th December PM – Christmas Party
24th December – Choir recording played on Salisbury Radio - twice! 😊