

# Longfields Latest News



20th December 2024



A busy term has culminated in a very busy, but positive, couple of weeks. This time is always a lovely period in school as we have the pleasure of seeing children build towards the feeling of how special Christmas is, in a way only a child can experience. The organisation of Christmas lunch, nativity, sing-a-longs, parties, film afternoons and Christmas crafts is a tight squeeze but worth all the challenges they bring.

At Longfields, we believe that education is more than the curriculum we are required to deliver. With an understanding of how we want to support families to shape our children to become strong, resilient, enthusiastic and kind individuals who want to challenge themselves and explore the world around them, we have continued to make our lives busier so that we can attempt to achieve this.

Over the term, we have many kind words and messages shared from families and carers who have wanted to show their appreciation for what our staff team have provided.

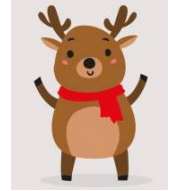
As a staff team, we are purposeful in what we choose to do but we are understanding that all of our work is in partnership with families. As a school, we have the children for a limited amount of time but within that we are aiming to build upon the fantastic day-to-day work families do for their children – ensuring they attend school regularly, providing boundaries so that children can be challenged but are safe, encouraging education and learning, providing everyday positive experiences, embedding healthy routines, establishing an understanding of respectfulness and kindness. By home and school supporting each other in these aspects, our children can thrive.

As headteacher, I would like to thank all our families and the staff team and the governing board, for everything you have all done in working together in the best interests of the children we care for. I wish you all a happy holiday and a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to our continued work in January 2025





# KS2 Christmas Carols



KS2 had their Christmas singing to parents this week. The children did an amazing job learning all the words to some very difficult songs. They sang beautifully and we are very proud of them all. Thank you to all the staff that helped with rehearsing the songs in class and thank you to all the parents who came to watch.



## Dates for your diary:

20.12.2024—Last day of term

06.01.2024—INSET day

07.01.2025—First day back to school after Christmas Holidays

29.01.2025—Year 1 to Oxford Science Centre

11.02.2025—Parents Evening

13.02.2025—Reception and Year 6 height and weight measuring

13.02.2025—Parents Evening

14.02.2025—Last day before February half term

24.02.2025—First day back after half term

**Please see School Life Calendar for full dates**



# Notice Board

## Fresh Start Catering

Menus for the next half term are now open. Please log in to your Meal Manager account today to book meals for the next half term, 7 Jan - 14 Feb 2025.

BOOKING DEADLINES: For those requiring meals for week commencing 6th Jan your deadline is Thursday 2nd January before 9am. You can book a week at a time or book for the whole of the half term.

Please see the poster below for the special theme day menu on Thursday 16th January.



The poster features a dark space background with various celestial bodies and spacecraft. At the top, the word 'SPACE' is written in large, white, block letters. Below it, a teal banner reads 'THEME DAY MENU'. A dark grey banner below that says 'Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January' in green. The 'Fresh Start' logo, featuring a chef character, is in the center. Five colored banners list menu items: red, green, blue, yellow, and purple. A final green banner at the bottom contains the call to action. A small note at the very bottom explains allergen adaptations.

**SPACE**

**THEME DAY MENU**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January**

**Fresh Start**

**Supersonic sausage plait, seasoned wedges and baked beans**  
Order deadline for this meal is before 9am Thur 9<sup>th</sup> Jan

**Meteor meatball spaghetti (VG)\***  
Order deadline for this meal is before 9am Thur 9<sup>th</sup> Jan

**Jet stream jacket potato with cheese and big bang beans (V)\***  
Order deadline for this meal is before 9am Thur 16<sup>th</sup> Jan

**Cosmic cheese baguette with crudité (V)\***  
Order deadline for this meal is before 9am Thur 16<sup>th</sup> Jan

**Galactic gooey chocolate pudding (V)\***  
*Fresh salad and fresh fruit also available*

**Log onto Meal Manager and order your meal today.  
Come and join in the fun!**

\*Can be adapted to Vegan/dairy free or Gluten free for children registered with those allergens on Meal Manager