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## Residential – Viney Hill

The absolute highlight of this term for us was the wonderful swifts' class residential. I can't honestly express what a joy it was to spend time with your lovely children in the sunshine (thank goodness!). They were polite, caring, positive and courageous – really demonstrating all of our school values. Myself, Mrs Prosser and Mrs Tranter genuinely enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with them. They achieved so much over the few short days – climbing to huge heights and throwing themselves down tunnels! The activities ranged from archery, through climbing and abseiling to muddy obstacle courses and more. Each and every one of them put their all in to every activity and because they were so supportive of each other, many of them achieved new things that would not have been possible on their own.

Thank you of course to Mrs Prosser who organised and ran the residential – it was smooth and successful not by accident but because of all the hard work she put in. Thank you to Mrs Tranter for coming along in her own time and making the trip possible. We can't wait until the next one!



Thank you, swifts' class.  
**WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!**

All of the photographs from our trip are on the school website gallery [here](#), including some from day 3 which were not uploaded previously.

## Ofsted Report

You will have hopefully already read our recent Ofsted report, but if not, please do take a look [here](#). If you are able, please share it far and wide as we want the local community and their children to know about Longney Primary and what we can offer here in order to make sure that we have as many children attending the school as possible going forwards. If you know of anyone who is looking for a school place for their child in the local area, please do tell them to contact us via email or phone to arrange a visit.

## World Book Day

Another highlight of the term was of course World Book Day. Thank you for all your efforts on the day with fantastic costumes and comfy clothes! The children carried out a range of book activities together and enjoyed celebrating the joy of reading. They worked in their houses, with all ages supporting each other which was lovely to see. It is a fantastic day for encouraging a love of reading in all children and an important date in the school calendar. Lots more photographs can be found on our school website gallery [here](#).



## Facebook Page

Hopefully you know by now about our new Facebook page. This is designed for us to have more opportunity to share with you in school what the children are up to on a regular basis. It is also a good chance to advertise the school to prospective parents. If you haven't already, please do like and follow the page if you are able by searching Longney CofE Primary Academy on Facebook.

## Goldfinch Class Trip

Goldfinch visited the Dean Heritage Centre this term to complement their work in history where they have found out what life was like in Victorian Gloucester. The highlight of the trip was a visit to a Victorian classroom where the teacher took them through their paces! It was obviously a memorable experience and as you can see, really brought their learning to life. Thank you to Mr Le Templier for organising the trip and well done to all the children in Goldfinch for a successful day. The Dean Heritage Centre is open to visitors all year round and you can go as a family if the children have been telling you about it and you are interested – find out more [here](#).



## Nurse Pam

As you may have seen on the Facebook page, Swallows class were visited by Nurse Pam this term. She taught them how to take each other's temperatures and how to bandage an arm! As well as talking to them about her role in the community. They did a great job of looking after each other!



## Staffing Update

As you will know, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Sanders in celebration worship tomorrow. After Easter, I will update you when a new staff member has been employed. Some of you will know as well that Mrs Stephenson, who has worked this half term alongside Mrs Prosser in Swifts, has accepted a job nearer to her home and said goodbye to the children today. Sadly, we could not offer Mrs Stephenson a more permanent role here and she is an incredible teacher so I am not surprised she has been snapped up! She was sad to go and has been fantastic this half term in school. We will again update you after Easter, but Mrs Prosser will of course continue to be the full-time class teacher aside from her planning and SEN time once a week.

## School Uniform Reminder

Just to remind you that school uniform includes black shoes. Children are able to wear their PE kit (plain black trousers/shorts and jumper with PE tshirt and trainers on their PE and forest school days and also if they have a sporting club after school. However, on days that they are wearing their usual school uniform they should wear black shoes, not coloured trainers. Thank you.

## End of Summer Term

Just to let you know that at the end of the summer term on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July we will finish at the usual time of 3.10pm. I know that in previous years this has not been the case so I wanted to let you know in advance. I do not intend to close the school early before holidays going forwards, so please assume that this will always be the case from now on unless you hear otherwise from school.

## Goldfinch Samba Concert

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the samba concert this morning! It was a real treat to see all that Goldfinch class have learnt over the last 10 weeks working with Mr Evans. They have learnt all about rhythm and pitch as well as honing their performance skills. They played very well together, even treating us to a special Longney samba that they had composed themselves!



## Comic Relief

What a brilliant day it was for comic relief! We had so much fun in school and it was such a highlight to see the children laughing and smiling together at the end of the day as Miss Woolway and Miss Hoskins received a pie to the face!! I can't thank the staff enough for being such good sports and getting involved with the bake-off competition – especially Miss Woolway and Miss Hoskins of course! The school council had such a great time judging the cakes too! I was overwhelmed by the response to our request for donations of cakes to sell – there were so many! You had all put in such an effort and it was lovely to see the children enjoying choosing them together during the cake sale. We raised over £50 for comic relief which is pretty good for 20p per cake! Thank you all. Lots of photographs can be found on the school website gallery [here](#).

