



LITTLETOWN PRIMARY ACADEMY AND NURSERY

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PRINCIPAL: MR DAVID PERKINS

Friday 19th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Summer Term - the weather is slowly starting to realise it over the course of the week I think! It has been great to see all the children return after a good Easter break.

This week, Nursery children had their outdoor classroom on Tuesday. Yesterday, our Y5/6 footballers visited Honiton Primary for a friendly football match.

This morning, you should have received a google form from me regarding permission for our filming day on Friday 3rd May. Please do complete this so your child can be part of what we hope to be an exciting day. I spoke to the children about this in assembly this afternoon where we also spoke about Den building and climbing ropes on the field as part of OPAL this Summer.

Next week, Year 5 begin their swimming lessons on Tuesday. On Wednesday we welcome Beer Primary school for Year 5/6 friendly football fixture. Year 2 have outdoor classroom with 2DB/CL on Thursday and 2AL on Friday. Also on Friday, some of our Year 5 and 6 children take part in the Honiton Learning Community Quad Kids event at Honiton Community College.

As we start a new term, please find below a reminder of all our attendee and absence procedures and expectations for Littletown.

Yours faithfully

David Perkins
Principal

Children's news

Nursery - Miss Jackson's puppy, Nelly came to visit the Nursery and nursery children helped to look after her as vets.

Reception - Reception have started a new topic about wild animals and their habitats.

Year 1 - In Year 1 this week they have planted French Beans in soil to see how they grow.

Year 2 - In Science, Year 2 are learning about Sikhism and about temperatures in maths and using thermometers.

Year 3 - Year 3 have been problem solving using fractions in Maths and learning about Emperors and Empires in History.

Year 4 - Year 4 have been learning about ancient civilizations in History and have started a book called When the forest reaches the sea in Literacy.

Year 5 - In History, Year 5 have been doing ground breaking Greeks and in Maths they have been using protractors to measure and draw angles.

Year 6 - This week Year 6 have been learning about line graphs, bar charts and pie charts in Maths.

Staff news

This term we welcome back Mrs Lecompte to the school to continue her Teacher Training with us. Mrs Lecompte was in 1LM in the Autumn Term, but this term will be based in 5GW/GA.

Attendance

As we begin the summer term, I am certain we are all hoping for warmer, dry weather and hopefully less illnesses, please see below our termly reminder of Attendance expectations and procedures:

Our Attendance Policy is inline with the Devon Model Policy/Government Guidance and our approach is in line with DfE expectations and as a result, the same as the vast majority of other schools. Please see below a summary of the key information and changes for parents/carers:

Attendance and Registration

- Attendance target is 97%
- Persistent absence is defined as under 90% attendance
- Persistent lateness is defined as 5 or more late marks recorded in a single half term
- The School day starts at 8.50am
- A pupil will receive a late mark if they are not in their classroom by 8.55am
- The register closes at 9.20am
- It is the parent/carer's responsibility to inform the school if their pupil is absent (each day) before 8.50am

Medical and Illness

- As far as possible, medical and dental appointments should be made outside of the school day
- Children are expected to attend school for as much of the day as possible on the day of their appointment.
- Evidence of medical and dental appointments may be requested.
- If an illness lasts for 5 days or more, parents may be asked for medical evidence

Holidays

- Request for leave is defined as exceptional circumstances, holidays are not usually considered as exceptional circumstances. Unauthorised holidays will be referred to County.

Monitoring

- The school monitors attendance of all pupils closely and reports data every 6 weeks
- The school will notify parents/carers by letter or phone if attendance is low, support will be offered to help improve a pupil's attendance, which may lead to external agency support or court involvement if required
- Specific information regarding the schools' possible statutory action following persistent absence and persistent lateness can be found under section 8 of the policy
- The Education Act 1996 states 'a parent commits an offence if they fail to ensure their child's regular attendance at a school they are registered with'

Safeguarding

- A pupil's attendance is fundamental to a pupil's safeguarding.

The full Attendance policy can be found on the school website.

Fairtrade Honiton Art competition

A few months ago the children were offered the chance to design a Fairtrade poster for the Honiton Fairtrade Town Steering Group. We had a lot of fantastic entries and it was a tricky job narrowing it down to just 12 posters from Years 1-6. We sent them off to the Steering Group before the Easter holidays and have recently heard that they selected a winner from both Littleton Primary Academy and Honiton Primary...and then the overall winner was chosen from our school! This design is being professionally printed and will be displayed in the Mackarness Hall on Saturday 20th April, and again in September.

The Mackarness Hall will be open this Saturday from 10.00 till 1.00pm with tables displaying Fairtrade goods and some of the local shops will have displays of the Fairtrade items they sell in their shops. There will also be free Fairtrade tea, coffee, biscuits and cake. All of the finalists posters will also be on display along with the winning design. The Steering Group will be giving a small prize to the 12 finalists for doing some extremely good work at around 11am. It would be lovely to see lots of Littleton families at this free event.

Cycling to school

I have had multiple people contact me to share concerns about older children riding their bikes unsafely on the way to school. This is usually riding on pavements or in the middle of roads without due care and awareness. I have spoken to the children about this in assembly today. Please can you think whether it is entirely safe for your child to cycle to school and remind them of safety. Children are only allowed to cycle to school following passing the bikeability course in school.

OPAL playleader vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Playworker/Mealtime Assistant to help lead our Opal Play 12.00 – 1.15pm. – 6.25 hours per week, term time only rate of pay £11.60 per hour. If you are interested or know anyone who may be please contact admin@littletown.devon.sch.uk

Mental Wellbeing

The next Parental Minds coffee afternoon will be held on Wednesday 22nd May at 1.30pm in the Community Room.

Week Beginning 22nd April 2024 events

Monday 22nd April	Tuesday 23rd April	Wednesday 24th April	Thursday 25th April	Friday 26th April
	Y5 Swimming		2DB/CL outdoor classroom	2AL outdoor classroom
				Y5/6 Quad kids event HCC

Community news

All Stars cricket

Please see attached to this newsletter a flyer for All Stars cricket starting in Honiton soon.