



LITTLETOWN PRIMARY ACADEMY AND NURSERY

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PRINCIPAL: MR DAVID PERKINS

Friday 5th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by wishing you all a very Happy new year and much success and happiness in 2024. This is an exciting year for all of us at Littletown as we celebrate our Golden Anniversary since the school was opened in 1974! We have a working group established which is planning lots of exciting things which I will share with children and parents in due course. You will notice one of the celebratory things is our new logo and letterhead above. The children were really excited when I shared the logo with them in assembly on Wednesday which was lovely. My thanks to Nursery parent, Lauren, for developing this for us. At the moment, there are no plans to embroider this logo onto school uniform, as this forces unnecessary expense for families. If you think you might be interested in joining the working party please get in touch with me via head@littletown.devon.sch.uk and I will be in touch with you all with more details about events and initiatives as we go through the year.

It was lovely to welcome back the staff on Tuesday and then children and parents on Wednesday after the Christmas holidays. Children have started lots of new topics in classes this week and have settled back into school really well despite some really wet weather. Curriculum newsletters will come out at the end of next week. A warm welcome to all our new children and families who have started in our Nursery this week.

Also next week, Year 4 start their swimming lessons on Tuesday and Nursery have outdoor classroom on Wednesday. On Friday morning, twelve children from KS2 will take part in a Co-ordination event at Honiton Leisure Centre.

As we start the new term, please see some reminders below regarding jewellery, hair, PE kit, snacks and attendance. Please get in touch if you have any questions about any of this.

Yours faithfully

David Perkins
Principal

Children's news

Nursery: Nursery have been playing with friends and have also been drawing pharaoh presents!

Reception: Reception have been using their finger spaces to write words and celebrating the new year!

Year 1: Year 1 have been counting to 20 and learning about the seasons.

Year 2: Year 2 have been learning about different types of 3D shapes in Maths.

Year 3: Year 3 have started a new project called rocks, relics and rumbles.

Year 4: Year 4 have begun learning about rivers.

Year 5: Year 5 have been learning about tag rugby and have been completing column multiplication

Year 6: Year 6 have been making clay pots in R.E and have begun dance in PE.

Staff news

This week we welcome Mr Coombs to Littletown as our SCITT trainee for the Spring Term. Mr Coombs will be based in 5RB/GW for the term.

Healthy school snacks

Please ensure children's morning snacks are not chocolate or crisps. We recommend fruit. We have had lots of children bringing in crisps etc this week. From Monday, we won't be allowing children to eat crisps at break as is the case in all schools.

Jewellery and hair

As is the case in every school I know of, no jewellery is allowed other than stud earrings. This is for safety reasons. Children are allowed to wear watches, but smart watches are not allowed due to e-safety rules. Hair should be tied up if possible and be above shoulder length if not. This is to reduce the risk of headlice.

PE kit

Please ensure children come to school on PE days wearing Littletown school uniform PE kit. Children are only allowed to wear other sports wear on non-uniform days.

Attendance

It was so lovely to see the children return to school on Wednesday with an excited post Christmas buzz. Well done to all of you for ensuring your children arrived on time, no children were signed in late- a fantastic start to the New Year! Please may I take this opportunity to remind you of the continued expectations for school attendance:

The school day starts at 8.50am, any pupils arriving 8.55am onwards must be signed in by a parent /carer.

Please ensure you contact the school before the start of the school day if your child is going to be absent and the reason why.

School will ask to see appointment letters for medical/hospital appointments, these will be authorised for the time of the appointment.

Holidays will not be authorised, unless they are deemed to be exceptional circumstances. Unauthorised holidays will continue to be referred to Devon County Council.

School monitors attendance daily and will make contact with you via phone or letter if your child's attendance is below 90% (persistence absence) or if your child is repeatedly late.

Devon County Attendance Officers now visit schools termly to discuss pupils who fall into absent categories.

We are committed to working with you and supporting you to ensure your child attends school in line with both our attendance and safeguarding policies. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information or support.

OPAL

Unfortunately the bad weather has been holding up plans for OPAL. There are a few things we do need so if anyone has any toy cars, wooden blocks or dolls that are no longer needed we would be very grateful for them. Any donations can be left in the lobby marked OPAL or handed to your class teacher. Thank you for all the dressing up clothes we have received, we are now at capacity so we are no longer able to accept donations of dressing up.

Week Beginning 8th January 2024 events

Monday 8th January	Tuesday 9th January	Wednesday 10th January	Thursday 11th January	Friday 12th January
	Year 4 swimming	Nursery outdoor classroom		KS2 HLC coordination event

Community news

Family screening at the Beehive

Saturday 3rd Feb at 4pm.

THE INSEPERABLES (U)

Based on an original idea by the Oscar-nominated writers of "Toy Story", THE INSEPARABLES follows the misadventures of Don, a runaway puppet with a boundless imagination and, DJ Doggy Dog, an abandoned stuffed animal toy in need of a friend, as they cross paths in Central Park and pair up against all odds for an epic adventure of friendship in New York City.

Tickets: Adult £8, Under 16's £7

Head to the website to book: beehivehoniton.co.uk or call the box office 01404 384050.

All tickets include a £1 booking fee

Accessible seating can be booked via the box office on 01404 384050

The bar will be open 1 hour before the start of the film