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PRINCIPAL: MR DAVID PERKINS

Friday 1st March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hard to believe we are in March already. We have had a very busy week this week, we almost needed February to have more than 29 days!

I would like to start by thanking all of you who attended Parent Consultation appointments. As Headteacher, it was a real privilege to engage with parents before, in between and after appointments, sample the positive atmosphere and what so many celebrations of attainment and progress. It was also brilliant to see so many children being able to talk their parents (and siblings!) through the sequenced learning in the big class floor books that we are developing in the school. Children have also been talking through these books during a Governor visit this afternoon. I would also like to thank the teachers for staying late into the evenings to hold these appointments alongside all of their teaching and other duties. Thank you also to staff who held our Nursery open morning last Saturday morning which was fantastic.

Also this week, Year 3 started their swimming lessons on Tuesday. On Wednesday, it was great to see parents attending the coffee morning with Parental Minds. We will arrange to have them back in the Summer Term. On Wednesday, two teams of Year 5 children took part in the Honiton Learning Community Youth Speak competition where they performed with great passion, expression and maturity. My thanks to Mrs Arni for working with and accompanying the children and the parents who assisted with transport and supported the children. This morning, some Year 2 pupils visited Honiton Leisure Centre to take part in a coordination event. Sadly, the weather this week saw the postponement of the Year 5 and 6 East Devon netball finals and for the second time, Year 5 outdoor classroom.

On Tuesday, Miss Croft, Mrs Binmore and I attended the Cornerstone English Hub Conference focussed around Reading for success. We heard from a range of speakers including the leaders of Read Write Inc. and comedian and author David Baddiel (children may have read his bestseller, 'The Parent Agency'). I am really pleased that Littletown already comprehensively applies all of the best practices shared at this conference and you all know how passionate the staff and I are about Reading being the gateway to the rest of the curriculum and a huge factor on future life prospects. We do have ideas of how we can develop Reading in the school even further too.

You should have received Parent Questionnaire results and actions on Monday. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this. head@littletown.devon.sch.uk

Next week, Year 5 visit Cleave farm with 5RB/GA going on Tuesday and 5GW/GA going on Thursday. We also celebrate World Book Day on Thursday. Please see full details below.

Yours faithfully

David Perkins
Principal

Children's news

Nursery - We made healthy fruit popcorn and we made dinosaurs out of junk modelling!

Reception - We have been learning our special friends sounds and we have also been drawing wolves.

Year 1 - We have been doing minus and equal in Maths, also we were learning about materials!

Year 2 - In science we learnt about plants and we've been doing times tables rockstars!

Year 3 - We've been doing equal fraction in maths.

Year 4 - We are learning 5 different mountains in geography and we are learning the giant in literacy.

Year 5 - We are learning about citrus farming in california and youth speak!

Year 6 - Art bees beetles and butterflies, fractions and percentages

Comments and suggestions box

As mentioned in the actions from the Parent Questionnaire sent out earlier this week, we now have a comments and suggestions box just inside reception. Comments can be named or anonymous and there is an option to leave details should you wish to be contacted following the submission. This will be checked and emptied periodically, but please continue to use my direct email head@littletown.devon.sch.uk , approach me or other members of staff on the playground before and after school or contact the school office should the need be urgent. We will review the use of the comments and suggestions box as we go through the rest of this year.

World book day

Next Thursday, we will be celebrating World Book Day. This is an exciting day to celebrate authors, illustrators, books and the joy of reading. Children and staff can dress up as their favourite book character or author, if they wish, and a donation of 50p to the World Book Day charity would be greatly appreciated. Donations will help nearly 1,000,000 children, in the UK, who don't have a book of their own (National Literacy Trust), have access to books and develop a love of reading for pleasure.

Please note that Class 5GW/GA are not in school on this day so they are to wear their character costumes on Friday 8th March.

Throughout the week of World Book Day, the children will be contributing towards a whole school collaborative art project to display in our newly renovated school library. Also on the day, they will receive their World Book Day £1 voucher, so please look out for these in their book bags. Here are this year's £1 books that can be purchased for free with a World Book Day voucher:



Mental Wellbeing

Thank you to all the parents who attended the coffee morning with Parental Minds on Wednesday.

OPAL

Yesterday and today we welcomed visitors from Exeter University to observe our OPAL lunchtimes as part of an international research project into play. The aim is to persuade world governments that schools must consider their approach to play to the same extent that they consider each academic curriculum subject.

Week Beginning 26th February 2024 events

Monday 4th March	Tuesday 5th March	Wednesday 6th March	Thursday 6th March	Friday 7th March
	5RB/GA Cleave Farm		World Book day	Book day dress up for 5GW/GA
			5GW/GA Cleave Farm	

PTFA News

Save the date, the PTFA will be holding their Easter Bingo on Friday 22nd March.