



LITTLETOWN PRIMARY ACADEMY and NURSERY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great first wellbeing week of the year this week. It was fantastic to see the children and staff all wearing yellow yesterday to support the Hello Yellow campaign for Young Minds. We are still in the midst of a mental health crisis for young people and charities like Young Minds need all the support they can get. Thank you for all your donations. Together, we raised £174.86. Children have also been reflecting on mental wellbeing through colouring competitions, outdoor chalk drawing at lunchtimes and in decorating their doorframes with wellbeing messages. Photos of the door frames were shown in assembly today and will be on our facebook page. My thanks to Mrs Davis, her wellbeing team and of course our wellbeing ambassadors for all their hard work this week!

Also this week, Year 6 had their trip to Tiverton museum on Tuesday and tonight we look forward to seeing lots of you at the first PTFA school disco of the year. In assembly this afternoon we also introduced all 20 (!) of our sports leaders for the year and our 7 Dance Leaders.

Next week, Year 3 children visit Honiton Community College for a Gymnastics festival on Tuesday and Year 4 have outdoor classroom on Thursday. Year 6 parents are invited to a Pixies Holt meeting on Wednesday. On Monday the PTFA have their Annual General Meeting which is open to all parents. Please find details below and support if you can.

Now we are a month into the school year, there are a few things we feel we just need to tighten up on in order to ensure children are safe and supervised appropriately at all times. Please see these reminders about before and after school responsibilities from the Senior Leadership Team below. I always like to be open, welcoming and flexible at Littletown in order to support parents and carers as much as possible, but if we keep having high levels of lack of supervision we may need to match the majority of schools in keeping school gates locked until 8:40am.

Yours faithfully

David Perkins
Principal

Children's news

Nursery

This week, in Nursery they have been pretending to make a house.

Reception

In Reception this week they have been talking about family, learning new skills in PE with Minions yoga and doing new letters in phonics.

Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about the 7 continents in Geography singing the continents song. In Maths they did numbers on a number line .

Year 2

Year 2 have been learning how to keep your bodies fit and healthy in Science.

Year 3

In Year 3, they have been counting in thirds and they have been making comic strips.

Year 4

This week, Year 4 have started their investigation on whether sugary and acidic liquids affect our teeth.

Year 5

We have been learning about History. We are creating knowledge organisers for the Bronze and Stone ages.

Year 6

Year 6 went to Tiverton museum and we are doing our writing assessments for 'Star of fear and star of hope.'

Safeguarding alert for book series

We have been made aware of a safeguarding alert about a children's book series 'Spy Dogs/Pup' and the 'Spy Cat' books written by Andrew Cope. These books contain a link to a website which contains highly pornographic content. The book asks children to explore the website to find out more about characters. It appears that the website (identified on the back or inside page) has been compromised and takes users to a pornographic website with no age verification. All schools nationally are removing these books. Please can we ask you to check at home to see if you have any of these books and remove them accordingly. Please get in touch if you have any questions.

OPAL

Mr Jeffreys was busy over the summer holidays clearing the area which will be our new sandpit, pond and digging zone. All the wonderful donations which were given last term are stored away ready for when it can be opened. I do have a request for any junk model making items, no sharp cans or anything the children can't easily stick with masking tape please. Any donations can be brought into school in a bag labeled OPAL. We also need any folding pushchairs that are not needed anymore as the children love pushing them around the playground, again any donations can be handed into reception, please label them OPAL.

Before and after school arrangements reminder

- Please ensure children are not using the climbing ship or field before or after school.
- At 8.50am, staff will be available to meet and greet the children as they arrive. Please only pass on **urgent** messages to staff during this time. Any other messages should be communicated to admin or via class email addresses.
- If pick up arrangements are different from usual, this should be communicated to the school office and not class email addresses as these may not be checked until after the school day finishes.

- Children should be collected promptly at 3.30pm. In an extenuating circumstance which will result in you collecting your child later than this, please communicate this with the school office as soon as possible. You may be charged if your child is put into after school club but there is no guarantee of available space. If you are late collecting your child on a regular basis, you will be contacted by a member of the Senior Leadership team to discuss this.

Children should **not** arrive on the premises before 8.40am. In EYFS and KS1 classes, children should line up sensibly on the front playground and wait for their class teacher to collect them. KS2 children should wait sensibly outside their classroom until the school opens. The doors open at 8.50am, and will close at 8.55am, after this the children must be signed in at the office.

To protect the wellbeing of all children, we may need to review access to the playground if parents and children continue to arrive earlier than 8.40am.

Reception tours for school starters September 2026

We will be holding tours for families with children eligible to start Reception in September 2026 on Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd October at 9:15am. So we know numbers to expect please email admin@littletown.devon.sch.uk to book in for one of the slots. Applications for starting primary school in September 2026 open on 15 November 2025 and close on 15 January 2026. Please share this information with others you know who might be interested. Please get in touch should you have any questions.

Parking again

You will have noticed that following our requests, this week we have been joined on the road by PCSO Darren England and Traffic Enforcement Officers. They were surprised at how many people were attempting to park in clearly unsafe positions. Visits will continue to happen to ensure everyone parks legally and safely to protect Littletown children and families.

Week Beginning 13th October 2025 events

Monday 13th October	Tuesday 14th October	Wednesday 15th October	Thursday 16th October	Friday 17th October
PTFA AGM after school	Y3 Gymnastics festival HCC	Y6 pixies holt meeting	Y4 outdoor classroom	

PTFA News

Our PTFA AGM will be taking place on Monday 13th October straight after school. During this short meeting we will be planning our events for the coming year and electing a new committee. It is also a good opportunity to come along and find out more about what we do in school. Our main aims are to organise events that bring the school community together, and to raise money to provide extra resources and opportunities that the normal school budget would not cover.

We will be looking for new committee members for the coming year, helpers for events and anyone who has ideas or skills that they could offer. Everyone is welcome, and you can bring your children along too.

Community news

Honiton Carnival

Please see attached to this newsletter information about Honiton Carnival coming up on Saturday 25th October and which features numerous Littleton children including Maya-Jane from Year 3 as carnival royalty!

Beehive events Honiton

Casper (PG) with FREE craft workshops for kids!

Date: Tuesday 28th October

Time: 11am film starts. 12.30pm workshop starts.

Location: The Beehive Cinema, Honiton

Tickets: Adult £6. Under 12's £5. Family of 4 £20

Book: Beehivehoniton.co.uk

Box Office: 01404 384050

Casper is a kind young ghost who peacefully haunts a mansion in Maine. When specialist James Harvey arrives to communicate with Casper and his fellow spirits, he brings along his teenage daughter, Kat. Casper quickly falls in love with Kat, but their budding relationship is complicated not only by his transparent state, but also by his troublemaking apparition uncles and their mischievous antics.

FREE CRAFT WORKSHOP:

The Thelma Hulbert Gallery shall be hosting a creative workshop after the film at 12.30pm. The art activity will link with the movie: Casper. We will be creating and filming your own ghostly animations!

All ages and abilities. Free, donations welcome.

Book [HERE](#)

PETER PAN

Honiton's Community Theatre Company Presents Peter Pan.

Dates: Thu 30th Oct - Sat 1st Nov

Time: 7pm. (Sat 1st Nov matinee at 2pm)

Location: The Beehive Theatre, Honiton

Ticket: General Admission £12

Book: Beehivehoniton.co.uk

Box Office: 01404 384050

Come and enjoy the latest production from Honiton Community Theatre Company's youth members, Peter Pan - A Musical Play. Based on the original play by JM Barrie, David Barrett's version is filled with all the characters you know and love - Peter Pan, Tinkerbell, the Darling family, the pirates led by the dastardly Captain Hook, and the Lost Boys and Indians.

Book [HERE](#)

☀️💪 SCHOOL RUN CHALLENGE: IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN 💪☀️

NEW FOR OUR 2025/2026 CHALLENGE: PLATINUM AWARD 🏆

🏆 Come and join in the fun and walk, run, skip, scoot to school as many times as possible and your child can receive a certificate or medal by adding your points to our leaderboard (whenever you remember to do so. It doesn't have to be daily).

🏆 We want EVERYONE to join in the challenge.

🏆 If you already walk, PLEASE SIGN UP. When your child receives a certificate/medal in assembly it will encourage others to join in the challenge.

🏆 If you need to drive to school as you have to go straight to work, PLEASE SIGN UP but just park away from Honiton Bottom road. We need to make this road safe & reduce pollution for our kids.

🏆 If you live too far away for your kids to walk, think about PARKING HALF WAY. If you need ideas as to where to park & walk with a group of people who are already doing this, get in touch.

🏆 Please SPREAD THE WORD & post in your group WhatsApp pages

🏆 All you have to do is walk, scoot, cycle etc to & from school once per week (or twice there or back) for a term & your child receives a CERTIFICATE OR MEDAL*.

🏆 There are so many other benefits to this challenge including, improve your health & fitness as well as your child's, improve your children's level of alertness so they're ready to learn, boost your children's confidence when they show off their certificate or medal to the other kids in their class, reduce fuel & car maintenance costs, reduce CO2 footprint & save the planet! 🌍

If you haven't yet registered for the challenge, just go to www.vhealthy.co.uk where it tells you how you can join in.