

***Live . Love . Learn - Littletown***

Friday 20th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hard to believe that just like that we have already reached the end of the first half term. It has been a real pleasure this week to take some time to talk to parents about Littletown via the parent presentation sessions. My thanks to all the parents who attended. If you would like to be emailed a copy of the slides, please get in touch.

This week, on Monday, we welcomed parents into the Nursery for a stay and play session. On Tuesday, Year 4 children had a great visit to the Saxon village at Escot. Today, some of our Year 3 and 4 children have enjoyed attending the Honiton Learning Community dance festival at Honiton Leisure Centre. My thanks to all the staff and parents who accompanied children to these events.

Today in assembly we reflected on how we are all doing with the new school rules of Ready, Respectful, Safe. We identified whole school targets for next half term - the first one of which will be ‘wonderful walking’ within the school which is always respectful and safe. This requires quiet walking and being aware of others around the school. We also presented badges to our new Digital Leaders who will support us in educating the children about being safe and appropriate online.

My thanks to the PTFA for spending all morning in school sorting hundreds of doughnuts for this afternoon -A great way to end a half term!

When we return after half term, Nursery have outdoor classroom on Tuesday, the next Stockland cross country takes place on Wednesday. On Thursday we welcome visitors from UNICEF to assess the progress of our Rights Respecting Schools journey.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a fantastic half term break and I look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 30th October.

Yours faithfully

David Perkins 

Principal

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**Mental**

**Children’s news**

**Nursery** : Nursery have been cutting vegetables to make mini pizzas and painting the job they would like to be when they're older.

**Reception** : Reception have been practising using ‘fred fingers’ to help write.

**Year 1** :In history year 1 have been doing family trees

**Year 2**: have been been learning about Neil Armstrong and in pe in the hall they are doing gymnastics

**Year 3**: Have been doing workout routines and diary entries.

**Year 4** : Year 4 has been on a class trip to Escot to visit a Saxon village and have made bread.

**Year 5** : Year 5 have been learning about taoties in art and have been learning about levers and pulleys in Science.

**Year 6** : Year 6 have been doing division with remainders and have been learning about World War 2 in History.

**Mental Wellbeing**

Join Parental Minds for a FREE online workshop focused on supporting young people that are avoiding school. We will be joined by Matt Gould, strategic lead for inclusion for DCC.

Monday, 23rd October 2023

19:15 - 21.00

*Sign up here:* [*https://bit.ly/EngageEducation*](https://bit.ly/EngageEducation)

*Parental Minds material is informed by families lived experience, with professional input and supporting evidence is cited, where it exists, by Dr Abby Russell’s research students from the University of Exeter. Sharing knowledge and insights. Answering your questions. Helping to make informed choices about your loved one.'*

Our second Parental Minds coffee morning of the term will be being held on Wednesday 22nd November 9-10.30am in the Community Room.

**Wet weather reminders**

Please ensure your child is ready and safe in wet weather by providing them with a coat. Please make sure your child knows if they don’t have a coat they will be asked to wear one of our spares to engage in OPAL in light rain. If your child does not want to wear spare coats, please make sure they bring a coat. You will also notice me doing my best to keep children off the grass at the start and end of day. Please continue assisting me with this.

**Pupil librarians**

This week children have been given the chance over half term to apply to be one of our pupil librarians who will assist us with maintaining and improving the school library further.

**Week Beginning 30th October 2023 events**

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| **Monday 30th October** | **Tuesday 31st October** | **Wednesday 1st November** | **Thursday 2nd November** | **Friday 3rd November** |
|  | Nursery outdoor classroom  | Stockland cross country |  |  |

**Community news**

**Holiday activities**

Please see attached to this newsletter details of half term activities around Honiton.

**Football fun factory**

Please find attached to this newsletter a flyer for Football Fun Factory which offers sessions in Honiton on Friday evenings.

**Exeter library consultation**

Do you use Exeter Library? Plans for a new children’s library in Exeter have been announced by Libraries Unlimited and Building Greater Exeter – and children and young people are being asked to help design it. Work will begin next year, with support from Building Greater Exeter to create a modern, innovative, and inclusive space for children and families.

The current children’s library, located within the thriving city centre hub of Exeter Library in Castle Street, has more than 6,100 young members, borrowing almost 94,000 books each year. Last year it hosted over 450 children’s activities, attended by almost 9,500 children. Libraries Unlimited, the charity that runs libraries around Devon and Torbay, have teamed up with employability and skills initiative Building Greater Exeter to give children and young people a say in what they’d like changed and improved in the space. We are asking for young people to tell us what they like, don’t like and would like to see in Exeter’s library, have you say here [The Exeter Children's Library "Of the Future" Design Project - Building Greater Exeter](https://buildinggreaterexeter.co.uk/the-exeter-childrens-library-of-the-future-design-project/).

**Junior chess club**

Please see the message below about chess club in Honiton.

I help run a new club in Honiton and wondered if you have a notice board or similar within the school for external information. It's Junior Chess Club (12 and under) and we meet on Tuesday 5:30-6:30pm at the Honiton CUB cabin.

Thanks in advance,

Rhiannon

**Upcoming events at the Beehive**

In Cinema:

Spooky season has arrived and here at The Beehive we have the perfect Halloween film for the whole family!

The Canterville Ghost (PG) screening Friday 27th October at 2pm. An American family moves in to Canterville Chase, a stately countryside mansion that has been haunted by the ghost Sir Simon De Canterville for 300 years!

To book call The Beehive Box Office on 01404 384 050

Tickets: Adults £7.50, U16 £6.50, Family of 4 - £25.

Accessible seating available by contacting the Box Office on 01404 384050.

Why not pop into our café for a warming hot chocolate before the movie starts! The café is open 10.30am - 3.30pm.

At Christmas:

THE ELF WHO LOST SANTA CLAUS - A festive interactive activity for all the family.

Wednesday 20th December - 11am. Suitable for all ages.

Meet Santa’s elves Sparkles, Bumble and Mistletoe. They have been tasked with arranging an afternoon for a very special group of people to meet Santa.
Can you help them find a way to make sure Santa arrives in time?

Ticket prices will include craft materials for the children to make a keepsake to take home with them. A drink and a Christmas Cookie for the children and a hot drink and homemade mince pie for the adults.

This event is booking up quickly! To book your tickets call The Beehive Box Office on 01404 384 050

Tickets: Adults £15, Under 12 £10, Family of 4 £35.00

Accessible seating available by contacting the Box Office on 01404 384050.

To purchase your tickets online, head to our website: [www.beehivehoniton.co.uk](http://www.beehivehoniton.co.uk/) and click 'What's On / Book Tickets'