



# LITTLETOWN PRIMARY ACADEMY AND NURSERY

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PRINCIPAL: MR DAVID PERKINS

Friday 9th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that it is half term already and that we are halfway through the school year. This week we have been having our Spring Term wellbeing week. My thanks to Mrs Davis and the Wellbeing ambassadors for taking two excellent assemblies on the theme of 'my voice matters'. We also marked Safer Internet day on Tuesday. This included lots of our children being part of over 40,000 who participated in the live lesson from Techshecan. My thanks to Mrs Hawkins and the digital Leaders for organising this. Hopefully your children were able to speak to you all about this on Tuesday evening. On Monday, Devon cricket came and delivered a brilliant assembly to children from Reception to Year 3 about community cricket clubs. Hopefully lots of you will sign up! It was great to have lots of parents join us on Wednesday afternoon for Nursery stay and play. On Wednesday after school a lot of our runners did amazingly well in the mud at the latest Stockland cross country race. My thanks to Mrs Clark and the parents for accompanying and supporting the children. Today, some of our Year 5 and 6 girls have taken part in the 7 aside football tournament. Also this week, Year 1 enjoyed their outdoor classroom

This week you should have received a form to complete for parent consultation appointments. Your specific times will be returned to you after half term. This is always quite the administrative task so my thanks to staff for completing this. I look forward to seeing you all in school for these the week beginning 26th February.

Today you should also have received the Autumn Term Parent Questionnaire results. After half term I will be sharing details of parent information evenings to be held focussing on behaviour, curriculum and teaching and learning.

When we return after half term 5RB/GA have their Bikeability course Monday to Thursday. On Tuesday we welcome Devon cricket back all day to work with the children in our school hall. On Thursday afternoon, sixteen of our KS2 children will attend Honiton Bowling Club for the next workshop session.

On Saturday 24th February we hold our Nursery open morning. Please tell everyone you know who might be interested. Full details can be found below.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a fantastic half term week next week and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 19th February.

Yours faithfully

David Perkins  
Principal

## **Children's news**

**Nursery** - This week, family members came to play in the Nursery! We had a pyjama party with hot chocolate and biscuits and we have had wellbeing discos.

**Reception** - This week, Reception have been learning to use water-colours to paint aliens. Smarty the penguin came and taught us how to stay safe online.

**Year 1** - In Year 1 this week we have learnt all about Big Ben and London.

**Year 2** - In Year 2 this week we have been dividing by ten in Maths and finding out which paper was the most absorbent in Science.

**Year 3** - In Year 3 they are reading a stone age book.

**Year 4** - In Year 4 this week they have been writing a story in the first person and in Science they have been learning about melting and boiling points.

**Year 5** - In Year 5 this week they have been learning all about potato farming in Geography and in Literacy, they are writing Norse myths.

**Year 6** - This week in Year 6 they have started a new unit on decimals in Maths and have been making stencils in Art.

## **Mental Wellbeing**

This week is Children's Mental Health Week. The Wellbeing Ambassadors led assemblies based on the theme 'My Voice Matters' to both KS1 and KS2 children. Everyone has been involved in completing many different activities from a wellbeing disco in Nursery to making 'My Voice Matters' speech bubble bunting in Year 6. Attached to this email is an information sheet for parents about talking to your child about mental health which I hope you find useful.

The next Parental Minds Coffee morning will be held on Wednesday 28th February 9-10.30am

## **Attendance**

Please can I remind you that if your child arrives at 8.55am or later the school doors are shut, it is important that you bring your child safely into school and sign them in. We have had several children running into school late and unaccompanied.

## **Littletown Nursery Open Morning**

Is your child due to turn 3 before the 1st of September 2024? We are holding our Nursery Open Morning on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024, from 10am-12pm. We would love to welcome you to our Nursery to show you our wonderful environment, to enable you to meet our staff and to let you discover what we can offer your child and family. Our Nursery is open from 7.50am-6pm and offers the Government 30 hour extended entitlement. We look forward to welcoming you!

## **Teachers in the morning**

Please can I request that you only catch teaching staff in the morning if it is something that can't be passed on via email to class email address or admin for redirection or via a phone call outside of teaching time and only if it is a very quick passing on of information. This will prevent teachers holding long conversations which prevents them from commencing class teaching at the start of the day as they need to.

#### **Email issue resolved**

We have had confirmation that the email issue with yahoo, ymail and aol accounts has not been resolved. Sorry for any inconvenience.

#### **Timid to Tiger parenting course**

We are again going to be offering an opportunity to come to our very popular parent based group Looking at children's anxiety and behaviours.

Do you need ideas to build your child's self confidence?  
Want to help your child with their fears and worries?  
Do you need strategies to help with behaviours you find difficult?

Areas we cover are: play, building bonds, understanding fears and worries, managing worry, praise and reward, setting boundaries and attention and consequences.

There are six sessions which will take place in our Community room on one afternoon per week. Dates to be arranged.

Parents who have attended have said that they felt this was an excellent course for all parents as well as a space to talk about ideas and practical strategies.

We follow the 'Timid to Tiger' manual for parenting of anxious children.

If you would like more information:

Nursery parents - please speak to staff.

School - Please email [pastoral@littletown.devon.sch.uk](mailto:pastoral@littletown.devon.sch.uk) , ask to speak to Mrs Canniford directly or drop in the slip below to the school office.

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I am interested in attending the Timid to Tiger parenting course.

Please circle afternoons you could attend.

I would be able to attend on a Tuesday, Thursday afternoon.

Name.....

Contact number .....

#### **Week Beginning 19th February 2024 events**

Monday 19th February	Tuesday 20th February	Wednesday 21st February	Thursday 22nd February	Friday 23rd February
5RB/GA Bikeability	5RB/GA Bikeability	5RB/GA Bikeability	5RB/GA Bikeability	
	Devon Cricket workshops in hall		KS2 Honiton Bowls workshop	

## **Community news**

### **Read book quest via Devon Libraries**

Please see attached to this newsletter information for signing up to the secret book quest run by Devon libraries. You can sign up via the website or by visiting Honiton library.

### **Half term events**

Please also see attached to this newsletter a list of local activities and events over half term in the local community.