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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday we welcomed television cameras from ITV Westcountry Live who filmed some of our Year 3 children and interviewed some of our Year 6 children and Mrs Searle. This aired on Wednesday. It has however caused quite a bit of confusion so I will attempt to explain and clarify! Michael Follet is the founder of OPAL and as you know, we are a platinum OPAL school. Michael is also though currently running a national campaign about always active uniforms urging schools to adopt uniforms which allow and encourage comfortable movement. ITV basically misconstrued the two. I was under the impression they were filming OPAL, although there was mention of the children being filmed in PE kit. It turns out they wanted the filming here at Littletown to fit around the uniform campaign hence why our wonderful Year 6 children and Mrs Searle talk about how nice it is wearing PE kit rather than about the joys of OPAL. I guess the truth really doesn't get in the way of a good story! Just for absolute clarity, although we may perhaps consider some uniform adjustments in the future we definitely do not have any uniform policy changes happening now or in September. The allowance for children to come in PE kits for the last two weeks of this Summer Term was a short term arrangement for comfort in the recent high temperatures. I hope that makes sense, please do get in touch if you have any questions.

Also on Monday, 2AL had their outdoor classroom where they made bug hotels and did litter picking inline with their topic helping habitats. Yesterday, we welcomed Nursery parents and carers for a stay and play session.

As you know, next week is our last week of the year. On Monday 2CL/DB have their outdoor classroom. It is a busy week for our Year 6 leavers as they have their leaver's performances on Monday afternoon and evening, fun splash at the swimming pool on Tuesday, their Leavers assembly Thursday morning followed by a silent disco in the afternoon. Friday will be a non-school uniform for all children as we end the year.

Yours faithfully

David Perkins
Principal

Children's news

Nursery

We have been playing schools in our role play areas.

Reception

We have been making sharks with moving mouths and we learnt a lot of facts about sharks.

Year 1

We have been making clocks and we have also been learning about the days of the week. We have also watched the Year 6 performance.

Year 2

Firstly we have been learning about Queen Victoria and secondly we have been sewing.

Year 3

We have been making mosaics in Art, designing a green house in D.T and Dartmoor 3 ball in PE.

Year 4

In Maths we have been doing coordinates. In literacy we have been doing caves and in History we have been doing our big question.

Year 5

We have done our final Art piece and jiving in P.E

Year 6

We have been practicing and performing our leavers performance.

Staff news

Next week, as well as saying farewell to Mr Bilcock as you already know, we will also sadly be saying thank you and goodbye to two other members of staff. Mrs Sturmey will be leaving her role as Teaching Assistant at Littletown after several years and several roles! Mrs Rawlins will sadly be leaving us as Administrator in the office. Mrs Rawlins has been at Littletown for nearly 20 years. I am sure you will join me in saying a huge thank you to them for all their service and commitment to Littletown and in wishing them all the very best for the future.

Summer Fete

The PTFA Summer Fete raised an amazing £2,733.75 for the children. Thank you again to the PTFA for this brilliant achievement.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who has visited the book fair over the last two weeks. It has been wonderful to see so many books flying off the tables! In total, we raised £1,100 with 50% of that coming back to school to spend on the library. A huge thank you to all the children who entered our competitions the winners of which were chosen by our Chair of Governors Paul Burton. I would like to say a huge thank you to Miss Chlamers for organising and running the book fair and to the teachers who have supported the fair after school.

Library books

It is the time of year when we need to ensure you return all the library books back to school please. Please can you ensure that all books are returned by Wednesday 23rd July so our librarians can put them all back in the library ready for September.

Lost property

On Thursday and Friday next week we will put all unclaimed lost property and unnamed school uniform on tables on the front playground before and after school. Any unclaimed uniform at the end of the year will be donated to the PTFA spare uniform store.

Mornings before school for KS2

On Wednesday I spoke to all the children in Y3-Y6 about the expectations in the morning waiting outside classroom doors. Lots of schools make all children line up in lines on playgrounds, but I try to treat children with more trust and independence as they get older and the morning arrangement is part of this. Please remind your children of the expectations over next week and into next year. Children should not be arriving at school before 8:40am.

Picture news for parents

Please find attached to this newsletter the overview of the picture news covered in school this Term.

Week Beginning 21st July 2025 events

Monday 21st July	Tuesday 22nd July	Wednesday 23rd July	Thursday 24th July	Friday 25th July
Y2CL/DB outdoor classroom	Y6 swim fun splash		Leavers assembly 9:15am	Last day of term Non-school uniform
Year 6 performances 2-3pm 6-7pm			Y6 silent disco	

Community news

Thelma Hulbert Gallery

There are a range of events taking place at the gallery over the Summer. A complete list of workshops and events can be found here: [workshops and events](#)