# LITTLETOWN PRIMARY ACADEMY and NURSERY

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Dear Parents and Carers, 9th November 2018

It has been a busy week this week at Littletown. Well done to our Year 6 footballers on Wednesday for winning and playing so well in their match against Stockland. It was fantastic that so many Littletown children stayed behind after school to watch. Thanks to Mr Priddle and Adam for facilitating this for the children. Also on Wednesday our choir Littletown Larks wowed an audience at St Paul’s church performing as part of the Light up a Life ceremony. Thank you to Mrs Binmore for conducting the children so well.

Yesterday Year 1 pupils were visited by the Queen for a tea party for their Cornerstone engage event and behaved impeccably for the occasion. It was fantastic to see so many parents attending the Year 3/4 Power Maths information meeting last night. Thanks to staff for running this meeting after school. We still have Literacy information evenings and special parent sessions for Mental Health on 21st November - please do attend these if you can, full details below.

Little Troopers have done an amazing job with their ‘Lest we Forget’ tribute. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed by decorating a poppy. The result is a creation which is both intimate and poignant. This can be seen on the display board just outside the school hall and a photo is on our website via our twitter feed. There is a colouring competition next week for the Honiton based Baton charity which supports families of service personnel around the world.

Next week we have Key Stage 1 (Years 1/2) Literacy parent information evening on Tuesday at 6pm and Key Stage 2 (Year 3/4/5/6) Reading and Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation (SPAG) parent information evening on Thursday at 6pm. Next Friday is Children in Need and children can come to school in non-school uniform for a donation.

Finally, as part of our focus on our whole school Mental Health strategy, commitment to reducing unnecessary workload for teachers and ensuring our practice is based on robust academic research, we are conducting a review of our school homework policy and approach. As part of this I will be consulting with parents next week. On Monday you will be issued with a code to an online survey to complete by Friday (this can be completed by both parents). You are also invited to send me your thoughts and comments about homework in a short email next week.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr Perkins**

**Principal**

**News from the children –**

Nursery

We have been decorating poppies.

We have been making up firework dances.

Reception

We have been reading the Three Little Pigs

We have been making finger puppets.

Year 1

We made cakes for the Queen

We have been making moving pictures

Year 2

We have been subtracting in 10’s

In Literacy we have been learning about tin Soldiers.

Year 3

We have been writing diversity poems for a competition.

We have been learning 3 times tables rock stars online.

Year 4

In topic we have been listening to different music e.g the 4 seasonsby Vivaldi.

We have been making up a story map of Leon and the Place Between.

Year 5

We have been practising a Tudor play.

We have been learning how to cook in Tudor times.

Year 6

We have been doing Silver sword diary writing.

We have been multiplying.

**Messages**

**Christmas dates**

**7th December –** Foundation Stage Christmas Dress Rehearsal

 PTFA Christmas Family Quiz – 6.15pm

**10th December –** Foundation Stage Christmas Productions 2pm and 5pm

**11th December –** KS1 Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal

 Foundation Stage Christmas Production 2pm

**12th December –** KS1 Christmas Production – 6pm

**13th Decemmber –** KS2 Christmas Productions – 2pm and 6pm

**19th December –** KS2 Christmas Production - 6pm

**20th December –** Christmas Lunch

 KS2 Christmas Production – 6pm

**Youtube at school**

Following more work on getting the IT permissions right for our school, children can now access a restricted access version of Youtube on the school devices which will only show ‘whitelisted’ videos. This allows us to use the educational benefits of Youtube at school and still have pretty of robust filters in place. More information can be found here:

<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/7354993?hl=en-GB>

**French pen pal exchange**

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be starting a French pen pal letter exchange this term, which we hope to continue for the rest of the year. There will hopefully be opportunities for classes to talk on Skype as well. A letter about this has gone home to parents today. If you are happy for your child to participate, please return the slip to your class teacher as soon as possible so that the children can begin their letters!

**Information evenings**

We have had fantastic turn outs and very positive feedback from our Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 parent information evenings so far. Please see below evenings still to come which will be held as follows 6-7pm.:

13th November Literacy Key Stage 1 (Year1 and Year2)

15th November Reading and SPaG Key Stage 2 (Years 3,4,5 and 6)

21st November Mental Health presentation All parents 2- 3pm or 6-7pm

**Twitter**

Do you follow us on twitter yet? Twitter is another way of us issuing information and reminders alongside parentpay mail and another way for you to let us know what you and your children are up to. Follow us at [www.twitter.co.uk](http://www.twitter.co.uk) @LittletownAcad

**School events/Dates**

**Week beginning 12th November :**

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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|  | Nursery Outdoor Classroom4SD Outdoor ClassroomKS1 Parents Literacy information evening 6 – 7pm |  | KS2 Parents SPAG information evening 6pm4GW/GAT Outdoor Classroom |  |





**Mental Health Presentation**

**- all welcome**

**Wednesday 21st November**

**2-3pm or 6-7pm**

**C*ome along to either one of the presentations to discover more about Mental Health of children. It will cover some information about brain biology and give helpful information on how to support children ‘day to day’ in thinking about their own mental health.***

 **Led by Holly Billington; Child and Adolescent Counsellor, and our advisor from Early Help 4 Mental Health.**

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