



## LITTLETOWN PRIMARY ACADEMY and NURSERY

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Friday 1st December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The school is officially in full Christmas mode now with the arrival of December. Today, in assembly, we discussed the Christian relevance of Advent and the excitement of looking forward to something important. Rehearsals have been in full swing, the Christmas tree is up and today the school has been awash with Jolly Jars for the Christmas fayre. You can find all the dates for Christmas events below which now includes Christmas lunch on Wednesday 13th December. This will be uniform, but with Christmas jumpers/accessories if you have them and donations towards the Children's Society as we think of others less fortunate than ourselves at this time of the year. At Littletown, we always try very hard to get the balance right between embracing Christmas at school as a magical time for the children whilst not abandoning all structure and routine as we know children really struggle with this. I also know it is peak parent admin season too, so I thank you all for keeping up with it! I'll endeavour to keep the newsletters short. I look forward to seeing you all at the children's Christmas performances over the next two weeks.

Away from Christmas festivities we have had lots of other exciting events this week. On Tuesday we welcomed the Space Dome to school which was experienced by Year 5 and Year 6 children. On Thursday, as if the snow wasn't exciting enough(!), we welcomed M and M Theatricals to school to perform their pantomime Aladdin for the children. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A special mention to Mr Luxton for being a good sport and dancing on stage - unfortunately, I was in a meeting! My thanks to the PTFA for funding this experience for the children. On Thursday afternoon we had lots of children out and about in the freezing snow. Our Year 5 and 6 footballers took part in the annual Exeter City tournament and other Year 5 and 6 children took part in an event at Honiton Bowls club. Today, although their multi skills event was cancelled, Year 2 carried out some Geography fieldwork offsite looking for human and physical features in the local area and their amounts of usage.

This week children attending Breakfast club and After School Club have been making Christmas decorations which have been given to WBW Solicitors for display in their windows on Honiton High street. Go and see them if you can.

Today is the last chance to complete the Parent Questionnaire before it closes so I can analyse the results prior to our Governors meeting. Here is the link:

<https://forms.gle/PM4DA7psEA8SDE4dA>

Yours faithfully

David Perkins  
Principal

## **Children's news**

**Nursery :** Nursery have been making Christmas jam tarts and have been writing their letters to Santa!

**Reception :** Reception have been busy making their christmas cards.

**Year 1 :** Year 1 have been learning about the Power Maths characters and all about the King's Coronation.

**Year 2 :** Year 2 have been learning how to paint still objects and also learning information on food chains in science.

**Year 3:** Year 3 have been dividing by 8 in Maths and are writing stories on the book Summer Child.

**Year 4:** Year 4 have been learning about area in Maths and went to the pantomime.

**Year 5:** Year 5 went to the Space Dome and have been writing traditional tales.

**Year 6:** Year 6 have started their christmas cards and been doing their writing assessments. They also had sessions in the space dome.

## **Staff news**

### **Year 6 Friday afternoon**

From next Friday, Mrs Searle will now teach Year 6 classes alongside Mr Bilcock on Friday afternoons.

### **Mealtime assistant**

We are looking to recruit a Mealtime Assistant. If you think you might be interested in this role which is from midday to 1pm each day, please get in touch with us to discuss via [admin@littletown.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@littletown.devon.sch.uk)

### **Christmas post box**

Every year it is lovely how many children want to share Christmas cards with people at school. To facilitate this we have our Christmas post box. The Christmas post box will be in the Reception lobby between the blue doors and white doors in the last week of term. Please don't bring in Christmas cards before this. My thanks to the House Captains who will be our Christmas posties this year!

## Christmas performances and events up to the end of term

Monday 4th December 9:30	9:30 Nursery Christmas walk		
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 9.15	3CP	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2.45	3JS/SD
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 9.15	1LM	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2.45	1SC
Wednesday 6th December 6pm	Year 5 and Year 6 St Pauls church		
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 9.15	2CL/DB	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2.45	2AL
Thursday 7th December 6pm	Year 5 and Year 6 St Pauls church		
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 9.15	4SD/CL	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2.45	4ZH
Saturday 9th December	PTFA Christmas Fayre 10am - 2pm		
Monday 11th December	Christmas post box opens!		
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 9.15	RNK	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2.30	RNC
Wednesday 13th December 9.30	Nursery		
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day 50p donation for Children's Society		
Friday 15th December	Last day of term non-uniform		

## Poppy appeal total

This week, we heard from the Poppy Appeal that at Littletown we raised £161.51 for the Royal British Legion.



## PTFA News

### Thank you:

Thank you for all the wonderful donations for our Rainbow Raffle last week. We have been able to make up some amazing hampers. Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets to be in with a chance of winning one. Ticket money and stubs should be returned to school by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. If you need any more tickets, you can pick them up from reception.

Thank you too for all the fantastic Jolly Jars that have been brought in today. These will be sold at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

### Christmas Fayre:

Our Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 10am until 2pm in the school hall. There will be a variety of craft and gift stalls, toys, refreshments, games, face-painting, the rainbow raffle and Jolly Jars. Please come along and support us and enjoy a lovely Christmassy atmosphere. If you have booked to see Santa at the Fayre, you should have now had your time confirmed. If not, then please contact us.

Thank you to those who have offered to help. We cannot run these events without you.

If you want to ask any questions about our events, or would like to volunteer to help then please contact us at [ptfa@littletownacademy.org](mailto:ptfa@littletownacademy.org) or contact us on our Facebook page 'Littletown Primary Academy PTFA'.

Please remember with any BACS payments to include your child's surname and class as a reference so that we can easily see who has paid. Thank you.

PTFA Team

## **Community news**

### **Honiton Family Church Christmas events**

Please see attached to this newsletter a flyer advertising upcoming Christmas events held by the Honiton Family Church.