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PRINCIPAL: MR DAVID PERKINS

Friday 23rd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a brilliant half term. It has been a busy week this week to start a busy half term. I hope you have noticed our wonderful blue banner at the front of the school sharing that we have been successful in assessment as being a Silver Rights Respecting Schools Award. This is a good example of how schools should be about so much more than just following the national curriculum and government decree. As you know, we are now starting our work towards becoming one of the few schools in the Country who achieve the Gold award.

This week, from Monday until yesterday, 5RB/GA have had their Bikeability course with the Devon instructors. They have been out in some pretty horrendous weather and the instructors have consistently told me how impressed they have been with the children's behaviour and attitude. Thanks to parents for providing bikes, helmets and drying off wet clothing!

On Tuesday we welcomed Devon cricket back all day to work with the children on the playground. My thanks to the PE team for arranging all this work with Devon Cricket. Again, the instructor commented on how fantastic the children were. Please see poster and flyer attached for the sessions at Honiton Cricket Club on Friday evenings.

On Thursday afternoon, sixteen of our KS2 children visited Honiton Bowling Club for the next of their workshop sessions.

Tomorrow we look forward to welcoming lots of families as we hold our Nursery open morning. Please tell everyone you know who might be interested. Full details can be found below in this newsletter.

Next week, Year 3 start their swimming lessons on Tuesday at Honiton Leisure Centre. On Wednesday we welcome Parental Minds back to our Community Room for a coffee morning for parents from 9-10:30am and our Y5/6 Netballers go to Ottery St Mary for the East Devon finals. Year 5 have outdoor classroom on Thursday and some Key Stage 1 children visit Honiton Leisure centre for a Coordination event.

Also next week, I look forward to seeing you all as you attend Parent Consultation meetings on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school.

Finally, please see below in this newsletter information about world book day coming up the week after next which features dressing up as favourite book characters and other activities.

Yours faithfully

David Perkins
Principal

Children's news

Nursery - A dinosaur came to visit, and gave us a dinosaur egg!

Reception - We are doing a new topic about fairy tales.

Year 1 - We used different sketch pencils in art.

Year 2 - On Monday we found a green egg and footsteps.

Year 3 Fractions in maths, new book the big blue whale and designing our own websites

Year 4 Animals in art, new book giant starred and marvellous mountains.

Year 5 BIKE ability, new book in literacy The darkest dark and new topic in pe: tennis and hand ball!

Year 6 new book man fish new unit in PSHE healthy and fairtrade in pupil voice

World book day

On Thursday 7th March we will be celebrating World Book Day. This is an exciting day to celebrate authors, illustrators, books and the joy of reading. Children and staff can dress up as their favourite book character or author, if they wish, and a donation of 50p to the World Book Day charity would be greatly appreciated. Donations will help nearly 1,000,000 children, in the UK, who don't have a book of their own (National Literacy Trust), have access to books and develop a love of reading for pleasure.

Please note that Class 5GW/GA are not in school on this day so they are to wear their character costumes on Friday 8th March.

Throughout the week of World Book Day, the children will be contributing towards a whole school collaborative art project to display in our newly renovated school library. Also on the day, they will receive their World Book Day £1 voucher, so please look out for these in their book bags. Here are this year's £1 books that can be purchased for free with a World Book Day voucher:

**Choose a brilliant book for free with your
World Book Day £1/€1.50 token**

**15 February -
31 March 2024**

Books available for free with a World Book Day token:

- BOOK TOKEN
- ELMER
- GREG SASSAGE ROLL
- CHARLIE KEGREN
- MARV
- DINOWHIMMY CLOUD
- Investi GAT IRS
- LOKi
- ONYEKA
- THE AMAZING EDEE ECKHART
- Can you GET Jellyfish in SPACE?
- The Irish Yeti
- INIS MARA
- FLEETWOOD Y CORFF
- DREAMWOOD CREEPY CREATIONS
- The Doomsday Date

Mental Wellbeing

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

Littletown Nursery Open Morning tomorrow!

Is your child due to turn 3 before the 1st of September 2024? We are holding our Nursery Open Morning tomorrow 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!

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 , 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 26th February 2024 events

Monday 26th February	Tuesday 27th February	Wednesday 28th February	Thursday 29th February	Friday 1st March
	Y3 swimming	Parental Minds coffee morning 9-10:30	Y5 outdoor classroom	KS1 co-ordination event
		East Devon Netball	Nursery outdoor	

		finals pm	classroom	
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PTFA News

Save the date, the PTFA will be holding their Easter Bingo on Friday 22nd March.