



## LITTLETOWN PRIMARY ACADEMY and NURSERY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The only place to start this week is with our brilliant sports days on Monday and Tuesday. I was so impressed with the children in terms of their attitude, commitment and effort in all their activities as well as their excellent levels of sportsmanship and enjoyment. Despite the weather, we had an incredible turn out of parents and other supporters and this created a fantastic atmosphere for the children. My thanks to the staff, especially the PE team, for all their hard work in making these days such a success. Thanks also to all the parents who came back on Tuesday for the Grand House Relay and the presentation.

Today I have tabulated the results to put in this newsletter. As you know, I always want us to be honest, open and transparent as a school. So, although rather embarrassing, I have to share with you that we made a mistake in finalising the total results. This was an honest mistake where large numbers from a range of different places were being added up under a lot of time pressure to make various totals. As you can see from the table below the actual winning team in both Key Stage 2 and Overall were Beech. I would like to apologise to children in Beech and children in Maple for this mistake and to everyone who attended. We will look at how we can ensure this doesn't happen again in the future and I hope this will not detract from what were two brilliant days where sport was the real winner. I'm sure we will all agree to the old adage of 'it's not all about the winning, but the taking part'.

Sports day wasn't the only sport on Monday. Well done to our children who took part in the Honiton Learning Community Dartmoor 3ball. Thanks to Miss Bodgin who accompanied the children.

Well done to the Reception children for a great Elmer party as their Express Event on Wednesday. Thank you to all the parents who attended.

Today 24 children from across Year 3,4, and 5 participated in the Honiton Learning Community Games.

This afternoon I have been visiting the Beehive where local Headteachers have been discussing concerns and issues about school funding with Neil Parish MP. I hope to be able to report actions and commitments from the meeting in next week's newsletter.

Next week, on Tuesday, we welcome new Nursery and Reception parents to an information evening with Nursery parents at 5pm and Reception parents at 6pm. On Thursday we welcome the Exeter Chiefs to Littletown to work with our Year 5 children as part of their partnership with 'HeadsUp' supporting mental health in young people. This is a project we hope to grow our involvement in and information can be found here: <https://www.exeterchiefs.co.uk/news/heads-up-programme-hits-local-schools>

Finally, with sports days over, the next big event for us is the school fete approaching on Friday 12th July. Please find attached all the information you need from the PTFA and please do get in touch with them if there is any way you think you can help.

Yours faithfully

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### **News from the children –**

#### **Nursery**

We have been decorating fish.

We have also been sending fish and boats out of tubes.

#### **Reception**

We have made Elmers out of bottles.

We had our express event about animals.

#### **Year 1**

We have done sports day.

We have enjoyed our express event.

#### **Year 2**

We have started our new topic.

We are planning our express event.

#### **Year 3**

We have been writing stories.

We have also made parrots.

#### **Year 4**

We have been practising for Sports Day.

We have also been doing lots of our assessments.

#### **Year 5**

We have been learning how to use a protractor in maths.

We have been designing our own roller coaster.

#### **Year 6**

We have done our life skills.

We have also been doing our end of school play rehearsing.

### **Messages**

#### **Next year classes and teachers**

I am excited to say that next week we will be sending out information on which classes will be having which teachers prior to our transition day on Wednesday 10th July. There will be an opportunity for parents and carers to meet your child's new teacher(s) on Tuesday 9th July after school at 3.30pm and repeated at 4.00pm and 4.30pm for families with more than one child.

#### **Littletown Sports kit**

If any of your children have taken part in any sport competition where they have worn the Littletown Team kit, please could you check you do not have any of it at home. If you do have a t-shirt and/or a hoodie we would appreciate it if it could be returned to school as soon as possible as we are missing quite a bit of kit.

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## Musician's Concert

Our musicians will be performing in their end of year concert on 11th July at 6pm in the school hall. This is a wonderful opportunity for our choir and musicians to show off their talents and also gives younger children the chance to see what can be achieved with hard work and commitment. If your child has lessons in school, they will have been asked by their music teacher if they wish to perform. Children who have their lessons outside school, are welcome to perform too. If this is the case, please contact Mrs Binmore by Wednesday 3rd July with your child's name, instrument and title of the piece. A letter with final details will be sent home with performers next week.

## Music Tuition at Littleton

We have many talented peripatetic music teachers who come into school and teach a wide variety of instruments to our children. A letter will be coming home next week with details of instrument tuition offered by our music teachers. Generally, tuition is offered to children in KS2 but exceptions can be made for younger children on an individual basis. Please contact Mrs Binmore if you have any questions about music tuition and keep an eye out for the letter if your child is interested in starting to play.

## Sports days final scores

Year group	Oak	Ash	Beech	Maple	winning margin
Reception	80	74	83	85	2
Year 1	103	108	99	101	5
Year 2	124	155	162	160	2
Year 3	133	196	181	138	15
Year 4	187	150	156	149	31
Year 5	145	115	210	181	29
Year 6	182	156	180	143	2
Key Stage 1 cup	307	337	344	346	2
Key stage 2 cup	647	617	727	611	80
Overall cup*	961	955	1081	957	120

\*including results of grand house relay

## School events/Dates

Week beginning 1st July :

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nursery outdoor classroom	New Nursery parents meeting 5pm New Reception parents meeting 6pm		Exeter Chiefs with Y5	Year 1 outdoor classroom

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