

***Live . Love . Learn - Littletown***

Friday 10th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week 5CP completed their bikeability course from Monday to Thursday. The trainers have been pleased with their effort and behaviour over the four days. We look forward to 5ZH having their bikeability course next week. On Tuesday Year 4 had their second swimming session at Honiton Leisure Centre. Today in assembly the children watched a presentation by our Rights Respecting Schools Ambassadors about Fair Trade and their visit to the Fair Trade workshop in Exmouth last week. The ambassadors were able to link this to the school value of showing Love to people we don’t know through Kindness, Equality and Dignity. We will continue our journey to become a Fair Trade school and support Honiton in becoming a Fair Trade town.

Yesterday we completed Parent Consultation appointments postponed from last week. These were very positive just as last week. Lot of parents have mentioned an enthusiasm from their children to access their in school learning resource platforms at school. Please see more information about this below in the newsletter.

Next week, Year 3 classes are visiting Honiton Community College to take part in Science workshops. We also have lots of TAG Rugby on Tuesday with a Year 3/4 event during the day and the third Year 5/6 competition after school. On Friday we take part in Comic Relief. Due to noses not being appropriate for younger children, we will be having a non-school uniform day with the addition of crazy hair. Please find details below. Also on Friday, twelve of our children are taking part in the Dance Festival at Exeter Phoenix. I look forward to seeing lots of families at our PTFA family bingo next Friday evening. Please see information attached to this newsletter.

I am sure you are aware that next week, we again have the prospect of Industrial Action from members of the National Education Union on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. There is hope that agreement to participate in talks between the Union and the Government will result in the cancellation of this proposed action. As with previous instances, I hope to be able to inform you of the status of the school early next week. Please make contingency arrangements in the event that the school is partially or fully closed on these days for your children.

Finally, tomorrow afternoon, I look forward to joining our Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 choir children as they perform in a special concert with other schools in Exeter Cathedral following their final rehearsals with Exeter Choristers this morning. If you happen to be in Exeter do pop in for the concert at 4:30pm which is free to all. I know how hard the children have worked in preparation for this and my thanks also to Mrs Binmore for all her hard work supporting and preparing the children.

Yours faithfully,

David Perkins 

Principal

**Children’s news**

**NURSERY:** Nursery have been building houses for the three little pigs and practising copying letters from their names.

**RECEPTION:** Reception have been doing observational paintings of Spring daffodils.

**YEAR 1:** Year 1 have learned about the great fire of London story. They also have been measuring the wind.

**YEAR 2:** They have been learning about planting in the Spring. Year 2 learned that Captain Hook sailed for 3 years.

**YEAR 3:** This week, in maths they were learning about lengths. In computing they were learning about communicators.

**YEAR 4:** This week, in art they were drawing a horse in the style of George Stumps. In geography they were learning about mountains in the UK and across the world.

**YEAR 5:** This week, Year 5 have been doing Bikeability (5CP) and learning about parenthesis in literacy. In PSHE they have been learning about what to do in an emergency.

**YEAR 6:** They have been working on Reasoning in Maths and talking about their Pixies Holt residential.

**Comic Relief**

Comic Relief day is on Friday 17th March. We will be having a non-school uniform/crazy hair day on Friday 17th March, for a donation of 50p per child/ £1 per family which will all go to Comic Relief.

**Mental Wellbeing**

The Mental Wellbeing Ambassadors are going to be setting up a wellbeing room for use during lunchtimes, as part of this, Jack and Freddie from Year 6 would like to set up a Lego club. In order to do this we need Lego! If you have any spare Lego and you would be happy to donate it please leave it in the foyer labelled FAO Mrs Davis, many thanks.

**Accessing google accounts for learning at home**

Increasingly children want to be able to access the learning platforms and resources we have at Littletown to use at home. This is possible via single sign on as part of our google domain for gsuite for education. As children in younger and younger year groups want to do this teachers get a lot of requests about usernames and passwords etc. To help I have made a quick reference page on the website which outlines the pattern of every username in our domain which is: [firstname.secondname@littletownacademy.org](mailto:firstname.secondname@littletownacademy.org) Teachers should be able to help with passwords if children don’t know them.

Littletownacademy.org is a managed domain or 'intranet'. It does not allow users to compose or receive emails from addresses outside of the domain. Once logged into the domain our secure filtering system which operates at school will be in operation. This blocks various searches etc and alerts school safeguarding leads to any concerning searches made by children etc.

Once logged into this via google chrome browser the bookmarks for all their other learning sites such as Lexia, TTRS will appear for easy access.

Here is the link to the quick reference page on our website:

<https://littletown.eschools.co.uk/website/logging_in_to_google_accounts_at_home/645323>

**Nursery applications**

Please be aware if this applies to you and pass on to those who you feel it does apply to. The deadline for admissions applications to Littletown Nursery for children wanting to start in September 2023 is Saturday 1st April. Please do get in touch if you have any questions.

**Breakfast and After School Club**

Booking for April-July is now available via this link: <https://forms.gle/8Emi9WrGe3VTwRnd7>

If you have any queries, please email Hannah on hannah.groves@littletownacademy.org

**Primary Sports Easter camp**

Mr Bilcock is running an Easter camp where a mixture of activities and sports will take place including glow in the dark dodgeball, nerf gun battles, Easter egg hunts and much more! Half the spaces have already been taken so make sure you book soon to avoid disappointment!

**Staff news**

**Farewell Mrs Andrews**

Today, we say a sad farewell, but good luck to Mrs Andrews who leaves us to join Southbrook School. Mrs Andrews has supported a great many children over her four years at Littletown and we wish her the very best as she continues her career.

**Week Beginning 13th March 2023 events**

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| **Monday 13th March** | **Tuesday 14th March** | **Wednesday 15th March** | **Thursday 16th March** | **Friday 17th March** |
| 5ZH bikeability | 5ZH bikeability | 5ZH bikeability | 5ZH bikeability | 5ZH bikeability |
| Y3 Science visits to HCC | Nursery outdoor classroom | Year 1 Outdoor classroom |  | Reception outdoor classroom |
|  | Year 4 Swimming | Possible Industrial action | Possible Industrial action | Dance Festival at Exeter Phoenix |
|  | Y3/4 TAG Rugby |  |  | Comic Relief Crazy Hair/non-uniform day |
|  | TAG Rugby tournament round 3 |  |  |  |

**PTFA news**

Please see attached poster for PTFA bingo next Friday at school.

We have had to change the date of the next disco. It will now be on Friday 28th April. If anyone is able to help with selling refreshments or toys during the disco then please contact us. PTFA@littletownacademy.org

**Community news**

**Fresha newsletter**

Please see attached to this newsletter and update from our catering partners, Fresha.