

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

Friday 10th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, on Monday, we were pleased to welcome some students from Exeter University to work with some of our children on a drama enrichment programme. On Tuesday, Nursery children had their outdoor classroom and two Netball teams took part in the first Bee Netball tournament where they both won nearly all their matches. Yesterday, our Year 5 and 6 cross country runners took part in the East Devon finals at a muddy Bicton College and all ran really well.

Thank you to all of you who have given your children money to contribute to the poppy appeal as part of Remembrance this week. We sold out of most items! Today in assembly I reflected with the children on the importance of Remembrance, the armistice and held moments of silence in advance of 11th November tomorrow.

Next week we will focus on anti-bullying week. This starts on Monday with our Odd Socks day. This is school uniform, but with odd socks and we will be raising money with 50p donations to charities supporting anti bullying causes. More detail about the events of anti bullying week can be found below in this newsletter.

Next Wednesday, we welcome Tempest photography to school for school photos. From 8:30am families can queue to have photos with siblings who do not attend Littletown. All Littletown children will have an individual photograph and a photograph with any siblings who attend Littletown Primary and Nursery over the course of the day. PTFA disco tonight.

On Thursday, Year 5 have their outdoor classroom and on Friday, some of our Year 5 and 6 children will visit Honiton Leisure Centre to take part in Sportshall Athletics.

Next Friday is Children in Need. We always try to support this day at Littletown. Children can come in non school uniform and bring 10p coins - as many as you can. Following our copper picture of Pudsey last year, this year we wish to spell the words Children in Need on the playground out of 10ps. We’ll see how it goes!

I hope all the children have a great time at the school discos tonight. My thanks again to the staff attending and to the PTFA for organising these discos which are enjoyed by so many.

Finally, today you should have received the Parent Questionnaire survey. Please do take the time to complete this if you can.

Yours faithfully

David Perkins 

Principal

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**Mental**

**Children’s news**

**Nursery:** Nursery have been learning about Diwali and the festival of lights in R.E. and decorating Pumpkins.

**Reception:** We have been learning different balances in P.E

**Year 1:** Year 1 have been celebrating differences in P.S.H.E.

**Year 2:** Year 2 have been making vegetable casseroles and been learning in Computing how to debug a code.

**Year 3:** Year 3 have been making Google slides in Computing and have been doing Maths tests.

**Year 4:** Year 4 have been learning about multiplication and division in Maths.

**Year 5:** Year 5 have been making taotie masks out of clay and plaster in Art. They have also been learning about the solar system in Science.

**Year 6:** Year 6 have been Computing and ordering fractions. They have also made periscopes in Science.

**Staff news**

**Farewell Mrs Stewart**

This week we said goodbye to Mrs Stewart as a lunchtime playleader and cleaner at the school. We wish her good luck in her new role. If you are interested in filling the vacancy as lunchtime playleader please get in touch with the school office.

**See you soon and good luck Miss Groves**

Today we said bye to Miss Groves as she leaves to begin her Maternity leave! I’m sure you will join me in wishing her all the best. Miss Hartley, who will be covering the absence as Year 5 Teaching Assistant has already been working with the class over the last few weeks. Any After School Club queries can now be directed to Miss Rawlins jrawlins@litletown.devon.sch.uk who is taking over the running of After School Club.

## Anti-Bullying week next week

We are excited to be participating in the National Anti-Bullying week.

‘**Make a Noise About Bullying**’ including the famous odd socks day!

[Anti-Bullying Week 2023: Make a Noise](https://youtu.be/kfzr4e-shc8)

## What is Odd Socks day?

## Most importantly, Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It’s an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to your school; it couldn't be simpler! Odd Socks day will take place on the first day of Anti-Bullying Week on **Monday 13th November**  to help raise awareness of bullying. We would like to support Anti Bullying week by asking families to make a donation (suggested 50p per family).

We will be participating in a variety of anti bullying activities throughout the week which link well with our School Personal, Social and Health Education curriculum. All classes will be learning about ‘Celebrating Difference’ in their weekly class PSHE lessons throughout the second Autumn half term, as detailed below:

**Nursery and Reception:** Identifying talents. Being special Families. Where we live. Making friends. Standing up for yourself.

**Year 1:** Similarities and differences. Understanding bullying and knowing how to deal with it. Making new friends. Celebrating the differences in everyone.

**Year 2:** Assumptions and stereotypes about gender. Understanding bullying. Standing up for self and others. Making new friends. Gender diversity. Celebrating difference and remaining friends.

**Year 3:** Families and their differences. Family conflict and how to manage it (child-centred) Witnessing bullying and how to solve it. Recognising how words can be hurtful, Giving and receiving compliments

**Year 4:** Challenging assumptions. Judging by appearance. Accepting self and others. Understanding influences. Understanding bullying. Problem-solving. Identifying how special and unique everyone is. First impressions.

**Year 5:** Cultural differences and how they can cause conflict. Racism Rumours and name-calling. Types of bullying. Material wealth and happiness. Enjoying and respecting other cultures.

**Year 6:** Perceptions of normality. Understanding disability. Power struggles. Understanding bullying. Inclusion/exclusion. Differences as conflict, difference as celebration. Empathy.

**Mental Wellbeing**

Our second Parental Minds coffee morning of the term will be being held on Wednesday 22nd November 9-10.30am in the Community Room.

**OPAL**

As our mud kitchen has been relocated we will be soon having actual mud for the children to use (they have been very patient waiting for the mud)! The children were reminded in assembly today about playing with the mud sensibly. We have an outdoor sink available for children to wash their hands after they have played with the kitchen.

Please could I remind you that the OPAL equipment must not be played with after school as it is all packed away ready for the next day.

**Week Beginning 13th November 2023 events**

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| **Monday 13th November** | **Tuesday 14th November** | **Wednesday 15th November** | **Thursday 16th November** | **Friday 17th November** |
| Odd Socks day 50p | Nursery outdoor classroom | School Photos | Y5 outdoor classroom | Children in need non uniform 10ps |
|  |  |  |  | Y5/6 sportshall athletics |

**Community news**

At Christmas:

THE ELF WHO LOST SANTA CLAUS - A festive interactive activity for all the family.

Wednesday 20th December - 11am. Suitable for all ages.

Meet Santa’s elves Sparkles, Bumble and Mistletoe. They have been tasked with arranging an afternoon for a very special group of people to meet Santa.
Can you help them find a way to make sure Santa arrives in time?

Ticket prices will include craft materials for the children to make a keepsake to take home with them. A drink and a Christmas Cookie for the children and a hot drink and homemade mince pie for the adults.

This event is booking up quickly! To book your tickets call The Beehive Box Office on 01404 384 050

Tickets: Adults £15, Under 12 £10, Family of 4 £35.00

Accessible seating available by contacting the Box Office on 01404 384050.

To purchase your tickets online, head to our website: [www.beehivehoniton.co.uk](http://www.beehivehoniton.co.uk/) and click 'What's On / Book Tickets'