



## LITTLETOWN PRIMARY ACADEMY and NURSERY

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*Live • Love • Learn - Littletown*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by saying a huge well done to the Year 6 children for their amazing £5 challenge enterprise event after school on Tuesday. The children worked so hard in both the lead up to and during the event and brought the whole school community together for the event. My thanks also to the Year 6 teachers for supporting the children so well throughout this event and my thanks also to the Year 6 parents for all their support with making items and preparing stores. A special mention to the children and parents who stayed late after school assisting with clearing up and packing away. The children raised over £700 as a result of their efforts, some of which will be put towards treats and events for the end of Year 6 in July.

Also this week, on Tuesday, Year 4 had their outdoor classroom where they made natural picture frames and Year 3 had their penultimate swimming session. On Wednesday afternoon, some of our girls took part in the Honiton Learning Community Futsal Finals where they showed great determination and had the best time. On Thursday, three of our gymnasts participated in the Gymnastics Devon finals via Zoom. Throughout the week, children have taken part in Inter-House sports activities within their year groups where the children have shown excellent sporting qualities.

Today we practised our termly 'Ready for Anything' lockdown procedures. Once again all of the children were extremely responsive to the lockdown and moved quickly and silently to their safe space.

Tonight we look forward to welcoming lots of families to the PTFA bingo night from 5.30.

Next week is the last week of the Spring Term. Year 2 have their outdoor classroom days with 2AL on Monday and 2CLDB on Tuesday. Also on Tuesday, Year 3 have their final swimming session, we welcome Nursery parents to the latest stay and play session at 2:30pm and after school some of our children take part in the latest TAG Rugby event at Honiton Primary School. Year 1 have their trips to Tiverton museum this week with 1LT visiting on Wednesday and 1JC visiting on Thursday.

Please find a range of important updates and resources below in this newsletter.

Yours faithfully

David Perkins  
Principal

## **Children's news**

### **Nursery**

This week in nursery we have been making mothers day cards and planting bulbs for their garden.

### **Reception**

This week in reception we have been doing races using bean bags and we have also watched 8 chicks hatch

### **Year 1**

We have been making postcards to Mr Perkins pretending he is in London.

We are also learning length and height in maths.and we are learning numbers up to 50.

### **Year 2**

In R.E we are learning what is love.roses out of clay.we read the whole story of the dragon machine then wrote our own story. We also germinate seeds in science

### **Year 3**

We have finished our topic in geography of rocks, relics and rumbles. In PE we had a house competition. Also in PE we have been doing football.

### **Year 4**

We have been making dream catchers and learning decimal points in maths. In geography we have been learning about altitudes!

### **Year 5**

In year 5 we are learning how to do two way tables in maths and tennis In PE.We have also been separating heterogeneous and homogeneous mixtures in science.

### **Year 6**

We have finished the £5 challenge and Report about the titanic.

## **Staff vacancy**

Littletown Primary Academy is seeking to appoint an Opal Playworker to work 1.5 hours per day at lunchtime.

We are looking for a candidate with a strong, sensitive and caring approach to children's needs, who can be flexible and is able to be an effective communicator and think creatively.

Ideally, you will:

- Be able to build positive relationships with children, staff and parents;
- Have high expectations of children's behaviour and be able to maintain consistent boundaries;

- Be willing to work as part of a team;
- Be able to use your own initiative when required.

All shortlisted applicants will be subject to an online search.

Littleton Primary Academy require all applicants to be eligible to work in the UK with no restrictions, as we are unable to offer sponsorship/work visas. You will be required to provide proof of Right to Work at interview stage. To apply for this role, please submit your application online to [admin@littletown.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@littletown.devon.sch.uk)

### **Read Write Inc News**

Next week marks the end of this terms Read Write Inc teaching. Children are making good progress and talk confidently about their learning of sounds, words and their story books; thank you to parents and carers for supporting at home. We know the school holidays are often busy for a lot of families so to minimise the stress of losing books over the holidays we will be **collecting in all Read Write Inc reading books on Tuesday 1st April**. Please ensure all Reading books are in book bags.

### **How to support your child's reading over the holidays:**

- Our school website contains Virtual Classroom videos for all RWI levels including the new Sounds lessons, reading words including Red (tricky) words, practise writing sentences and letter formation support.
- If your child is bringing home a Read Write Inc book: Oxford Owl has been updated with your child's current Books and some new books as a challenge to practise sentence reading, speed, comprehension and expression. There are also quizzes for your child to have a go at.

10 minutes a day makes a huge difference; Set aside time to listen to your child read their storybook on Oxford Owl online, find a quiet time to watch and join in some of the virtual classroom lessons, or practise handwriting to ensure your child comes back ready to continue their learning. Enjoy the holiday, read stories, tell stories, explore characters, words and sounds, visit the library and read new and favourite books together.

### **Our March Safeguarding Updates**

Throughout the next half term our Personal, Social, and Health education will be focused on Healthy Relationships. The topics include: making friends, family life, physical contact preferences, keeping safe online, love and loss, girlfriends and boyfriends, managing feelings, power and control, assertiveness, positive relationships.

Please see the NSPCC link below on Healthy Relationships.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/sex-relationships/healthy-relationships/>

### **Devon Family Hub newsletter**

Devon Family Hub /Devon Digital has released the March newsletter. They have a wealth of support including some great podcasts for you to listen to. You can access it here: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/eycs/devon-family-hubs-monthly-newsletter-march-2025/>

Please ask if you would like support to access any of the information they have shared.

### Climate Action Plan

By the end of 2025 all schools are required to have a Climate Action Plan. At Littletown, we will be developing ours in the Summer Term. Today, in assembly, the House Captains shared with the children a video and discussion around what climate change is and what we can all do about it. The children agreed that climate action fitted with our school values of Live (responsibility and wellbeing), Love (safety, respect, equality) and Learn (energy, perseverance and collaboration).

### Week Beginning 31st March 2025 events

Monday 31st March	Tuesday 1st April	Wednesday 2nd April	Thursday 3rd April	Friday 4th April
2AL outdoor classroom	2CLDB outdoor classroom	1LT visit to Tiverton museum	1JC visit to Tiverton museum	Last day of term
	Y3 swimming		Nursery outdoor classroom	
	Nursery stay and play 2:30pm - 3pm			
	TAG Rugby Honiton Primary			

### Community news



Next week is the final week of the school run challenge.

Please don't forget to:

- 1) Add your points to the leaderboard on your account at [www.vhealthy.co.uk](http://www.vhealthy.co.uk)
- 2) Ensure your child's name is on the leaderboard along with their class initials

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in the challenge. Certificates & medals will be given out in assemblies after Easter.

If you have any feedback about how we can make the challenge better in the future, please let us know at [info@vhealthy.co.uk](mailto:info@vhealthy.co.uk)