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Friday 7th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic wellbeing week this week. Thank you for all the donations on Tuesday. Combined with the fundraising that the Crazy Crafters donated earlier in the year we raised a total of £168 for the wellbeing charity Place2Be. My thanks to Mrs Davis for organising this week for us which explored our emotions. My thanks too to the Wellbeing Ambassadors for organising an Inside Out scavenger hunt yesterday lunchtime and today.

Also this week, on Tuesday, some of our Year 5 and 6 girls took part in the Honiton Learning Community Futsal competition at Honiton Leisure Centre and some Year 4 pupils continued with their swimming. On Thursday afternoon some Key Stage 2 children visited the Bowling club for an activities afternoon. Today, Year 1 have their outdoor classroom where they have been exploring different types of trees and looking for signs of the weather and seasonal changes in animals.

Today, in assembly, we discussed our school value of Love and how this differs from the commercial representation of love in the lead up to Valentine's day. All next week children will record on post-it notes when someone else displays our school value of Love through showing safet

y, respect, dignity, kindness and equality towards them. We will then celebrate these in next Friday's assembly for Valentine's day.

Next week, on Tuesday some of our Year 4 pupils will have their final swimming session and some of our KS2 children will take part in the next round of TAG Rugby at Honiton Primary School. On Wednesday our Reception children visit the space dome in the school hall and on Thursday Nursery have their latest stay and play at 2:30pm. Year 2 have their outdoor classroom next week with 2CL/DB on Thursday and 2AL on Friday.

Tuesday is also National Internet Safety day. Please find full details below in this newsletter. Thank you to parents who have responded and engaged with me regarding age appropriate content since last week's newsletter.

Please find below in this newsletter information about Read Write Inc and an exciting new Reading competition in the lead up to World Book Day on 6th March.

Yours faithfully

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David Perkins Principal

Children's news

<u>Nursery</u>

In Nursery we have pretended to be firefighters!

Reception

In Reception we used our imagination to make aliens and planets. We have also learnt how to throw balls in PE and have been pretending to be grasshoppers.

<u>Year 1</u>

We have been doing another pirate dance in PE and in Maths we have been counting to 20 or up on number lines! Also in Maths we have been learning to multiply by 20.

<u>Year 2</u>

We have been kicking and retrieving in PE and dividing numbers in maths.

<u>Year 3</u>

In year 3 we have been learning perimeters in Maths and Netball in PE. We have also been learning how to blog in Computing.

<u>Year 4</u>

In Year 4 we have been learning about landscapes in Art and writing letters in Literacy.

<u>Year 5</u>

We have been learning about the human body in Geography and in Maths we have been doing a lot of assessments which are really hard but we have managed to overcome them.

<u>Year 6</u>

We have been carving soap in Art which was really fun to do. We have been learning about climate change in Geography. Also we have been planning to write.

Internet Safety Day 2025

Next Tuesday is National Internet Safety Day. The theme this year is 'Too good to be true' and focuses on teaching the children how to protect themselves and others from scams online. The younger children will be learning about pop ups and the importance of telling a trusted adult if something unfamiliar appears on their screen. With the help of our Digital Leaders, the older children will be learning about scamming and phishing in an assembly. Please see the link below for parents and carers.

https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers

Mental Wellbeing

This week has been our Mental Wellbeing Week, the money raised from our non-uniform day and money raised by the Crazy Crafters before Christmas, will be given to the Children's Mental Charity 'Place2Be'. On Thursday and Friday the Wellbeing Ambassadors held an Inside Out 2 Scavenger Hunt at lunchtime. The children have been carrying out different activities linked to emotions in their classes throughout the week.

For more information about Place2Be and Children's Mental Health Week please visit the Place2Be website where you will find lots of top tips for children and parents.

https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/

OPAL

We introduced junk model making at lunchtime this week as it was one of the requests that came out of our OPAL ideas welly. It has been so popular that we need more items for junk modelling such as yoghurt pots, kitchen roll tubes, small boxes etc. Donations can be put in the foyer in a bag labelled 'OPAL'. Many thanks.

World book day Thursday 6th March



World Book Day 2025 coming soon!

On Thursday 6th March we will be celebrating World Book Day at Littletown.

To celebrate, children can dress-up as their favourite book character. This year, the charity World Book Day, is encouraging schools to inspire more children to read by raising funds to replenish their own books. So, this year's donations will go towards buying new books for our school library, a very worthy cause.

Also, as part of the event, we have teamed up with WHSmiths in Honiton to help the children choose a free book. This week, children have been busy spending their World Book Day voucher ready for delivery on the 6th March. This will help them secure the book they really want to take home and treasure.

Finally, today we have launched our 'Read your Way' competition. Please see the poster below for more details. The closing date will be **Tuesday 4th March** and entries need to be sent to their class email address. There will be a winner from each year group including the Nursery. Winners will win a £5 National Book Token, very kindly donated by Littletown Primary Academy PTFA. We look forward to seeing your entries.



COMPETITION TIME!

From nursery to Year 6, get ready to read your way.

Do you read with the dog? Listen to audiobooks? Snuggle under a blanket? Read upside down?

This year to celebrate World Book Day, we want to see the unique way you enjoy a good book. All you have to do, is get your parent/carer to take a photo of you reading your way. Then send the pic to your class email address by Tuesday 4th March 2025.

There will be a winner from each year group, including the Nursery. Each winner will win a £5 book voucher!

Prizes have been kindly donated by Littletown PTFA

Read Write Inc News

Next week marks the end of this terms Read Write Inc teaching. We are all really pleased with the progress that children are making and would like thank parents and carers for supporting at home. Although we only have a one week half term break we would like to reduce the stress of losing books over the holidays and collect all Read Write Inc reading books in by next Wednesday. Please ensure all Reading books are in book bags.

How to support your child's reading over the break:

- 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. Depending on your child's level, your child may bring home sound cards or writing books to practise with at home.

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 after half term. Enjoy the holiday, read stories, tell stories, explore characters, words and sounds, visit the library and read new and favourite books together.

Nursery open morning Saturday 1st March

Is your child due to turn 3 before the 1st of September 2025? We are holding our Nursery Open Morning on Saturday 1st March 2025, 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!

Please also share this information with anyone you know who might be interested!

Fresha newsletter

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

Monday 10th February	Tuesday 11th February	Wednesday 12th February	Thursday 13th February	Friday 14th February
	TAG Rugby at HPS	Reception space dome	Nursery stay and play 2:30pm - 3pm	2AL outdoor classroom
	Year 4 swimming	Nursery outdoor classroom	2CL/DB outdoor classroom	
	Safer Internet Day			

Week Beginning 10th February 2025 events

Community news

SCHOOL 'RUN' CHALLENGE FOR EVERYONE

Kertificate so join up now if you haven't done so already at www.vhealthy.co.uk

This is a challenge ran by a Mum at the school who has seen the benefits that walking to school has on her child & her own physical & mental wellbeing.

The pollution level around the school needs to be reduced & the kids safety needs to be improved so all we are asking is that you don't park on Honiton Bottom road, Goscieline walk & Roundball close (of course the further you walk the better).

It's amazing to see so many people taking up the challenge to walk/run/cycle/skip to school so thank you to everyone who has joined up

If you have any questions please do get in touch via the website <u>https://vhealthy.co.uk/contact-us</u>

Honiton Community Theatre Presents: JACK AND THE BEANSTALK Event Details:

Tuesday 18th - Saturday 22nd February 2025 | 2pm & 7:00 PM

Running Time: 2 hours 30 minutes with interval.

Ticket Prices: Early Bird Adult £14 Under 12's £11 (Available until 02/01/2025) General Admission: Adults £15, Under 12's £12 Group Bookings: 1 adult goes free with 8 children's tickets (Available until 02/01/2025)

About the Show:

Join us as we take you to the Land of Make Believe where Jack, Jimmy and Dame Trot take to the skies and back in their quest to rescue Jill when she is taken prisoner by Giant Grimm and his henchmen Bloodshot & Squint! Following hotly on their trail Squire Grabbem is after his overdue rent money. Land of Make Believe where Jack, Jimmy and Dame Trot take to the skies and back in their quest to rescue Jill when she is taken prisoner by Giant Grimm and his henchmen Bloodshot & Squint! Following hotly on their trail Squire Grabbem is after his overdue rent money. Land of Make Believe where Jack, Jimmy and Dame Trot take to the skies and back in their quest to rescue Jill when she is taken prisoner by Giant Grimm and his henchmen Bloodshot & Squint! Following hotly on their trail Squire Grabbem is after his overdue rent money.

Watch in amazement as the beans, swapped for a bag of gold after selling Cow Pat at auction, are transformed into a beanstalk reaching into the clouds.

Filled with fast paced action, lively songs and a smattering of pies, Jack and the Beanstalk is a fresh fun filled Pantomime for the whole family to enjoy so join us on a retelling of everyone's favourite story!.