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PRINCIPAL: MR DAVID PERKINS

Friday 13th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I need to start this week by commenting on the wonderful performances that have taken place. I have been incredibly proud of the children this week. Year 3 with their Christmas around the world performances, Year 2 with their Prickly Hay performances and Year 4 with their Viking Christmas performances have all wowed Mrs Hawkins, myself and audiences this week with amazing singing, speaking and dancing. Our Year 5 and Year 6 children gave two incredible performances in St Paul's Church on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday evening. One email I received labelled the performance "Brilliant! Unmissable! Professional and such a high standard". I am looking forward to next week when we have Year 1, Reception and Nursery performances to enjoy!

Away from Christmas performances, yesterday, we took part in the annual Christmas jumper day raising money for the Children's Society. Thanks to your generous donations I am pleased to say we raised £106.40 to support children less fortunate than ourselves this Christmas. On Wednesday we welcomed Reverent Tracey into school for a Christmas assembly to Key Stage 1 children. We look forward to welcoming her back to speak with Key Stage 2 children on Thursday next week.

Next week we open our Christmas postbox and our House Captain Christmas elves are poised to deliver around the school! The post box is in the entrance lobby between the blue and white doors. On Wednesday, we welcome Nursery parents to a stay and play session from 2:30pm. On Friday, children can again wear Christmas jumpers etc along with their school uniform as the last school day before Christmas.

Please find below in this newsletter, some staffing news, an OPAL update, important information about Read Write Inc and community news for this Christmas.

Finally, as you know, last week we sadly had to postpone our PTFA Christmas Fayre. Thanks to the wonder of our volunteers and PTFA committee we are able to hold the fayre tomorrow instead with all the details the same as they would have been last week. I appreciate this is a rearranged event at a very busy time of year, but please do come and support if you can. I look forward to seeing lots of you there tomorrow.

Yours faithfully

David Perkins
Principal

Children's news

Nursery

In nursery we have been making Christmas wreaths and practising our nativity.

Reception

In Reception we have been making decorations for our trees and have learnt about part whole models

Year 1

In Art we did a colour challenge and in Maths we did part whole models and subtraction. We wrote a letter to Father Christmas and have been looking at fact families.

Year 2

In Maths we have been counting sides of shapes and learning fact families. We have been doing the Christmas story of Jesus and writing the fact file of Emily Pankhurst.

Year 3

We are learning about celtic warriors in History and beaker pots in Art. We are also finding prehistoric facts in History and UK cities in Geography.

Year 4

We have been practising our Christmas performance and learning about the Bayeux tapestry in History. We are also making Viking helmets.

Year 5

We have been doing our spelling assessment and we have been subtracting mixed numbers. We have been writing about the lost happy endings and we have been painting our taotie masks.

Year 6

We have completed some end of term assessments, started our cross stitch Christmas cards and done our Christmas performances in the Church.

Staff news

At the end of the term next week we will say a sad, but fond farewell and give our best wishes to four members of staff who leave us.

Mrs Gimson, who has been with us for a year and a half working both in Y4 and Y1

Mrs Allen, who has been with us for two years and has worked across the school in various places, most recently in Year 1.

Mrs Randall, who has been with us for nearly 20 years which is a great achievement and has most recently been working in Year 5.

Mrs Kingdon, who has been with us for over 22 years of service which is an amazing achievement, working most recently in Year 4.

On behalf of everyone at Littletown, I would like to extend our thanks for all their hard work and dedication to the school and wish them all the very best as they begin a variety of new ventures in 2025.

Christmas post box!

The Christmas post box will be up and running next week! The post box will be in the entrance lobby between the blue and white doors and our house captains will run the sorting office for us again this year. Please ensure you put names and classes on envelopes and use surnames if there are multiple children of the same name in classes. As you know, we are not allowed to give out class lists of names due to GDPR.

OPAL

Next week if the weather is dry we will be opening the field for the children to run about and play on. They will need to wear wellies which they will be able to borrow from our welly station. It would be greatly appreciated if you could put a change of clothes (socks/tights/trousers/skirt) in their bag just in case they fall over and get muddy. They will be reminded on Monday about playing sensibly on the field.

A massive thank you to all those who have put tokens in at Tesco, we still have until the middle of January. We are hoping to use the money to create a sandpit/digging area for OPAL play.

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. It has been a joy assessing all the children's reading and seeing their confidence grow in sound knowledge and word reading. In talking to the children they confidently share that their books are not too easy, not too hard but just right and they love sharing their reading at home and wowing their families.

We know the Christmas break is 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 17th December**. Please ensure all Reading books are in book bags.

How to support your child's reading over the Christmas 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 in January. Enjoy the holiday, read stories, tell stories, explore characters, words and sounds, visit the library and read new and favourite books together.

Christmas Performances

We are excited to once again welcome you to Littleton for year group magical Christmas Performances continuing next week!

In school performances	Morning performance 9.15	Afternoon performance 2.45
Tuesday 17th December	RNK/AS	RNC
Wednesday 18th December	1LT	1JC
Thursday 19th December		Nursery 2.30 start

Week Beginning 16th December 2024 events

Monday 16th December	Tuesday 17th December	Wednesday 18th December	Thursday 19th December	Friday 20th December
	Reception performances	Year 1 performances	Nursery performance 2:30pm	Last day of term Christmas jumpers with uniform
		Nursery stay and play 2:30pm		

Fresha newsletter

Please see attached December newsletter from our catering partners Fresha.

PTFA News

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Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre will be held tomorrow from 10am until 2pm! We have a variety of craft stalls where you can do some Christmas shopping, along with games and craft activities, face painting, our jolly jars and teddy tombola stalls, and the rainbow raffle. It promises to be a fun-filled day so please come along and support us.

Community news

Operation Rudolph

The contact for Operation Rudolph is now: operationrudolph.com

Honiton Carnival events

Please see attached two posters for Honiton Christmas Carnival tomorrow and their fundraising bingo event. Two Littletown pupils, Fin and Maya Jane are Carnival royalty on the float tomorrow night!

Christmas and January events at the Beehive

The Snow Queen by Theatrix Arts

Friday 20th December 2024 | 4:00 PM

Running Time: 1 hour 40 minutes

Ticket Prices: Adult £11 | Under 12's £8 | Family of 4 £32

About the Show:

Follow the adventurous Gerda as she sets out to rescue her brother Kai from the evil Snow Queen, with the help of magical creatures she meets along the way. This captivating performance is told through the eyes of the puppets Gerda and Kai, accompanied by music, sound effects, and stunning changing scenery.

Puppet Workshop:

Following the performance, there will be an optional puppet workshop where students can meet the puppets and create their own puppet character from the show. It's a fantastic hands-on experience that will engage creativity and bring the performance to life.

To book online, visit our website beehivehoniton.co.uk or call our box office on 01404 384050 (weekdays 9 AM - 5 PM). We recommend booking early to ensure you don't miss out on this magical experience!
At The Beehive, Dowell Street, Honiton, Devon, EX14 1LZ.

In 2025...

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.

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!.

