



LITTLETOWN PRIMARY ACADEMY AND NURSERY

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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

PRINCIPAL: MR DAVID PERKINS

Friday 20th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can hardly believe we are already at the end of the Autumn Term and the end of 2024!

I need to start by saying a huge thank you to everyone who helped at or attended our rearranged Christmas fayre on Saturday. It was amazing to see so many families attend and there was a lovely atmosphere throughout. Overall, the fayre raised a total of £2,032 which as you know, makes a huge difference to the school and the things we can do with the children. My heartfelt thanks to Sarah and the PTFA committee for setting up and clearing up the fayre for the second time in two weeks and all their hard work organising this great event for us.

This week, we have had our second week of Christmas performances with our nativities taking centre stage. We had Reception on Tuesday, Year 1 on Wednesday and Nursery yesterday. To reiterate some things I have said to those in attendance at performances; we really value creating the opportunity for every child to take part in a performance each year and we really appreciate all of you who attend them to support the children. A special mention to our new Chair of Governors, Paul Burton, who took the time from his busy schedule to watch every single year group's performance over the last two weeks. My thanks again to all of the teachers for working so hard amongst all their usual duties to put these performances together with the children and bringing great joy to us all at this time of year.

There have been hundreds and hundreds of Christmas cards posted in our Christmas post box this week. My thanks to our House captain elves for running the delivery service all week - think they could work for Santa next year! On behalf of the staff, I would also like to extend a thank you for all the lovely and thoughtful Christmas cards and gifts we have received. They are always unexpected, but always appreciated.

Yesterday, we welcomed back Reverend Tracey to the school to share a Christmas assembly with Key Stage 2 children. Reverend Tracey also extends an invite to all of you to visit St Paul's to see the wonderful hand Angel made by Littletown children. We also had another very special visitor to Littletown yesterday as Santa came to deliver presents to each of the classes!

Yesterday, you should have received the end of term report outlining children's progress this term. Please use class email addresses in January to pick up any questions around these.

This week also sees us reach the end of Littletown's 50th year. My thanks again to Lauren at Lemon Tree Digital Marketing for providing us with our gold logo. As I reflect on the year, although it hasn't been without challenges, I will remember some of our big successes the most. The awarding of Silver Rights Respecting Schools and Platinum OPAL, our very successful inspection in June and of course our wonderful 'Littletown Life' film in the Summer (all of which can be found on our website). My thanks to all of you, all the staff and most of all, all the children for making 2024 such a memorable year for Littletown.

Over Christmas, some of your children may spend some time on devices and screens as is often the case this time of year. Our Digital Leaders shared a brilliant assembly with children last week about risks and dangers of certain sites and the ages that children have to be to go on them. We have agreed that it would be really good to share this information with parents and carers, so please see their slides attached to this newsletter.

When we return back to school in January we have some children attending a Key Stage 2 coordination event on Tuesday and Year 4 start their swimming sessions at the swimming pool at Honiton Leisure Centre.

Some of our Year 5 and 6 Children will visit Honiton Primary School after school on Tuesday for the next Bee Netball event.

That only leaves me to thank you all for a wonderful year, wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you all when we return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025!

Yours faithfully



David Perkins
Principal

Children's news

Nursery

We have performed our nativity to all our mummies and daddies

Reception

We have had our gifts for good teamwork and have made reindeer food.

Year 1

In year 1, we have been making christmas cards and have done a real nativity play on stage and had a christmas party.

Year 2

In Year 2, we have been counting vertices in shapes and have done research about animals.

Year 3

We have been making ratatouille and tacos. We have also been working on our footwork in P.E.

Year 4

We have been comparing Viking and Anglo Saxon lifestyles and making Christmas cards.

Year 5

In Science we have been learning about earth in space. In Maths we did our reasoning test and we made Christmas cards. In path ways to read we have been reading Hansel and Gretel and the big question in History.

Year 6

In Maths we have been doing metric and imperial units. Santa brought us a present called ghost castle. We sewed and cross stitched and we have made christmas cards.

Safeguarding

December safeguarding update

Please see the link below to childnet. This website provides information regarding purchasing technology Xmas presents for children.

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/a-parents-and-carers-guide-to-black-friday-and-giving-tech-gifts-this-christmas/>

Also, the digital leaders would like to share the google slide show which they created and shared with KS2 last week in assembly. They have been finding out what apps and social media platforms their friends are using and they have reminded them on the age restrictions and the reasons why! Please have a look at the slides attached!

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.

Governing Board Annual General Meeting

Please find attached to this newsletter notice of our upcoming Annual General Meeting on Monday 13th January 2025.

Week Beginning 6th January 2025 events

Monday 6th January	Tuesday 7th January	Wednesday 8th January	Thursday 9th January	Friday 10th January
INSET day	First day of Term			
	Year 4 swimming			
	Bee Netball HPS			

PTFA News

Community news

Please find attached a list of events taking place in and around Honiton over the Christmas period and a poster from All Stars dance.

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!.