



# NEWSLETTER

Spring Half Term 2

## OUR SCHOOL VISION

Just as God has created every individual with unique talents and skills, our school community provides a nurturing and inclusive environment, where everyone is encouraged to explore their individual creativity and to confidently use their talents in order to achieve their God given potential and to make the world a better place.



## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

This half term seems to have flown by. The children (and staff!) definitely seem ready for a break. We will soon enter the summer term, which will bring sports days, end of year performances and the Year 5 residential trip (and hopefully some sun!) We will also have the coronation of a new king (with an extra Bank Holiday!) and we will mark the event in school on the Friday 5th May.

In a recent school review by the DoWMAT, they particularly praised the quality of teaching in the school. This was lovely to hear—we know we have a talented and committed staff team here at The Littletons. They were also impressed with how confidently and clearly the children spoke about their school experience. Well done to all staff and children for demonstrating how amazing The Littletons is!

## BIKEABILITY

The children in Years 4 and 5 had the opportunity to take part in Bikeability. These sessions teach children the skills and knowledge they need to be safe when cycling. The Year 5 children also had the opportunity to try out their skills on the roads, accompanied by the Bikeability instructors. The instructors commented on how competent and sensible all of the children were.

## OUR SCHOOL VALUES

Our school values are:

**Caring**

**Honesty**

**Perseverance**

**Respect**

**Responsibility**



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## CAN YOU HELP? BOOKS NEEDED

As part of the library project, we are going to put together some book boxes that the children will be able to take out at breaktimes, so that they can read outside. A few parents have asked whether we require any new books for this. We would certainly be able to use any books that are in excellent condition for these book boxes. If you have any that you no longer need, please bring them in to the school office after Easter. Many thanks.

## LIBRARY UPDATE

The new library is being painted by a group of parents over the Easter holidays as part of our ongoing refurbishment. The Foresters are then coming in to build a play house for the library. It is lovely to have all of this community support—we really appreciate it. Mrs Felton has ordered lots of new books for when we move in. We are hoping to have the library finished around the beginning of May, at which point we plan to have a grand opening! Thank you to everyone who has helped out with this exciting project.

## ATTENDANCE AWARD

Regular school attendance is so important for children’s education. Each half term, we will give an attendance award for the class with the highest attendance. Here are the attendance results for the last half term. The attendance award winners are:

# Giraffes with 96.9%

Caterpillars	93.2%
Giraffes	96.9%
Kangaroos	96.7%
Jellyfish	94.9%
Koalas	93.1%

## TABLE TENNIS AWARD—WELL DONE KEN!

Ken and John come in to deliver table tennis lessons and table tennis after school clubs at The Littletons. They also run The Littletons Table Tennis Club in the village. The amount of community work they do on a voluntary basis is a real inspiration and they make such a difference at our school. They really are amazing, so thank you to both of you.

Ken has been involved in Table Tennis in the area for decades, and last week he was awarded the Pride of Table Tennis award in recognition of his services to the sport over many years. Everyone at our school knows that this is truly deserved because of his dedication, kindness and patience. The standard that our children reach is phenomenal. Well done Ken!





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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday 17th April Staff Training Day**  
(No children in school)

**Tuesday 18th April First Day Back** (All children in school)

**Friday 21st April Pedestrian Training**  
Reception-Year 5

**Friday 28th April Pedestrian Training**  
Year 5 Assessed Walk

**Wednesday 26th April Sealife Centre Trip** Giraffes and Kangaroos

**Wednesday 3rd May Tri-Golf Tournament** A team of Year 4 children (details to follow)

**Monday 8th May Coronation Bank Holiday** School is closed

**Monday 8th May—Wednesday 10th May PGL residential** Year 5

**Monday 15th May Come Dine With Me** Giraffes

**Wednesday 17th May Bellboating** Koalas

**Friday 26th May Last day of half term**

## MISS HOLMAN

Miss Holman has been at the school since last Easter, providing maternity cover for Mrs Dale. Today is her last day at the school. On behalf of everyone at The Littletons, I would like to thank Miss Holman for her hard-work and commitment during the last 12 months. We wish her all the best in her new position, where she will be working in one of our fellow DoWMAT schools.

## MRS DALE AND MRS CORLESS—GIRAFFES

Welcome back to Mrs Dale, who has now resumed teaching in Giraffes class following her maternity leave. She is teaching Monday to Wednesday. Welcome also to Mrs Corless, who we have recruited to teach Thursdays and Fridays in Giraffes during the summer term. She is an experienced KS1 teacher who will be starting after Easter.

## DEFIBRILLATOR

As part of our work supporting the charity Young at Heart, the school council will be investigating whether we are able to get a defibrillator in school. They will be researching how we go about getting one, what training would be required and how we can fund it. Hopefully we will have an update soon!

## PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

Here are the results of the recent parent questionnaire. It is great to see such positive results, and especially that you feel that the children at The Littletons are happy, safe and do well at school.

		Strongly Agree/ Agree	Disagree/ Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
1	My child is happy at The Littletons.	98%	2%	
2	Pupils at The Littletons are well-behaved.	98%		2%
3	My child feels safe at The Littletons.	100%		
4	The Littletons deals with bullying quickly and effectively.	76%		27%
5	The Littletons makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	100%		
6	When I have raised concerns with The Littletons, they have been dealt with properly.	89%		11%
7	The Littletons School gives my child the support they need to help them succeed.	100%		
8	The Littletons has high expectations for my child.	95%		5%
9	My child does well at The Littletons.	100%		
10	The Littletons keeps me informed of how well my child is doing.	100%		
11	There is a good range of subjects available to my child at The Littletons.	96%	2%	2%
12	My child can take part in clubs and activities at The Littletons.	90%	5%	5%
13	The Littletons supports my child's wider personal development.	98%	2%	
14	I would recommend The Littletons School to another parent.	100%		
15	I believe that attending a church school has a positive effect on my child.	86%		14%

Thank you also for all of the lovely comments. The common themes were around the quality and commitment of the staff at The Littletons and how the school has a nurturing, friendly atmosphere. To quote one of the comments: "We love the Littletons, as everywhere the staff make it. A true gem of a school!"

Suggestions included providing wraparound care, which we will look into over the next term to see if it is viable to offer this through the school. Reception parents also asked about after school clubs for their children, which we will offer in the summer term.

# WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

Jellyfish and Koalas Almonry Visit



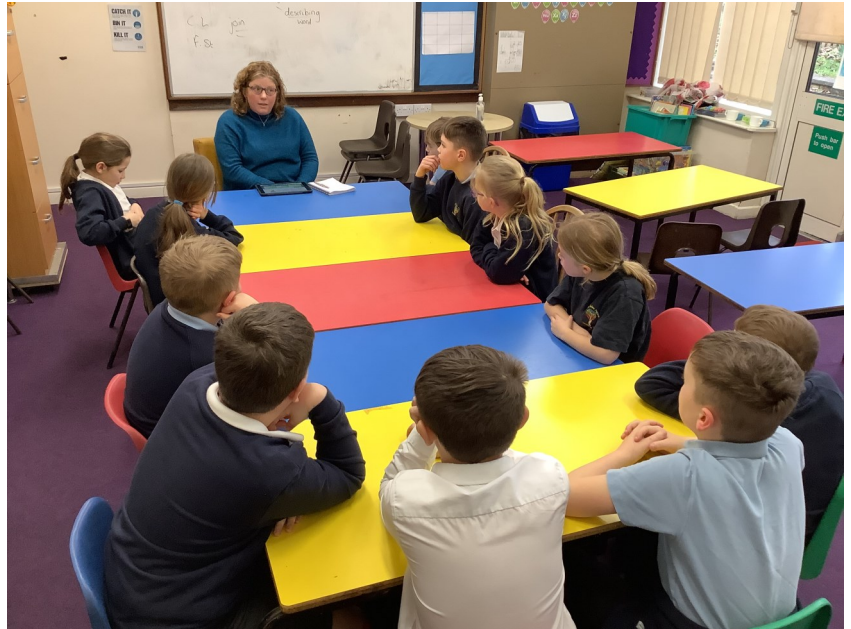


# WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

The School Council Meet Hannah Robson—The Local Green Party Councillor—  
to find out about democracy



World Book Day

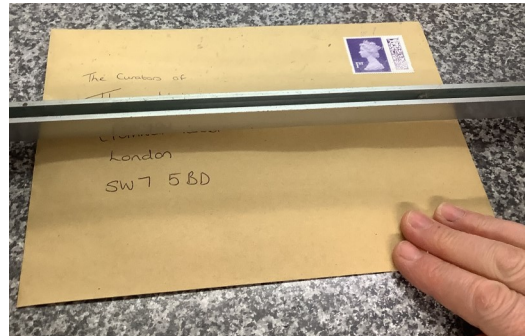


Easter Reflection Morning



# WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

Easter church visit



Posting Letters



# WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

## Kangaroos Come Dine With Me



Our Easter scene—  
kindly made for the  
school by 'Men in  
Sheds'



# WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

## Air Ambulance Assembly



Outdoor Learning



Bikeability training for  
Years 4 and 5



# WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

## Caterpillars PE

