

NEWSLETTER

The Littletons School – May 2024



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 3rd June

Staff Training Day (No Children)

Tuesday 10th June

Reception Height and Weight

Thursday 13th June

*Kanes Foods Healthy Eating Day
Reception Eye Tests*

Friday 19th April

*Trip to Chedworth Roman Villa
(Cobras and Year 3 Iguanas)*

Friday 14th June

Stay and Play (New Reception Class)

Tuesday 18th June

School Photographer (Leavers)

Friday 21st June

The Big Sing (Cobras)

w/b 24th June

Nursery Sports Week

Tuesday 25th June

Reception 24/25 New Parents Meeting

Wednesday 26th June

*Year 5 Transition Day
Bell-boating (Cobras)*

Thursday 27th June

Sports Day and Family Picnic

Monday 1st July

Come Dine With Me - Geckos

Tuesday 2nd July

Transition Day (Years R-4)

Friday 5th July

*Reports Sent Home
KS2 Football Festival (Blackminster)*

Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th July

KS2 Show (Evening Performance)

Wednesday 10th July

Prayer Morning

Tuesday 16th July

Leavers' Service and Disco

Thursday July 19th

School Games Day

Friday 19th July

Last Day of School

Monday 22nd July

Staff Training Day (No Children)



Headteacher's Message

I can't believe we only have 7 weeks of this academic year left. The last couple of months have flown by! Next half term is incredibly busy, as shown by the very packed diary dates to the left. The summer term always has so much going on, most of it very exciting!

We are really looking forward to Sports Day, various trips and our KS2 performance (which the children are already practising hard for).

The children will find out their new classes and get to meet their new teachers in the next few weeks. This may be a time of excitement and nerves for the children, which is to be expected.

I hope that you all have a lovely half term break and that the weather allows for barbeques and relaxing in the sun!

Our 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.

Staffing Updates

As you will know, sadly we will be losing Mrs Dale and Miss Dodd at the end of this year. Over the last week we have been interviewing to recruit two new teachers to join our wonderful team. I am very pleased to announce that we were successful in appointing two experienced teachers who will be a real asset to our school. Once we have completed all safeguarding checks, we will give you more details.

In other staffing news, I am very pleased to announce that Mrs Foxall has been appointed to a new role as Assistant Headteacher in our school.

Sports Day

Our family Sports Day will take place on Thursday 27th June (weather permitting!) This will begin with a family picnic on the field at about midday and we would be delighted if you could join us. The Sports Day will start at around 12:45pm, with children from Reception to Year 5 taking part in various races, earning points for their houses.

Nursery children will be taking part in various sporting events throughout that week.

Parking

Please can I remind everyone that no vehicles should be stopping on the zig-zag yellow lines at the back of the school during pick up and drop off times. This is to ensure the safety of all of our children, who need a clear sight when crossing this road. It is also frustrating for other road users when this section of road becomes blocked.

PE Kits

Most PE lessons are taking place outside, now that the weather is better and the field is dry. Please make sure that you child has a plain white t-shirt (or navy school t-shirt), black shorts and appropriate sports footwear (pumps or trainers) with them on their PE days.

Sunny Weather

Now that the weather is (sometimes) getting hotter, please ensure that your child is adequately prepared for the sun. The once-a-day sun cream is best as you can ensure that your child is fully covered before they come to school. Your child can also bring a sun hat and every classroom has access to fresh water for the children to refill their bottles as needed.

Staff Training Days 2024/25

Monday 2nd September

Tuesday 3rd September

Monday 4th November

Monday 2nd June

Monday 21st July

Children will not be in school on these dates as it is staff training.

Chedworth Roman Villa

Cobras class and our Year 3 Iguanas visited Chedworth Roman Villa as part of their History topic.



Bell-Boating

The Chameleons went to Fladbury for a day of bell-boating. It was a beautiful day and they all had a great time. Everyone got a little bit wet but it was well worth it! Cobras will be going bell-boating at Pershore in June with a number of other DoWMAT schools.



Attendance

Our school attendance for the year to date is 95.6%, which is below our target of 96%.

Well done to **Chameleons** class for having the highest attendance for this half term with **97%**. **Terrapins** were just behind with **96.9%**.

Football Match

Children from our football club played a game against Cleeve Priory School this week. They played brilliantly as a team and showed an excellent sporting attitude throughout. They won the game 12-1! We have two more fixtures coming up next half term. Thank you to Mr Jennings for organising these games.



Girls' Football Taster Session

Following our participation in the recent girls football festival, we were offered football tasters sessions for our KS2 girls from a qualified coach from a local team. The girls showed amazing skills and great commitment throughout.



Tri-Golf Tournament

We took two teams to the recent Tri-Golf tournament at TDMS. Both performed brilliantly as they finished 2nd and 4th overall (out of 12 teams). Many had never played before, so it was fantastic to give them a first experience of golf.



Cricket Festival

Terrapins attended a cricket festival at TDMS. They learned lots of new skills by playing a variety of fun games. It was a brilliant day and for many of the children it was their first taste of cricket.



Sports Showcase

All of the children were given a chance to showcase any sporting interests and achievements outside of school. It was brilliant to see the range of interests and give other children ideas about sporting activities that they could take up. It is important to us as a school to recognise everyone's talents and encourage all children to live a healthy lifestyle.



PGL

Our Year 5 children visited the PGL centre near Swindon for a 3-day residential trip. They took part in a range of exciting adventurous activities including abseiling, zip wire and archery. They had an amazing time, although they did come back incredibly tired due to lack of sleep (mainly the staff!) Thank you to Mrs Felton, Mrs Millward and Mrs Collins for organising the trip and accompanying the children so that they could have this great opportunity to have fun and bond.



PGL



Sewing

Children in Cobras and Iguanas designed their own cushions as part of their Design Technology learning. It was lovely to see the amount of care and pride their took in completing their projects to a extremely high standard. I never expected to be walking along the path in the morning to be greeted by a child at the gates shouting: "Let me in! I want to do my sewing!"



Our Other Learning

