



AUTUMN HALF TERM 2 - DECEMBER 2024

THE LITTLETONS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Headteacher's Message



Christmas is almost here! We have felt the excitement building over the last few weeks as the special day draws closer.

The children have taken part in lots of exciting activities leading up to Christmas, including; theatre trips, party days, church services, nativity performances, and much more. You will see photos of some of these events later in the newsletter.

Whatever you are doing over Christmas, I hope you have a wonderful festive period, spending time with loved ones and taking the time to recharge.

MERRY
Christmas

Dates for the Diary:

Monday 6th January –
School reopens – all children
back in

Thursday 16th January –
Capybaras to Young Voices

Tuesday 28th January –
Capybaras trip to Worcester
Cathedral

Monday 10th February and
Tuesday 11th February –
Parents' Evenings – More
details to follow

Friday 14th February – Last
day of the half term

Saturday 15th – Sunday 23rd
February – Half Term holiday

Cuddly Toys

Thank you for your support with not allowing children to bring cuddly toys (and other toys) in to school. We rarely, if ever, see them now, which has made a big difference.

Parent Governor

Congratulations to Neville King, who has been elected unopposed to the position of Parents Governor. Our two Parent Governors represent all parents at Governors' meetings and help to feed into the school's strategic plans.

Dropping off

A reminder - please do not stop on the yellow zig-zag lines at drop-off times as it reduces visibility for children crossing the road. Please also ensure that you do not block our neighbours' driveways as we have had some complaints.

Quiet Area

As planting season begins, we are looking to finish the renovations of the Quiet Area, which were started in the summer. This should be finished and flourishing by Easter, at the latest.

Attendance

Well done to **Chinchillas** and **Capybaras** for having the joint highest attendance for the Autumn Term with **96.1%**



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.

Spirituality at The Littletons

We have been exploring a shared definition of Spirituality at The Littletons. We have been talking with staff, children and governors to try to distill the essence of what it means to us. This is the definition we are working with currently. If you have any comments or suggestions, please send a message on Dojo or catch me at drop-off or pick-up time in January:

“Special moments when we feel part of something bigger than ourselves through connections with people, places or the natural world.”

To make it accessible to all, we have kept it concise and quite open. For example, the “something bigger” may obviously relate to God and religion for some people, but could have a different meaning for others. It is also linked closely to our School Vision.

We will spend the next few months exploring Spirituality with the children from lots of different angles. Spirituality has strong links with positive mental health and overall wellbeing, which is hugely important to consider in the modern world.

Christingle

On Thursday, we had our Christingle service in which we explained to the children how a Christingle is made. They then all went and made their own in their classes, with Copybaras helping out the Tree Frogs (or the other way round!)

Each element of a Christingle has a special meaning and helps to tell the Christian story:

- The orange represents the world
- The red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ
- The cocktail sticks represent the four seasons
- The dried fruit represent all of God's creations
- The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.

Hopefully, your child was able to explain some or all of this to you!

We sent the Christingles home with the children so that they could be used as a table decoration and a talking point. We hope you enjoy using them at home.

Thank yous

We would like to thank the following organisations for their support with ensuring that all children could make a Christingle:



We are very grateful to the Children's Society for providing us with 150 candles free of charge. They are a charity who support vulnerable children in many different ways and also promote Christingle as part of their work. You can find out more at <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/>

Morrisons Evesham kindly donated a box of oranges so that all of the children at The Littletons could have their own Christingle.



Waistcoats

As part of their Design and technology work, the children in Copybaras designed and made their own waistcoats for a teddy bear. The finished designs were amazing. Thank you to all of the family members who came in to help with the sewing.



Christmas Tree

Thank you to Paul James at the Evesham Garden Centre, The Valley, for once again donating our Christmas tree. It is greatly appreciated and looks wonderful in our hall.

Table Tennis

Ken and John did their usual end of term competition session with table tennis. The children took part in lots of different activities to find an overall winner. Here are the winners with their prizes.



Children in Need Ramble

This year we did our whole school Children in Need Ramble across the local fields. We even took our Nursery children this time, to make it a truly whole-school event. It was lovely to walk in nature and have the space and time to talk together.



Nativity

Our Reception and Nursery children put on an amazing Nativity for the school and their families. It was a magical event and made everyone feel very festive. They even helped out at the Open the Book whole-school service at the church.



Christmas Lunch

On our Christmas Jumper Day, we also had our whole-school Christmas lunch. The children all ate in the hall together, which was a bit of a squeeze, but great fun.



Let it Snow!



Birthday Treats

Due to the wide range of allergies across the school, we ask that any birthday treats you send in are shop-bought so that we can put the full ingredient list on Dojo if needed. This helps us to ensure the safety of all children. Thank you for your understanding.

