



## AUTUMN HALF TERM 1

# THE LITTLETONS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Headteacher's Message



It has been a long half term, but a very productive one. It is amazing to see how well our new Reception children have settled in and how confident they are already.

The benches for our Quiet Area have been built and that will be the first project for our new School Council, who will start to meet after half term. They will also look at what we should fill our new playground equipment shed with.

The drainage on the playground continues to be an issue. We have had a company out to try to deal with it, but it appears to be a wider issue in the local area. We are looking to put a low barrier with gravel at the end of the path to try to stop the mud running off. Please ensure that the children do not walk over this area at pick-up times so that it does not get damaged.

I hope you all have a wonderful half-term break and a good rest. We look forward to seeing you in November!

## Dates:

Monday 4th November –  
Training Day (children  
return on Tuesday 5th)

Thursday 7th November –  
Bags2School Clothing  
Collection

Friday 15th November –  
Children in Need Ramble

Monday 25th/Tuesday 26th  
November – Bikeability  
(Reception/Year 1)

Tuesday 10th/Wednesday  
11th December – Reception  
Nativity

Wednesday 13th December –  
Christmas Lunch and  
Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 17th December –  
KS1 Pantomime Trip

Wednesday 18th December  
– KS2 Theatre Trip

Friday 20th December –  
Last day of school

# 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.

## What we are working on as a school

### Maths

We are looking to increase the children's fluency in Maths. This means that they know number facts accurately for instant recall, can calculate efficiently, and are flexible in their choice of strategies. With greater fluency skills, children feel confident in working with numbers and can explain their thinking, applying their learning in different contexts. This allows them to be more confident mathematicians.

### Spirituality

Following our SIAMS inspection, we are looking to create a shared understanding of 'spirituality' across the school and to identify ways to develop the children's spiritual growth. Spirituality looks at how we can connect with something greater than ourselves through interactions with people and the wider world. It can be both religious and non-religious in nature, and is linked to general well-being.

### Subjects

Following the success of the PSQM in developing Science across the school, we are looking to further focus on Computing and Music this year. We will look at ways to raise the profile of these subjects, develop learning and get the children excited about the varied possibilities within Computing and Music. This is part of our desire to provide a broad curriculum, where everyone can find their passion and talent.

# Dropping off

Please ensure that you do not block the zig-zag lines when dropping children off in the morning, especially if you need to get out of the car to get bags or undo seatbelts. Please pull in in a safe area, which allows other road users to get through, keeping the road clear.

# Harvest

Thank you for all of your kind donations for our Harvest service. They have all been passed on to Caring Hands to be used in their Food Bank. You can see a part of what we collected in the photograph below.



# Cuddly Toys

Some children are bringing increasingly large teddies into school on a daily basis. After the half term holiday, children should not bring any cuddly toys (or any other toys) into school. This is because they are increasingly causing a distraction around school. They can cause issues at breaktimes as the toys can get damaged or lost. Please ensure that all children give toys back to you at the gate in the mornings. Any toys or teddies found in school will be confiscated and returned to the child at the end of the day. Thank you for your support in this matter.

# PSQM

The Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) is awarded to schools who complete a year-long development and training programme to strengthen their Science teaching. It is a rigorous process, but I am delighted to inform you that The Littletons have achieved PSQM status.

It has been a team effort with staff, parents, governors, children, businesses and other members of the wider community involved. A special mention must go, however, to Mrs Cuthbertson who has put in an enormous amount of work to lead the school brilliantly through the whole process. Well done!

I hope you have seen, like we have, how the children's enthusiasm, passion, knowledge and understanding in Science has blossomed over the last 12 months, which has made all of the hard work worth it.

# Poetry Festival

All of the classes learnt a poem off by heart and performed it as part of our Poetry Festival. It was a wonderful event and the children recited their poems brilliantly.



# Teeth Cleaning

A number of classes have been learning about the importance of cleaning your teeth carefully and how to do so. Hopefully their teeth will be sparkling for the Tooth Fairy!

# PSQM

Primary Science  
Quality Mark

PSQM

Valid 2024 – 2027



# Karate Sessions

All of the children from Year 1 to Year 5 had a karate session with Luke from USKO. They had a great time and are able to attend a free trial. See the flyer below for details.



**UNITED SPORT KARATE ORGANISATION**

*All our out of school karate clubs information can be found on our website..*

[www.usko-karate.co.uk](http://www.usko-karate.co.uk)  
Facebook - USKO KARATE

United Sport Karate Organisation Instructor Luke Mountney loved visiting your school to deliver some Karate taster sessions!!

We are now welcoming new students to our out of school karate clubs!! We are delighted to offer your child a Free trial at your local USKO club.

USKO run clubs in Evesham, Stratford Upon Avon, Worcester, Oxford, Studley & Harborne.

We focus on teaching Sport Karate, meaning your child will not only learn self-defence, but also get a great physical work out. These varied sessions are both rewarding and stimulating and include a combination of line work, bag work, kata and games.

There are a limited number of spaces available which will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Anybody who does not get a place will be put on a waiting list.

If you are interested in your child attending the club, please contact instructor Luke Mountney directly who will confirm your space. 07398195671.

Please text, Your Child's name, Your name, Your local club + Child age.

Alternatively you can book your child a free trial lesson on our Website, [www.usko-karate.co.uk](http://www.usko-karate.co.uk).

# Halloween Disco

The children had an amazing time at the Halloween disco on Wednesday and their costumes were fantastic. Here are some photos from the event.



## Friends' Association

The Halloween disco was organised by the Friends' Association. We will send out details after the holidays of our information meeting for those of you interested in joining The Littletons School Friends' Association, and contributing to future events.