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THE LITTLETONS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

The summer holidays seem a distant memory and the signs of autumn can be seen all around. It has been a brilliant 8 weeks for the children. They have all settled back in quickly and are really showing a determination to try their best. They have definitely earned a week off!

Next term will inevitably be a busy one as we will begin the build up to Christmas (it seems too early to be mentioning that, but the the Nativity will soon be upon us!)

At this time of year, there will be wetter, colder and darker journeys to and from school. Please take extra care because of this.

Have a great half term and come back rested and recuperated in November!

DIARY DATES

3rd Nov - First day back

3rd/4th Nov - Litter picking in school and local area

14th Nov - Children in Need Ramble

9th/10th Dec - Nativity to Nursery and Reception parents

10th Dec - Pantomime trip (Years 1-5)

12th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day

15th Dec - Carol concert in church (children only due to space)

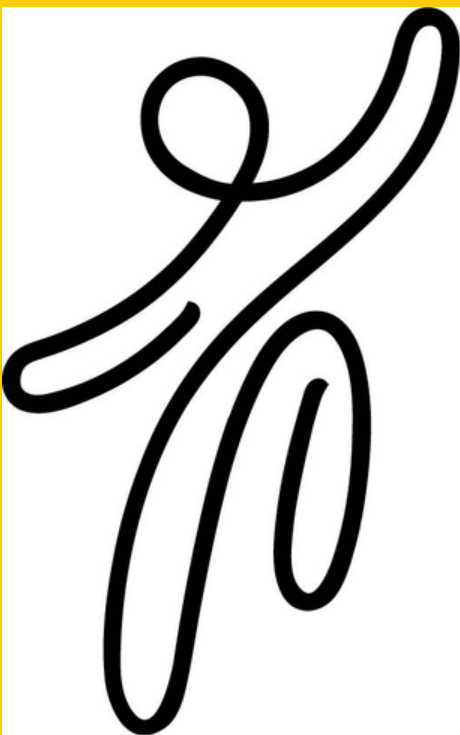
19th Dec - Last day of term

PARKING

Thank you for continuing to keep the zig-zag lines clear during drop off and pick up times. It has really made a difference to the congestion and road safety.

I know that parking around schools is always a challenge. We have had an email from a resident in Farm Lane about parked cars making it difficult to access their driveway at school pick-up times. Please ensure that you leave plenty of room for residents to access their properties as it is helpful to maintain good relationships with our neighbours. Thank you.

VISITING HUMANIST SPEAKER



As part of our RE learning, we were joined by a speaker from Humanist UK to explain about Humanist beliefs. He did a whole school assembly and then workshops with Wolves and Buffaloes classes.

He contacted the school after the sessions and said: **“Your school has such a very happy, relaxed and energising vibe and it was a great pleasure to be among you all. The teachers were all very friendly and welcoming and the children were just brilliant... I had a great, and thought provoking day and the children were an absolute credit to you.”**

This was lovely to hear from a visitor to our school.

DOGS ON SITE

Just a reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school site (even small ones or those being carried!) The only exception is assistance dogs for people with a disability.





SCHOOL LUNCHES

Thank you for your patience with the transition to our new school lunch provider. The booking system seems to be working well now - remember you can book meals for the next day up until 11:59 pm of the day before (but this has to be done directly with the provider - we have no access to the system.) The quality of the food has been very good.

WORK OVER THE HOLIDAYS

We are having work completed over the holidays to continue the development of our Reception outside area. We have removing some of the older sheds to open the area up further. This is a project that will have to do in stages throughout this year as we have to fit around holiday times. We aim to develop an even more exciting and purposeful area for our Reception and Nursery children to learn and play.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Just a reminder that you can book your child into Breakfast club for either regular sessions or on an ad-hoc basis. You can book one-off sessions up to the day before, space allowing. Session cost £3.50 per day and run from 8am

MORNING DROP OFF

If your child is coming in through the front entrance in the morning, please remember that unless they are at Breakfast Club or an invitational before-school club, they should wait outside the front door until 8:40 (when the bell goes). Until then, they should be supervised by an adult.



ATTENDANCE – AN EXCELLENT START!

Our attendance as a school has increased annually for the last three years and we finished last year with an average attendance of 95.8%, just short of our target of 96%. We have seen an increase of nearly 1% on our school attendance over the last three years. This may not sound much, but it is a significant achievement as it means around an extra 250 school days per year across the school. That is a lot of extra learning! Thank you for your continued support with this.

This year, we do not want to just beat our target of 96%, we want to smash it! Our aim, as always, is for every child to be in school every day. We know that is always possible with illnesses, medical appointments and family circumstances.

Please remember that holidays should be taken outside of term time and if your child has a mild, non-infectious ailment they can be in school.

Here is our school attendance information for the first half term:

97.1%

This year

95.2%

National Average YTD

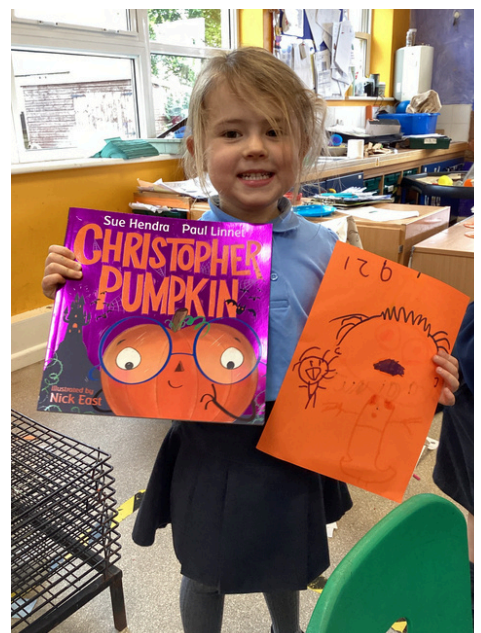
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National Percentile Y...

It is brilliant to see that our average attendance for children across the school is over 97% currently. This puts us in the top 10% of schools across the country for attendance. Well done!

All of this matters because regular attendance has a proven link to increased well-being for children, better exam results and higher lifetime earnings. Like you, we want the best for all of the children at The Littletons, so attendance really matters.

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