

# Loddington Church of England Primary School Newsletter



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**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

Dear Parents/Carers,

The opportunity to host a live parents' evening sees us edging ever closer to a very welcome new 'normal' here, where parents and friends can once again join us for planned events in our school calendar. This includes a warm welcome to our Church services, starting with our Lent service on Wednesday.

This half term we have an Easter egg decorating competition, an Easter chocolate raffle, an Easter bonnet parade for R/1/2 and our Year 5/6 residential.

Thank you to parents who have completed the parent survey this week. If you would like a paper copy, your child can collect one from the shelf outside the school office.

I hope you all have a very happy weekend.

Mrs Dowsett



**Our School Value Focus this half term is:**

Respect  
'Show respect to everyone.'  
1 Peter 2:17



## Ethos Committee News

We are looking for any willing volunteers to help us re-enact the story of The Prodigal Son in church on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March. If your child is interested then please do let Mrs Sail in the office know on [admin@loddington.northants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@loddington.northants.sch.uk).

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## **School Council News**

The children in Year 5/6 have recently read a book called Street Child by Berlie Doherty. They were saddened by the plight homeless children face and inspired to want to get involved with Barnardo's charity. After a presentation to the school, we all agreed that this would be a very worthy focus for fundraising opportunities this year.

## **Sports News**

On Tuesday this week, a group of children in Year 3/4, took part in a Level 3 gymnastics competition representing our school and our values. They did incredibly well, showed fantastic sportsmanship throughout the competition. The gymnasts worked extremely hard over several weeks to perfect their routines and we are very proud of their achievement. We have many more sports competitions in our School calendar to look forward to.



## **Father John's Retirement**

Father John led a wonderful Church service for Lent, in which he demonstrated how to toss a pancake. His interactive, engaging services will certainly be missed by the school when he retires in April. If you haven't had the chance and would like to donate towards a gift for Father John, for his 12 years of dedication to our school, then Mrs Sail in the school office is coordinating contributions. We have commissioned a bespoke metal structure design, which will look wonderful in his garden, where he hopes to spend many an afternoon throughout the summer.

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## Online Safety

Following on from our online safety visit last half term, here are two helpful guides to apps and games children may be using at home. Click the links to access (Ctrl & click): [Fortnite Guide \(1\).pdf](#), [YouTube Guide \(1\).pdf](#) Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## Jargon Buster

### Digital Footprint

A person's trail of data on the internet that can last indefinitely.

### Decoy App

These apps help children hide videos/images from their parents.

### Emoji

A digital image used to express an idea, action or emotion.

## Easter Bonnet Parade

You may have seen the FOLS poster advertising an Easter Bonnet workshop on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March** straight after school in the Year 2 classroom. Our plan is to take the children in Year R/1 and 2 on a parade walk around Loddington, showing the villagers and parent/carers their bonnet designs. The parade will take place on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm**. FOLS will be serving refreshments in the Village Hall at 2.30pm. All very welcome.

The staff in school and oldest children will walk with the children to ensure their safety at all times and a route will be shared with you prior to the parade. I know that not all parents will have the time or feel that creative spark in making an Easter Bonnet, therefore please do consider the FOLS Easter Bonnet workshop where FOLS will help your child to decorate a bonnet, all craft items will be supplied for just £5 per child, straight after school at 3:20pm-4.20pm.



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## House Teams Tally - Weekly Winners



Date	House Team Colour
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Red
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Blue
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Yellow and Red
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Yellow

### Our School Prayers



Dear God, please can we all have homes with families and lovely manners. Amen. By: Clara, Year 1.

Dear God, please will you give peace and friendship to all the people in the world. This is not a world without you. Amen. By: Jordan, Year 4.

Dear God, thank you for all our school values. I am sorry for all the violence in our world. I hope that all people show respect to one another and let peace flow through all of us. Amen. By: Noah, Year 6.

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### News from our Classrooms



#### Year R/1 - Phoenix

What a busy first two weeks back in school we have had in Phoenix class! We started this half term with our first forest school session which the children loved! The children immersed themselves into all of the activities which included bug hunting, tree climbing, making up yummy concoctions in the mud kitchen and they even got to make s'mores! We also enjoyed taking part in a science day where the children made their own paper helicopters and tested how long they could stay in the air for. They have also enjoyed spending the day in their pyjamas for world book day. Amongst all of this we have found the time to introduce our new topic 'People who help us'. Reception have been finding out how police officers and doctors help us and the Year ones have started their new book 'Last stop on Market Street'. In Maths, reception have continued to build up their knowledge of making 10 and Year one has wowed me with their knowledge of comparing numbers to 50. Well done Phoenix class, keep up the good work!



#### Year 2 - Dragon

What a busy start to half term for Dragon class! In English, we are working with another narrative, using the story 'The Marvellous, Fluffy, Squishy Itty Bitty' by Beatrice Alemagna. In Maths, we have been working on our statistics - using tally charts, pictograms and block diagrams to show different data. We have been really focused on checking the keys of different pictograms to help find the totals and differences of the data. During Science week last week, we explored different optical illusions including the Ebbinghaus illusion! The children then created their own illusions to trick the eye and brain into seeing something different! In our Science lessons, we have been looking at the simple stages of different mammal lifecycles, we cannot wait for our farm trip next week to see first-hand the different stages of animal life! In Geography we are looking at our non-European study, at the town Kisii in Kenya! The children are using their prior knowledge from our continents and oceans unit to support with learning about life in Kenya! In RE, we are learning to answer the question 'Why does Easter matter to Christians?'. We are looking at the different parts of the Easter story and exploring how Christians remember and celebrate each part. Great work, Dragon class 😊

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### Year 3/4 - Centaur

Centaur class have returned to school with gusto following the half term break. We celebrated Science week with a gross experiment to round off our work on the digestive system, learned about Sir Isaac Newton and what made him a famous scientist and enjoyed a hands-on workshop with "Atomic Abbi", investigating different chemicals and their acidity, exploding balloons and slime making. We have begun our new Science topic on the different states of matter, and discovered the properties of solids, liquids and gases. In English, we have begun our next unit which focuses on writing persuasively. We have been learning all about the island of Sicily, and over the next few weeks will learn to use persuasive language to create a holiday brochure for the island. We have also started our new Geography topic on London. This week we have located London and used different maps to identify the different areas and boroughs within it. Finally, we celebrated World Book Day. As part of this, we have each created a bunting flag to showcase our favourite books and authors for display in our reading cabin, and were fortunate enough to join a live stream with the award-winning children's author Michael Rosen, who made us all laugh with his storytelling. We all loved coming to school in our pyjamas - especially Mrs Evans! A busy few weeks - well done Centaur class!



### Year 5/6 - Griffin

Last week was very exciting in Year 5/6 as we took part in Science Week! To finish our Science topic from last term, the children took part in a heart dissection. Some of the children were quite horrified to begin with but after a little while they fully immersed themselves into the activity. On Friday, the children went over to the village hall and had a very exciting assembly and then a workshop where they all made slime!

In English, the children are learning about persuasion. We have been looking at Greta Thunberg's speeches and identifying why these are so powerful and persuasive. The children will be learning how to incorporate these techniques into their own writing.

For World Book Day, the children created some bunting for our new reading cabin, these are all brilliant! They also took part in a crowd cast event which was run by Michael Rosen, he spoke to the children about his poetry and they had the opportunity to ask him questions. A very busy first two weeks of school Griffin class!

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### Highlights from Science Week

All the children had an amazing day participating in lots of wonderful science experiments with Atomic Abbi from Primary Workshop for Schools.



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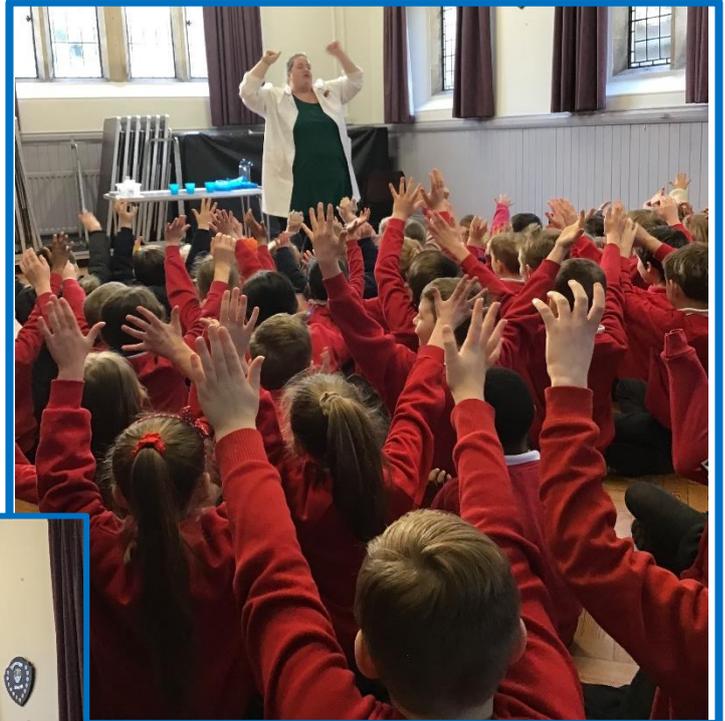
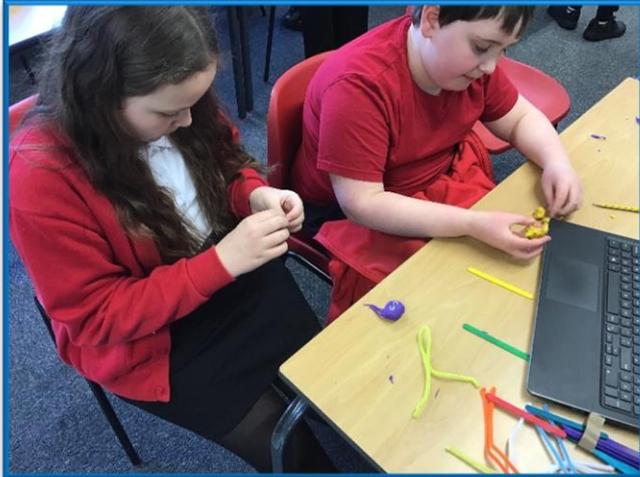
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### World Book Day



Even Larry  
our Loddington  
Llama Mascot  
enjoyed being  
in his PJ's for  
World Book  
day 😊



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### Dates for your Diary

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5/6 Basketball competition, 12pm-3.15pm - <b>SELECTED CHILDREN ONLY</b>
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Year R/1 West Lodge Forest School session, 9.05am-12.45pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 West Lodge Farm Park visit, 9.30am-3pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year R/1 Rothwell Fire Brigade visit, 9am
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Time for God Church Service, 9.15am
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year R/1 West Lodge Forest School session, 9.05am-12.45pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3/4 Hockey Competition, 12.30pm-2.45pm - <b>SELECTED CHILDREN ONLY</b>
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> -Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5/6 Residential to Govilon Activity Centre, Wales
<p>PE Days - please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their PE Kit  <b>Year R/1 Wednesday, Year 2 Monday, Year 3/4 Tuesday, Year 5/6 Friday</b>  <b>FIESTA sports - ALL Year Groups - Thursday</b></p>	



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