

Friday 1st April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the Spring term draws to an end, we celebrate a wonderful variety of events here at Loddington Primary School. To name but a few - cricket and tennis engagement days, gymnastics and hockey competitions, farm, forest school and fire brigade visits, a visit from our PCSO to raise awareness of road and fire safety, two lovely church services to celebrate Lent and Easter, World Book Day and a fabulous Year 5/6 residential to Govilon, with the bonus of glorious sunshine! The Easter break is very much needed to reenergise for an even busier summer term ahead.

With the hope of warmer weather, we will reprise the return of 'Wellbeing Wednesday' at the recreation ground, allowing the children to have their lunch break on the grassed area.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter holiday.

Mrs Dowsett



Our School Value Focus this half term is:

Respect

*Do good, lend and expect nothing in return and
your reward will be great. Luke 6:35*



Ethos Committee News

The Ethos Committee conducted a pupil survey to determine the qualities they felt important in a new community Vicar. Our suggestions will be included in a job advert, soon to be published.

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School Council News

In true keeping with our Christian values of service and charity, we have been considering ways to raise money for our chosen charity Barnardo's. How kind of the children to offer their parents services in baking for a Friday treat cake bake sale! Look out for those pleading faces after the Easter break! All for a super cause - you can name your dish of delights. So far, we have: Mrs Dowsett's delicious doughnuts, Mrs Sail's sundae sponge and Miss Cook's crumbly cookies!! Please do consider participating. More information to follow.

Parents Feedback Results

Thank you so much to everyone who was able to fill in a parent survey. As a school team, we were thrilled with the overwhelming positive results. Whilst 94% of parents and carers agreed that they are made aware of their child's learning, as an action point, we just wanted to take this opportunity to remind you how we do this:

- Two Parents' Evening opportunities throughout the Autumn and Spring term
- One detailed written report in the Summer term
- Yearly and half-termly learning overviews published on our website
- Termly Newsletters e- mailed out and published on our website
- Fortnightly newsletter sharing class blurbs, with an overview of the children's learning in that time.

Please do let us know of any further suggestions, that you feel you would benefit from. We are always open to making improvements and listening to your ideas.

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Fundraising – A Personal Plea

With the arrival of COVID regulations, we saw many school events and fundraising opportunities cancelled. The Friends of Loddington Team have been working incredibly hard to re-establish fundraising opportunities, which pay for activities, facilities and enrich the children's learning. In order to really embrace and develop the FOLs, we would really love your support to structure our committee.

Can you see yourself in the role of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary or Treasurer? Perhaps you'd just prefer to come along and share ideas or help at events? Staff fully support every event, but cannot do this alone. **We appeal to you as parents to get involved please!**

We plan to meet in school time, before pick up to save extra journeys. Tea and biscuits will be provided! Minutes will be made available to all.

We are keen to invest in more playground equipment, books to keep our library up-to-date and well stocked and to contribute to getting the children out of school on trips, visits and residential by reducing the charge to parents of transportation - which is an ever-increasing amount.

Next meeting: **Monday 25th April at 2:30pm in school - ALL VERY WELCOME**



After School Club

When we return back to school after the Easter holiday, Mr Adams and Mrs Gault will be taking the children booked into After School club to the Recreation Ground in Loddington to enjoy the use of the field as much as possible. A notice informing you when, will be put on the School gate.

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Online Safety

Here is a part of the latest issue of Vodafone's digital parenting guide. This provides information about the latest trends and tips for online safety.

[vodafone_digital_parenting_part_1.pdf](#)

Jargon Buster

Fabotage

Changing a user's social media account content without permission.

Firewall

A system which protects a network from external threats.

Gamer

A person who plays mostly online video games.



House Teams Tally - Weekly Winners



Date	House Team Colour
11 th March	Yellow
18 th March	Blue
25 th March	Red
1 st April	Red

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News from our Classrooms



Year R/1 - Phoenix

Wow! What a fantastic term the R/1 children have had. A big highlight has been their weekly forest school sessions. They have enjoyed cooking over open fires, making their own bows and arrows, and exploring the forest to find bugs amongst lots of other things! For their last session on Tuesday, the children were lucky enough to make their own pizzas which were delicious!

In the classroom, the children have loved learning all about different occupations and people that help us within our community. The Reception children have become superstar writers, writing all of the facts they know about different occupations and the Year ones have adapted the story 'The Last stop on Market Street'. In Maths, the reception children have impressed me with their 3D shape knowledge and the Year ones have been showing great confidence in their measuring! Well done on another amazing term Phoenix class!

I hope you have a wonderful Easter holiday.



Year 2 - Dragon

What a busy half term Dragon class have had! In Maths, we have finished our unit about Properties of Shape - looking at sides, vertices, edges and faces of 2D and 3D shapes! We have now just begun our Fractions unit that we will continue after the holidays. In English, we have finished our narrative from 'The Marvellous Fluffy Squishy Itty Bitty' by Beatrice Alemagna. They also wrote a recount this week, about our visit to West Lodge Farm Park, that happened earlier in the term. In Science, we have explored the basic needs of wild animals to finish our unit of Animals, this also linked to our Geography topic of Kenya. We finished this unit too this week, we compared the towns of Northampton and Kisii identifying similarities and differences. In RE, we have been exploring the Easter story and working on our section of the Big Frieze - the Fall - the children have been reflective and imaginative with ways to represent this part of the big story. In DT this half term, we have made free standing sculptures for Safari animals linking to our Science and Geography units! Year 2 also performed their Poetry this week to the rest of the school, they recited 'Edible Bedroom' by Joshua Seigal. They thoroughly enjoyed learning and performing this and were creative with their actions! Happy Easter Dragon class. 😊

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Year 3/4 - Centaur

Centaur class have been having a mighty busy end to the term! This week we have been planning and writing our persuasive holiday brochures for a range of exotic destinations. The children have all worked really hard on these, using persuasive language and writing techniques we have been working on in class over the last few weeks. In Science, we have also completed our unit of work on States of Matter. This week, we have been exploring how temperature affects the rate of evaporation, and completing written reports about how the Water Cycle works. We have also conducted a very exciting experiment to discover which type of chocolate melts at the quickest rate - white, milk or dark. In Geography, we have continued our work on London, producing sketch maps to show how London has changed over time, from the first Roman settlement, to the London of 2022. We have also been exploring land use in the City of London, and comparing the different types of buildings. Finally, we have been busy working on our Design and Technology project for this half term - designing, making and evaluating books with mechanisms for younger children. This has been so much fun! Well done Centaur class - a productive half term filled with lots of hard work, learning and laughter. Happy Easter 😊



Year 5/6 - Griffin

It has been extremely busy in Griffin class over the last few weeks! The children have been working extremely hard this term and have made good progress, this has been reflected in their end of term assessments. Last week, most of our class attended the week long residential in Govilon. I think it is fair to say all the children had the BEST time and the Year 5's already can't wait to go again next year! The children were an absolute credit to our school, showing our school values and being determined to try all the activities. I was very proud of them all. In our final week of term, the children have completed their independent writes on deforestation. The focus for this unit has been on persuasive speeches and the children have looked at Greta Thunberg's speeches on Climate Change for inspiration. The children have written some very powerful speeches - well done! In Science, the children were investigating thermal insulators. They had three different materials for cups (ceramic, paper and plastic) and needed to record the temperature each minute to see which material was the best insulator. Great teamwork was shown during their experiments! Have a lovely break over the Easter holidays Griffin Class and I will see you in the Summer Term. 😊

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Class prayers

Year R/1: Dear Lord, You loved this world so much, that you gave your one and only Son, that we might be called your children too. Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, every day. Amen.

Year 2: Dear Lord, May each one be blessed with complete and miraculous healing and renewal. May each one be resurrected to complete wellness in heart, body, mind and spirit. May hope, freedom, happiness, love and togetherness thrive anew for all. May today be a fresh new start and may each one feel and know the meaning of the Resurrection within us. Amen.

Year 3/4: Dear Lord, We greet you with joy this Easter season. And we thank you for the gift of new life. Bless our food, our family and our friends. Help us to celebrate the spring time in our hearts as we rejoice in the good news of your resurrection. We thank you Lord Amen

Year 5/6: Dear Lord, Thank you for Easter, we will remember this day for the rest of our lives. Thank you for Jesus and how he rose again. Sorry for all the bad in people's hearts and the decision to put Jesus on the cross. Jesus was only trying to help those with disabilities and those people had very careless feelings. Please will you spread happiness this Easter and love and kindness to everyone. Please will you help people spread the story of Easter to everyone. Thank you once again for Easter. Amen.

Amazon Wish lists

We'd like to thank you for your support with our Amazon wish lists, we are so very grateful for your kind donations. Teachers will update their wish lists so that we can continue to provide children with exciting books!

Year R/1 Link - <https://amzn.eu/iOysKSN>
Year 2 Link - <https://amzn.eu/0axpxwT>
Year 3/4 Link - <https://amzn.eu/cRM03MW>
Year 5/6 Link - <https://amzn.eu/5EmQe4A>

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Punctuality

We would like to politely remind you that the school gate opens at **8.40am** and then closes at **8:55am**.

Registers are marked and returned to the School office by **9.00am** at the latest and your child will receive a late mark if they are not in by that time. A log will be kept in the school office of anyone arriving after 8:55am, without reasonable explanation. Thank you for your continued support and understanding with this.

Uploading to Social media sites

To help us safeguard our children, please do not upload any photos or recordings taken at School events to a public social media site. Thank you.

Lost Property

Are these your child's glasses? If so, please contact the School Office.



Staffing News

We say thank you and goodbye to Mrs Wilson, who has worked with us for the last two years, in a Teaching Assistant role.

Mrs Miller is currently working on a secondment for the rest of the school year, to help in another PDET school; therefore, we are looking to recruit a full time Teaching Assistant for a fixed term position up to the summer break.



Miss Thompson, who joined our teaching team three years ago, has decided the time is right to explore other routes whilst she is still in the early stages of her career. We fully support her new venture. Miss Thompson will leave us at the end of the School Year.



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Photo gallery

Easter Egg decorating winners



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A few photos of Year 5/6 Residential to Govilon



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A lovely comment from a staff member at Govilon.

'I've been hearing from staff how polite and well behaved your children were last week. The kitchen staff were also were very complimentary about how well they ate and, the way they conducted themselves at the dinner tables, and generally throughout the whole week.'

Happy Easter



School re-opens on Tuesday 19th April @ 8.40am

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