

# Loddington Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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## Monday 20th June 2022

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Dear Parents/Carers,

After a wonderful end to last half-term with our Jubilee celebrations, we have continued the theme of celebration with our very popular Rainbow Mufti, Father's Day Breakfast and Friday Tuck Shop. Please do consider joining in the village Loddifest festivities this Saturday from 2-10pm. There will be live music, bouncy slides, stalls, a bar, raffle, under 14s cake competition, dog show and cake and ice cream to enjoy!

A huge 'Well Done' to our children in Year 1, who took their phonics screening check last week and Year 4 children, who took their Multiplication Times Table Check. Everyone has been working very hard to show their learning success.

Mr Umney has also been working hard to gather evidence for the School Games Mark Award. I am thrilled to announce that we have achieved the **GOLD** standard for PE at Loddington. I would like to thank Mr Umney, who continually works with drive and dedication.

We look forward to welcoming our new Reception intake this week and next with scheduled stay and play sessions. The children will also be invited to our Transition Morning on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Each child has been assigned a 'buddy', who will be on hand to help the children feel settled and reassured about starting school.

Mrs Dowsett



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Our half-term value: **Honesty**  
'Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with  
actions and in truth.' 1 John 3:18



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### Ethos Committee News and School Council News

Both committees have set a challenge to all classes, to design a new school flag to celebrate Loddington school's 160<sup>th</sup> year. We hope to have the flag made and then display it on our school flag pole.

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### Sporting News

Selected children from Year 3/4/5/6 will be participating in a Commonwealth Games day this Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, hosted by Northamptonshire Sports. The intent is a 'performance' competition, aimed at those children who already partake in sporting/coaching opportunities or clubs outside of school. The winners will then compete at County Finals.



Swimming is going really well for Year 5/6. All of the children are engaging with this vital life skill.

Every Thursday afternoon from 4-5pm, Mr Umney guide children from Year 5/6 to compete in inter school football league. Our intent is to provide opportunities for all that wish to take part in competitive sport. The children are relishing this opportunity and are really enjoying it. We are currently first place in our league - Fantastic!



### School clubs

Pokemon	Tuesday/Thursday 12:45pm
Choir	Wednesday 12:45pm
Gardening	Thursday 12:45pm
Going for Gold	Monday 3:20-4:20pm (Selected children only)
Football	Tuesday Year 5/6 3:20-4:20pm (Selected children only)

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### Year R/1 - Phoenix

Wow! What a great start to Summer term Phoenix class have had! It's certainly been a busy two weeks. We started the term with a trip to Holdenby House where the children became tree explorers for the day. It was a lovely day and the children were a credit to the school! They came back to school very excited to continue their learning of plants and flowers. Year 1 also took part in their phonic screening test last week. The children have worked so hard with their phonics and they have certainly made me very proud of their achievements! The Reception children have also been busy looking at instruction writing in English. They are working hard to write a set of instructions on how to grow a beanstalk. In Math's, Reception have been super mathematicians exploring subtraction and Year one has been looking at position. In Science, the children have all planted their own bean and will explore the beanstalks changes over the next few weeks.

Well done Phoenix class, keep up the great work  
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### Year 2 - Dragon

What a great start to the final half term of Year 2, Dragon class! In Math's, we have been working really hard with position and direction - particularly those tricky quarter and half turns! We are also starting to focus on time and using our clocks to help us! In English, we are creating our non-chronological report about pirates, really thinking about the layout and structure as well as the facts we have learnt! In Reading, we are extending our predicting and vocabulary skills as we look at a variety of plant non-fiction texts. In Science, we are continuing with our plants topic and have been making scientific drawings of our bulbs and beans that we planted 8 weeks ago. They are rather large now and have beans growing on them too! In History we are looking at our next explorer, Neil Armstrong. This week, we have been exploring the events of the space race in the 1960s! In RE, we are exploring sacred places for believers in different religions. We are starting with our Church and exploring key areas and artefacts within the Church that are important to believers.  
Well done Dragon class!

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### Year 3/4 - Centaur

Centaur class have returned from half term with gusto! We have started our new Geography topic on Rivers, and have been researching some major rivers of the UK, their lengths, where the source is, and some major towns and cities they pass through. We have also been immersing ourselves in some new vocabulary linked to this topic. In English, we have begun work on our next unit which is "The River" by the poet Valerie Bloom. We have learned all about rhyme structure of poetry and been working hard on creating metaphors to add imagery to our writing. In Science, we have started our new unit of work on "Sound", and taken part in several practical experiments to find out what we might already know. We have been on a sound walk around Loddington to identify different sources of sound in the environment - some of the sounds we heard were very surprising! Well done Centaur class!!



### Year 5/6 - Griffin

Over the last week in Griffin class, the children have started their biographies about David Attenborough. We have watched clips from biographies and interviews in order to gain a better understanding of who he is and what he has achieved. As part of our Evolution topic in Science, this week the children have completed an investigation looking at birds' beaks. The children used different sized tweezers and spoons to find out how many raisins could be picked up in 10 seconds. Reflecting on this, they thought about which type of beaks would increase chances of survival. In RE, the children have been learning about Salvation and they have looked in depth at the events leading to Jesus' death. They each chose a scene to recreate through their own artwork, these were fantastic! Last Friday, all of Griffin class went swimming, this will continue for the remainder of the term. Mrs Poyner and Mr Umney said that all the children worked incredibly hard and had great fun at the same time!

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**Our School Prayers**

**Year R/1**

Dear Lord, I hope that everyone keeps the world clean and makes friends. I hope we can trust everyone and no one tells lies. Amen

**Year 2**

Dear Lord, please will you give peace and perseverance to everyone. Thank you for our homes and health and thank you for making me, me! Amen.

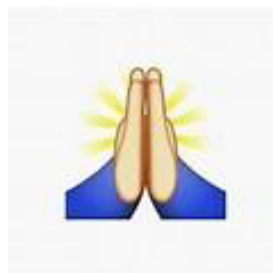
Dear Lord, please will you help us have honesty. I am sorry for all of the people who lie. Thank you for this wonderful world. Amen

**Year 3/4**

Dear God, please will you give us peace and friendship in this world of ours. Please teach everybody to love one another. This world is not a world without you"

**Year 5/6**

Dear God, thank you that we can always trust you. We know that you won't ever let us down or leave us on our own. You are always there for us. Amen.



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### Our Teaching staff structure

We are delighted to welcome Miss Ellie Smith to our team, who will be teaching in Year 2. Our teaching staff structure from September will be:

Year R/1 - Miss Lever-Jones

Year 2 - Miss Ellie Smith

Year 3/4 - Mrs Evans

Year 5/6 - Miss Cook

### Jargon Buster

Attached is a pdf file containing information on ways to talk openly about children's online usage.

#### **Identity Theft**

A crime which pieces together information for financial gain.

#### **Hacker**

A person who gains unauthorised access to information.

#### **IM**

Instant message sent between users via the internet.

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#### Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 3/4 Commonwealth Games Quadkids Athletics competition- selected children only. <b>Please ensure your child arrives at school at 8.20am</b> Year 5/6 Commonwealth Games Quadkids Athletics competition- selected children only. <b>12.45pm-4.15pm</b>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	New Reception Intake 2022 - Stay and Play session, 1.30pm- 2.30pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5/6 Swimming lesson
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Intake 2022 - Stay and Play session, 1.30pm- 2.30pm
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 5/6 Swimming lesson
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>KS1 children</b> - Irchester Country Park Trip (details to follow)
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>KS2 Children</b> - Irchester Country Park Trip (details to follow)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5/6 Swimming lesson
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year School Disco - details to follow
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day - Loddington Recreation Ground at <b>1.30pm</b>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5/6 last Swimming lesson
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 leavers trip to Twinlakes Theme Park
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>Last day of term - Leaver's Service and School Awards at St. Leonard's Church from 2:30pm. ALL WELCOME.</b>



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