

Loddington Church of England Primary School Newsletter

Respect, Friendship, Honesty, Trust, Peace and Perseverance



Friday 23rd September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back!

I couldn't be more thrilled with how quickly the children have settled back into the school routine. The classrooms are buzzing with positivity and the children have really risen to the challenge of their new learning.

Our youngest children in Reception have impressed me immensely by joining our school family, on a full-time basis, from day one. Their big smiles as they come through the gate, is testament to how happy and settled they are already. A huge thank you must be extended to our wonderful Year 6 buddies, who have shown exemplary friendship and nurture toward them. We pride ourselves on these two values and we have truly seen them in action across the whole school.

Whilst celebrating the return, we have also taken time to reflect upon the sad loss of Queen Elizabeth II. Reverend Andrew Farrington led a special service of remembrance and the children spent time in class reflecting upon her legacy and sharing prayers.

Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Dowsett



Value - Perseverance

We know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. Romans 5:3-4



REMINDER: Secondary School applications

If you have a child in Year 6, the time has now come for you to apply for a secondary school place. The application portal is now open and closes at **midnight on Monday 31st October**. The easiest and quickest way to apply is online at: www.northnorthants.gov.uk/admissions. You will need to register using an email address.

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House Teams Tally - Weekly Winners



| Date | House Team Colour |
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| Friday 9 th September | Red |
| Friday 16 th September | Yellow |

Sports News

Our sporting competitions coming up are: The small schools football for Year 5/6, the open football for Year 5/6 and the Year 3/4 poppies football. Mr Umney is also running after school football practice clubs for Year 3/4/5/6.

This term, the children are learning about:

Year R - Manipulation and co-ordination. They look at controlling objects and co-ordination.

Year 1/2 - Attacking, defending and shooting in a range of sporting situations.

Year 3/4/5/6 - Football.

FOLS (Friends of Loddington School)

Thank you to all those who came to the FOLS meeting yesterday. We really appreciate not everyone could make the meeting, but would like to help with supporting the events. So far, we have the following dates for your diary:

Thursday 3rd November - Mufti for bottle tombola

Thursday 24th November - Mufti for chocolate tombola

Friday 4th November - Fireworks Display

Friday 2nd December - Christmas Fayre

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News and Views from the classrooms this week



Year R/1 - Phoenix

Wow! What an amazing start to school Phoenix class have had. I couldn't be prouder of how the reception children have settled into their new school routines and the Year 1 children have been fantastic role models for them. We have enjoyed getting to know each other the last few weeks with lots of circle time games and exploring the indoor and outdoor areas. We have enjoyed reading the colour monster and the rainbow fish. We have some super writers in year 1 who have written lovely descriptions on the rainbow fish and the reception children have drawn some lovely family portraits. In maths, the year 1 children have been learning how to sort items into groups and how to represent numbers in a variety of ways. In Science this term, the children are learning about the human body. The children enjoyed drawing around each other and labelled their key body parts. In History, the children are learning about themselves and their families. They loved sharing their all about me bags with the class and it was lovely to see how confident each child was sharing their special items. Well done on a brilliant start to school Phoenix class, keep it up! 😊



Year 2 - Dragon

Wow Dragon Class! What a great start it has been to Year 2. I am so proud of how hard you are working and how nicely you are all settling in to the new academic year. In Math's, we have been working hard on our understanding of place value. We have been using lots of practical equipment to help us identify tens and ones. In English, we having been focusing on Grammar. We have been focusing on the importance of punctuation, as well as developing our understanding of nouns, adjectives and verbs. We are also very excited to start our writing unit based on a class book favourite 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. In reading, we are extending our abilities to infer and have been making assumptions based on what we have read. In our science topic, we are looking at everyday materials. We have been working scientifically and have identified and classified a range of materials. In history, we are looking at The Great Fire of London. We have been looking at a range of sources and discussing what information they give us about the fire in 1666. In RE, we are looking at who is Muslim and their key beliefs. In DT, we have been focusing on fire engines and are currently in the process of designing our own fire engine made from a variety of materials. 😊

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Year 3/4 - Centaur

It has been a busy start to the term for Centaur class. In English, we have spent the first few weeks focusing on grammar and punctuation, in readiness for beginning our first writing unit on "Stone Age Boy" next week. We have looked at different types of sentences, and reminded ourselves on how to punctuate these correctly. In Math's, we have been working on finding $1/10/100$ and 1000 more or less than a number, and have learned how to represent and partition numbers in different ways using lots of practical equipment. Our Science has got off to a super start, and we have had fun experimenting with different equipment to make simple electrical circuits. We found out that we can have more than one appliance in a circuit, and that a circuit has to be complete with no breaks in order to work. In History, we have begun our work on the Stone Age, and developed our chronology skills to learn when the Stone Age period was, and how it was split into three main parts. We have used different sources to compare the differences in the Old, Middle and New Stone Age and found out lots of interesting facts about the changes during these periods. Keep up the amazing work Centaur class! 😊



Year 5/6 - Griffin

Griffin class have made an excellent start to the new year! Over the last three weeks in English, we have been revising different grammar objectives to make sure we feel confident ready for our writing lessons. Next week, the children will be starting to write a Greek Myth. In Science, the children have been learning all about electricity. They have looked at drawing circuits using the correct scientific symbols and made observations about the brightness of bulbs in circuits. In Math's, Year 6 have just finished their place value unit, which they all worked incredibly hard on and they are ready to start their next unit about the four operations. In Art with Mr Adams, the children have been exploring different ways of creating portraits, using a collage technique and writing words which describe them, they look brilliant! Have a lovely weekend Griffin Class. 😊

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Our Class Prayers



Year R/1

Dear God,
We are thankful for being able to play at school and make new friends. Help us to be kind to one another and to help each other. Please help us work hard and not give up. Amen.

Year 2

Dear God,
I hope the Queen is in peace with her husband. May you wrap your arms around her family and comfort them during this time of deep sadness. May you bless our new King with a long and successful reign. Amen.

Year 3/4

Dear God,
Please help people to persevere in hard times. Give us the strength in our hearts to persevere in all that we do and never give up. Help us to persevere to reach our goals and ambitions. Thank you for showing us perseverance. We thank you God. Amen.

Year 5/6

Dear God,
Please help the Royal Family recover from this awful tragedy. Thank you for giving the Queen a long life and may she rest in peace. As we pray in her memory, please help King Charles continue all of her wonderful work. Amen.

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Our Prayer boards in the Spiritual Garden reflecting upon our Value of Perseverance and remembering the Late Queen Elizabeth II.



Please do send in your child/children's achievements to share on our Celebration Board.

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With the start of a new school year, classes have elected their School Council representatives, the Ethos Committee is established and Choir, sports clubs, House Captains and Vice Captains are all in place.

Ethos Committee Task

In response to a plea from the Bishop of Peterborough's office, the Ethos Committee are exploring 'hope' in all its forms - what gives us hope, what we hope for. We are producing art work to be displayed at a Clergy conference venue in October.



Our School Ethos Committee

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Harvest Service - Thursday 13th October

All very welcome to attend our Harvest Service at **St. Leonard's Church at 9:15am on Thursday 13th October**. Please do send in any donations to school, which will then be placed at the altar, in aid of Home -Start. The children will be singing songs and sharing class prayers. Bea Martin will lead the service.

Online Safety

Here are some resources that support children with online safety and their digital journey. The following links provide practical tips to help open discussions around the online world and ensuring it is a safe space. Below there is also information on age certificates of popular social media apps.

[Digital Resilience Toolkit: 6 - 10 year olds - Internet Matters](#)
[What age can my child start social networking? - Internet Matters](#)

13 Years Upwards



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Dates for your Diary

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| Tuesday 27 th September | Year 3/4 Football Festival Competition at Kettering Town Football club (selected children only) |
| Friday 30 th September | FOLS Meet and Greet, 2.30pm, Loddington Village Hall. All very welcome to attend. |
| Monday 3 rd October | Year 5/6 Open 7-a-side Football Competition at Tresham College (selected children only) |
| Thursday 13 th October | Harvest Festival at St Leonard's Church, Loddington Tea & Coffee will be served from 8.45am. Service starts at 9.15am-10.15am. All very welcome to attend. |
| Friday 21 st October | Last day of Term. School closes @ 3.20pm. School re-opens Tuesday 1 st November @ 8.40am. |
| PE Days - please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their PE Kit Year R/1 Wednesday, Year 2 Monday, Year 3/4 Tuesday, Year 5/6 Friday | |

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