

Loddington Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 21st October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we wrap up a very successful and busy first half-term of a new school year, I hope you have enjoyed the opportunity to get back into school for face-to-face meetings at Parents' Evening this week. Thank you again for your very generous donations given at our Harvest Service - a true reflection of our Christian, caring ethos.

With the children away enjoying a well-earned break, work continues here to install our new heat pump and new bright panelling in the children's toilets. We have also installed some fabulous lighting in the reading retreat and place of prayer cabin, which will come in very handy for grotto preparations in December!



You will also be delighted to hear that Mrs Sail will make a very welcome return after half-term. We have missed her dearly and can't wait to see her fabulous smile and hear her cheery tones once again. A huge thank you must be extended to Miss Young and Mrs Simmonds, who have been an enormous source of support to us in the office.

Have a wonderful break - we are back on **Tuesday 1st November**
Mrs Dowsett

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Value - Perseverance

Galatians 6:9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.



House Team Weekly Winners



After counting up the house points, **Red team** spent part of their Friday afternoon today celebrating their combined hard work with Mrs Dowsett - enjoying a mini movie and snack treats. Every half term, we will reward the winning team with a treat, in recognition of their continued efforts in all areas and aspects of school life.

Sports News

Our year 5/6 football team drew against St. Peters School, which has put us through to the **County Finals** for small schools' football for the second year in a row. Our year 3/4 Football team showed great perseverance and determination within the Poppies football competition, key skills to build upon for future events.



Upcoming sporting events after half term

- Northampton County Cricket Club coming to School to offer all our KS2 students specialist Cricket sessions from one of their coaches.
- We are once again taking part in the Frosty Fun Run to raise money for Cransley Hospice.
- Indoor Sports hall Athletics, KS2 Net/Wall festival and Boccia competitions.
- Mr Umney we will be running an after school KS1 Multi-skills club.

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Ethos Committee

In response to a plea from the Bishop of Peterborough's office to produce artwork with messages and images inspired by the questions "What gives you hope?" and "What do you hope for?", the children in each class worked incredibly hard and came up with some amazing designs. They are being collected this week and we cannot wait to see photos of them at the Conference Centre in November.



In addition, inspired by one of our families who used the spiritual garden to say a prayer for a family member they had recently lost, we have purchased some small crosses to be placed in the garden. We have one per class, where the children can place special and personal prayers for family members and loved ones. St. Leonard's Church have also loaned us some beautiful handmade kneeling mats, to be used by children who wish to say a prayer.



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School Council

We held elections this half term and the new school council members have been chosen by their peers. They are very keen and have lots of ideas to improve school life and help our community. They have decided that their first project will be concerning litter and recycling and will be launching a competition asking for help from the whole school during an assembly in the first week back after half term.

Online Safety

In today's digitally connected world, the digital world is constantly changing as there are always new ways to engage online. The following guide provides information and support surrounding online safety and keeping your child safe.

ONLINE CONTENT
10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.

- 1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS**
Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.
- 2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT**
Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.
- 3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS**
Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age limit.
- 4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS**
Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.
- 5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP**
Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.
- 6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE**
Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.
- 7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING**
Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.
- 8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK**
Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.
- 9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE**
If a child sees distressing material online, listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.
- 10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT**
If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.

National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

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News from our Classrooms



Year R/1 - Phoenix

What an exciting first half term Phoenix class have had. I can't believe they have only been at school for a short 7 weeks, yet we have made so many lovely memories already! They have settled into their new school routines well, learning new sounds in their phonic sessions and have enjoyed retelling lots of familiar stories from 'Rainbow Fish', to 'Supertato' and 'Dear Zoo'. Over the last two weeks the children have been learning about 'People who help us'. They have had visits from our local paramedic and fire fighters. I think we have a lot of future paramedics, police officers and fire fighters in our class!

What a busy first term we have had Phoenix class! Have a lovely half term break, ready for Autumn 2! 😊



Year 2 - Dragon

Dragon class have had an amazing first term settling into year 2. Over the past few weeks in English, they have been working hard producing beautiful writing based on our class read 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and they have written letters to persuade the crayons to return. In history, we have been learning all about The Great Fire of London and looking at what changes happened after the fire. We have also been busy creating fire engines in DT and the children have also enjoyed visiting Rothwell Fire Station and seeing first hand a fire engine in action. In science, Dragon class have worked hard learning all about materials and they have been designing their own raincoats and tyres based on inspiration from famous inventors. In maths, the children have been working very hard on their understanding of addition and subtraction. Have a lovely half term everyone! 😊

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Year 3/4 - Centaur

It has been a busy approach to the end of term for Centaur class. We have been working hard in English to complete our independent adventure stories based on the book "Stone Age Boy" which we have been working on in our English lessons. We've all thought of fabulous ideas, interesting characters and plots, and tried hard to include all the writing techniques we have worked on together over the last few weeks. In Science, we have completed our unit of work on electricity. We have experimented with different materials to find out which are good conductors and insulators, formed our own conclusions, and considered ways in which to keep ourselves safe around electricity. In History, Year 4 have continued work on The Stone Age, developing historical enquiry skills by carrying out research into how Britain changed in the Bronze Age, and why the Beaker people were significant. Year 3 have moved onto the Anglo Saxons, asking interesting historical questions about where the Anglo Saxons came from and the impact of their arrival in Britain. In Art, we have completed our work on prehistoric paintings and had so much fun creating our own cave walls using rice, lentils and cous cous, ready to paint on. Have a lovely and well-deserved break next week.



Year 5/6 - Griffin

What a busy first time it has been for Year 5&6! The children have all settled well into school routines and made a fantastic start to the new year. In Science this term, the children have enjoyed learning about electricity. They have built their own circuits, completed investigations and created a burglar alarm!

In English, the children have rewritten the myth 'Theseus and the Minotaur,' they will put into practise the skills that they have learnt into their own myths. I can't wait to read these! This has linked to our History unit all about the Ancient Greeks. So far, the children have looked at the different city states, life as an Athenian & a Spartan and the Ancient Greek Gods. This unit will continue until the Christmas break.

In Art this term, the children have worked on a unit all about portraits. Their work looks fabulous!

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Photo Gallery - Year R/1 and Year 2



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Our Class Prayers



Year R/1

Dear God. Thank you for the vegetables that grow from the brown soil. Thank you for the juicy fruits that dangle from the trees. Thank you for the crops we grow. Thank you, God, for our wonderful world and all the food we eat. Help us to remember those in need.

Amen.

Year 2

Dear God. Help people to be strong and show strength so that they can persevere and achieve their dreams. We thank you for keeping us strong.

Amen.

Year 3/4

Dear God. Each season brings something new for us to see and enjoy. With sunny days and rainy days, our crops grow larger. Fruit and vegetables ripen ready for us to harvest. Thank you for all the food we have to eat. Help us to remember those who may not have enough. Help us to be kind to others in our thoughts, words and prayers.

Amen.

Year 5/6

Dear God. Thank you for the season of harvest and giving us time to celebrate this time of year. We thank you for all the food we have. Please help people in the world who don't have food. I am sorry for all the food we waste when people in other countries have no food. Please help families feed themselves with the food we give.

Amen.

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November Diary Dates

Tuesday 1 st November	School re-opens @ 8.40am
Thursday 3 rd November	Mufti Day - Items for bottle tombola.
Friday 4 th November	FIREWORKS Display at Loddington Recreation Ground, Gates open at 6.45pm, display at 7.20pm. FOLS providing refreshments.
Monday 7 th November	Year R/1/2 Trip - Holdenby House. Departing school at 9am.
Monday 14 th November	Year 5/6 Trip - Space Centre, Leicester. Departing school at 9am.
Tuesday 15 th November	Year 3/4 & Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics. Selected children only.
Thursday 24 th November	Mufti Day - Items for chocolate tombola.
Tuesday 29 th November	KS2 Net/Wall Festival. Selected children only.
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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