

# Loddington Church of England Primary School Newsletter



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## Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Christmas festivities are in full swing and the pace is rapid as always. Achievements so far include: A Christmas Fayre, 3 Nativity performances, Year 2-6 Christmas performance at the Masque Theatre and Christmas Jumper Day.

A Frosty Fun Run, Pantomime visit, Christmas Craft morning and Christingle are still to follow. As always, we are incredibly grateful for the fabulous support we receive. There are many to mention and all deserve a 'shout out'.

Henderson Connellan always underpins our Advent fayre with a cash donation to our raffle, by paying for the raffle books and advertising the fayre on boards around surrounding villages, which we also receive a monetary donation for. We are incredibly grateful for this annual support.

Our Governors are also always on hand to give up their time to come into school and support all our events. Our busy parents and grandparents, we really do appreciate their contributions.

Our fabulous FOLs team are few in number but mighty in assistance. They continue to raise money for all our children to benefit from.

Finally, you. Thank you, parents and carers, for your loyalty and understanding. We know the messages come thick and fast at this time of year and we truly appreciate the support you give to us and your children.

As we enter the last week of a very productive term, I wish you and the wonderful staff here a well-deserved rest and peaceful break. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**.

Mrs Dowsett



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



Isaiah 9:6 - "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and the government shall be upon his shoulder. His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

### Prayers

Dear God,

Please help us to be kind to each other, let us help others and always show kindness.  
Amen.

Dear God,

Please help us to be nice friends and ensure we are always kind and caring children.  
Amen.

Dear God,

Help us to be kind and caring children that help each other, especially when we are hurt.  
Amen.

Dear God,

Please make sure that everyone is friends with each other, and nobody fights so the world is peaceful and everybody gets along. If the world is calm, then everybody lives in harmony. Please make sure that nobody argues at home or school and that everybody can show friendship.  
Amen

Dear God,

Please help others in need and give them food and a home. Please can you tell my friends I am grateful for them and give them a good life. Help people to value friendship.  
Amen



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## Attendance and Absences

As a school, we do monitor attendance very closely, given the significant impact it can have on education. **Our aim is for all pupils to be greater than 96%.** We do understand that illness does impact upon this. Do please remember, where possible we are here to support you. If your child can be in school, we can administer medicine and make allowances, such as staying in at break, to ensure they do not miss too many lessons and can keep up, rather than catch up.

Please remember to record your child's absence each day by either phoning the school Office or leaving an absence message in ParentMail.

## School Choir

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December, Mrs Satterley led our school choir in visiting the lovely residents of The Rookery Care Home in Thorpe Malsor to sing Christmas Carols.



## Sports News

The children have been learning the following in their PE lessons this term:

Year R/1 & Year 2 - Sending and returning objects in Tennis and Volleyball. Year 3/4 & Year 5/6 - Tag Rugby.

We have also competed in the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics competition.

In the new Year, all children will be doing Gymnastics.

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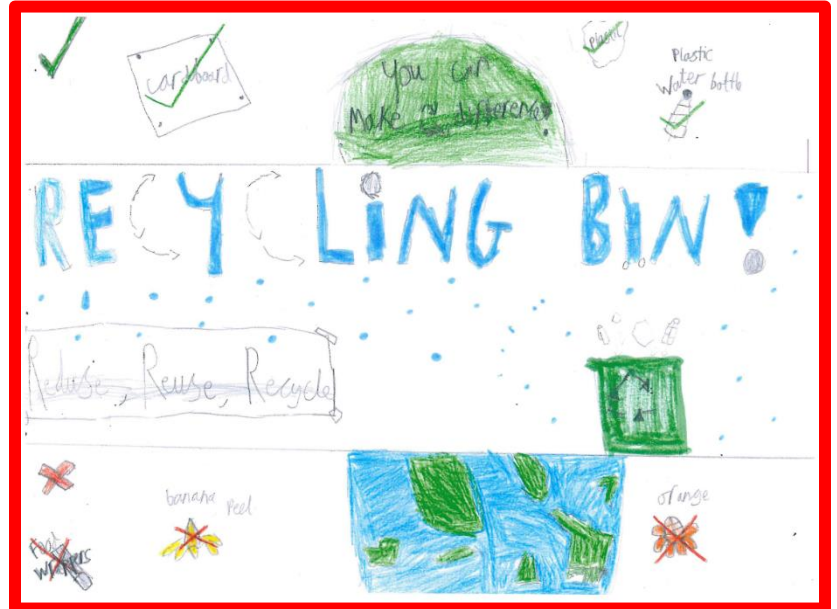
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## School Council

The children have been working hard to design bin posters for our school bins. This will ensure all our rubbish is recycled in the correct bins. Here is a selection of some of our lucky winners.



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### Year R/1 - Phoenix

Wow, what a busy term Autumn 2 has been! R/1 have worked extremely hard on their nativity and I was so proud of them all in all their performances! We hope you all enjoyed them as much as we did!!! 😊 In the classroom, the children have become story tellers this half term. Receptions focus book was 'The Little Red Hen'. We were all so impressed with your re-telling of this story! Year 1 children have been looking at 'Little Red Riding Hood' and have completed fantastic hot writes, re-telling the story from the wolfs perspective. In Maths, Year 1 have continued looking at numbers to 10 working on addition and subtraction. They have also impressed me with their 3D shape knowledge. Reception have enjoyed exploring different shapes that they can spot around school. In History, year 1 have immersed themselves into the Gunpowder plot and enjoyed working as team to recreate the houses of parliament. What a truly wonderful term it has been! I hope you all have a much deserved and well rested break over Christmas, ready for Spring term! 😊



### Year 2 - Dragon

Wow! Dragon class what a fantastic and busy second term it has been. This term we have been focusing on poetry within our English. We have been working very hard on our independent writing of what we would do if we were in charge of the country. We have all considered imaginative ideas of what our country would look like and we have worked hard on incorporating our writing techniques. In science, we have been working on living things and their habitats. We have explored a range of habitats and how animals are suited to these locations. In geography, we have explored the seven continents and the oceans that surround them. In art, we have been using a range of media to create a whole class pop art piece. It is looking fabulous. You have all worked so hard this term, well done. I hope you all have a very Happy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in the new term. 😊

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### Year 3/4 - Centaur

It has been a busy race towards the end of term for Centaur class. In English, we have been working on poetry about a season of the year, using metaphors, personification and descriptive language. We have produced some amazing work! In Science, we have been continuing our work on forces and magnets, been designing fair tests to find out which magnets are the strongest and learning what happens when they attract and repel each other. Our work on the Vikings has been continuing, and we have been shocked to discover how brutal many of them were, especially during the attack on Lindisfarne in 793AD. We have written diary entries of this event, some from the viewpoint of a monk and some from the perspective of a Viking. In Design and Technology, we are building up to making our torches next week, having planned some fabulous designs.

Finally - a huge well done to all our class who took part in Bethlehem the Musical this week - I have been so proud of all the children's determination and hard work to make this a super production - well done Centaur class!



### Year 5/6 - Griffin

Year 5&6 have worked incredibly hard this term. I'm so proud of all their efforts with the Christmas Play, they worked so incredibly hard to learn their lines, the song's and dances for the performance! In addition to this, the children have also undergone test week where they demonstrated such perseverance and resilience - well done Year 5&6 😊

The children are ending this term writing their final drafts for their holiday brochures where they have chosen their own destinations. They will be completing presentations to showcase all their learning about Ancient Greece and Earth and Space, ready for new topics after the Christmas holidays.

Next week brings many exciting events, the Frosty Fun Run, Christmas Parties, the Pantomime and the Christingle Service. Lots to look forward to Year 5&6 and many things to celebrate from this term. I hope you all have a lovely Christmas 😊

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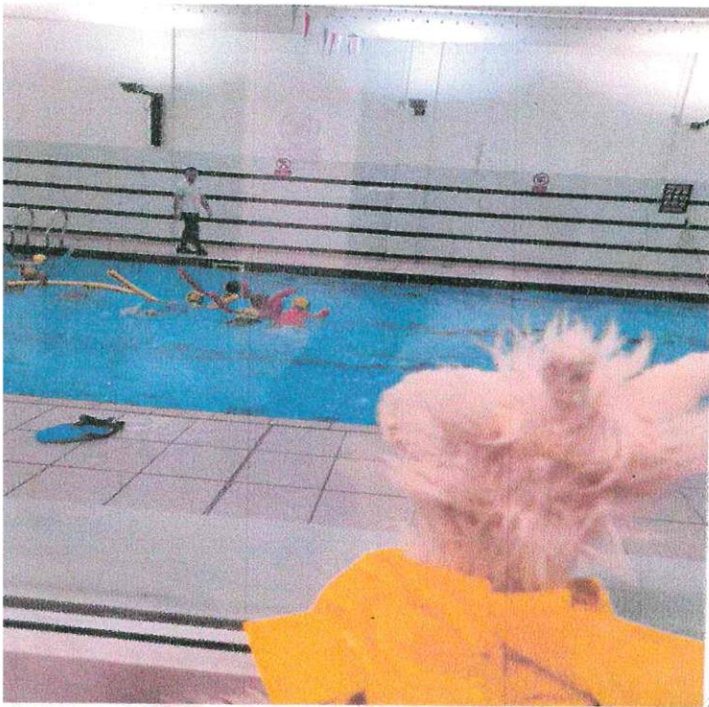
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## The Adventures of Larry the Loddington Llama - Our Attendance Mascot

Larry's Adventure at Alexander's on  
17th - 24th November



Larry watching  
at my swimming  
lesson.



Larry was very  
tired after  
the swimming  
lessons

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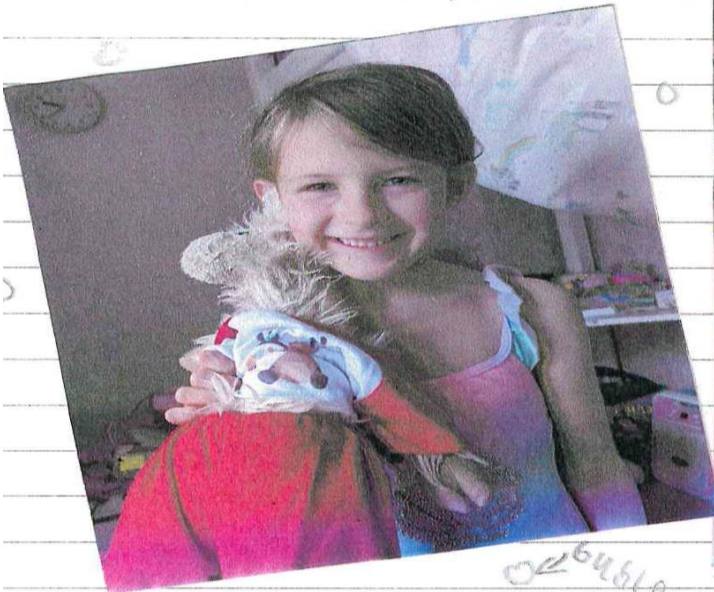
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- Heety and Larry



me and Larry  
went for a walk  
in the reservoir.



me and Larry After a tiring  
went swimming. day of school me and

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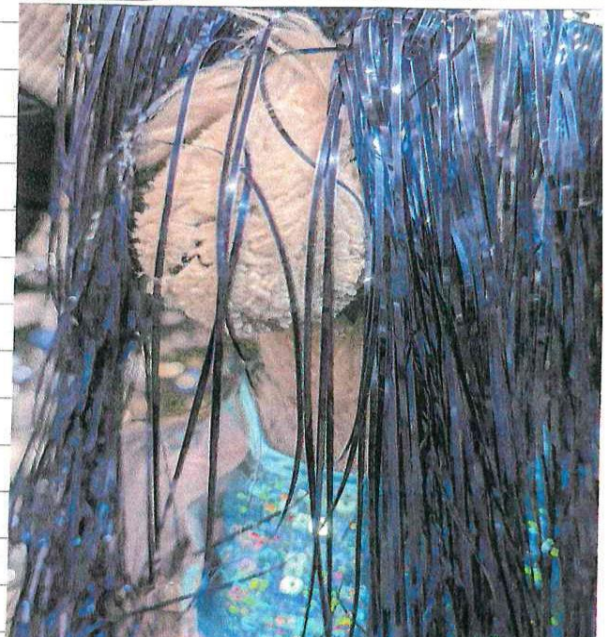
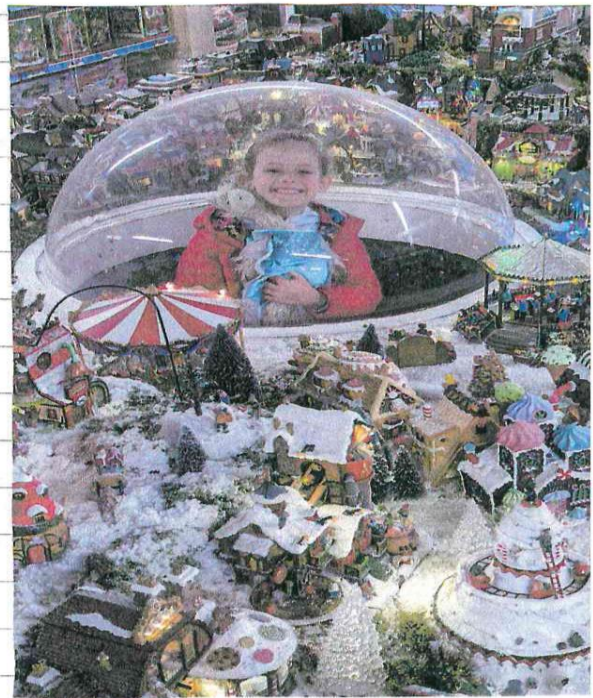


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Hetty and Betty



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**Our Photo Gallery from The Masque Theatre performance, Nativity, Christmas Jumper day and the Christmas Tree festival**



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## Online Safety

As the countdown to Christmas begins children all over the country will be writing their lists for Father Christmas. Technology is a very popular item that is likely to appear on many children's lists and it is important that it is used safely. Please see the following online safety tips:

**12 E-Safety Tips Of CHRISTMAS**

1. Set parental controls on new devices
2. Talk about safe selfies
3. Know the PEGI ratings for games
4. Set a digital sunset
5. Manage screen time
6. No tech at mealtimes
7. Remember the ratings for Apps
8. Set up home internet filtering
9. Don't share personal information
10. Protect your password
11. Talk to your children about e-safety
12. Remember online stranger danger

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### Dates for your Diary

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Cransley Hospice Frosty Fun Run
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	R/1 Christmas craft morning, 9am-10.30am @ Loddington Village Hall
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Christmas Parties (Children can come to school dressed in party clothes)
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Girls Football practice (last session) 3.20pm-4.20pm (Selected children only)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Service, St Leonard's Church, Loddington 2.30pm-3.15pm (Refreshments served at 2.15pm)  <b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	School re-opens at 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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