

Loddington Church of England Primary School Newsletter

Respect, Friendship, Honesty, Trust, Peace and Perseverance



Friday 20th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

An official Happy New Year to you all. It has been a pleasure seeing the children come in every morning. Learning is in full swing and everyone is well into their routines.

Last Thursday, we welcomed Mr Richard Meekings, our Diocese Support Consultant to spend the morning looking at our Church school vision and monitoring our Collective Worship. He joined us in reflecting upon how we respect each other's differences. His report included these very kind words.

"Thank you so much for your time yesterday and for the welcome that I received. It was, once again, a joy to visit your lovely school and a great privilege to take part in your worship. It really was an uplifting time and you are to be congratulated for giving your pupils such a wonderful experience every day."

Mrs Dowsett



Our focus value is Respect:

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

1 John 3:18



Safeguarding

As always, please contact Mrs Dowsett: head@loddington.pdet.org.uk or Miss Cook: e.cook@loddington.pdet.org.uk if you have a safeguarding query or concern. Further information can also be found at Safeguarding on our website under the School Information tab.

Online Safety

Please take the time to read our latest online Safety Newsletter attached, featuring the Minecraft game and WhatsApp.

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Class Prayers



Year R/1

Dear Lord, please help us to show respect to other people. Help us to be kind and to always show our manners. Help us to look after our world. Amen.

Year 2

Dear Lord, please help other people be friends. Help us to respect other people's property and respect them and ourselves. Amen.

Year 3/4

Dear Lord, we are all thankful for courage. Please help us in hard times. Thank you for helping us when we are scared. We are thankful for our friends. Thank you for joy and laughter. Please help us to respect our world. Thank you for this beautiful world. Thank you for silence. Please give us more to remember. We are thankful for the words we say.

Year 5/6

Thank you for everyone who shows respect to me and my friends. I am sorry for those who don't get respect from their friends. Please will you help people to show respect. Amen

Packed Lunches

As a Healthy Eating school, staff members who are responsible for covering lunch duty are asked to check that children are eating an adequate amount. We do encourage the children to start with their savoury item before moving on to any sweet item. We have a duty of care to ensure children have a balanced lunch and to report any concerns we have. Should you have any queries about this please, speak to Mrs Dowsett or email the School office.

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Sports News

The children have certainly set their sights high with our trampolining and climbing experience afternoons at Benham Sports Arena in Northampton. I researched and arranged these visits back in the Spring of 2020 and had to sadly postpone them due to Covid measures. I am thrilled with how the first session has been received by the children in R/1/2 and am so excited to see how the rest of the school gets on. The NTGA coaches commended the children for their skills and respect shown to others. Special thanks to Mr. Umney, who helped to secure the sessions and for teaching trampolining skills to the children - being a fully qualified coach!

Alongside this, our Cricket experience sessions are still running for children in Year 3/4/5/6. We will also be participating in the KS2 New age kurling competition this term.

School Council

The School Council have been asked by our School Governors to help them review our School bullying policy. They will be providing questionnaires for all the children, collating the data and helping the children to understand what to do on this very important subject.

House Team Weekly Winners

After totaling up the house points, the **yellow team** spent part of their Friday having afternoon tea treats with Mrs Dowsett, in recognition of their continued efforts in all areas and aspects of school life.



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Community Links

Yesterday, we welcomed older members of our community to the village hall for a soup and a sandwich get together. The Ethos Committee wrote invitations and representatives from each Year group attended to chat and find out about our neighbours. Everyone had a very enjoyable afternoon. We've received some lovely thank you messages:

Annabel and I so enjoyed our time with you today! We were so impressed by all the children - their poise, interest and questions bowled us over. In this turbulent world, the pupils we saw are a huge credit to their families and to you who guide and teach them, day by day.

Mrs Dowsett, I would like to say a big thank you to you, Mrs Sail and all the children for the "get together" yesterday afternoon in the village hall. Everyone there seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. The children were so helpful and friendly and a credit to the school.



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We are also busy planning for our two Church services of Candlemass and Ash Wednesday. To mark Ash Wednesday, a small cross will be made on the back of the children's hand with ashes made from old palm leaves. If you would **not** like your child to have this done, please contact the School Office. All further details will follow shortly.

Term Dates

An additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on **Monday 8th May 2023**. As this date had previously been announced as the first day of the 2023 key stage 2 (KS2) test week in England, a change to the KS2 test schedule will be necessary.

Ministers have considered the situation carefully and have decided that KS2 tests will take place in the same week with tests following the usual order but each taking place one day later than originally planned. As such, the new schedule will be:

- Tuesday 9th May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)
- Wednesday 10th May: English reading paper
- Thursday 11th May: mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
- Friday 12th May: mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

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Year R/1 - Phoenix

What a fantastic start to Spring term R/1 have had! 😊 They have all settled back into the classroom well and have continued to amaze me with their fabulous attitude to learning. In English, Reception have been learning the story 'The train ride'. They all made their own train tickets and boarded a train to experience a train journey. They listened out to the noises they could hear and discussed what they could see. The children are trying really hard to learn the story using actions and have produced some wonderful writing based on the text. Year 1s focus text has been 'The way back home'. The children have really enjoyed this text and have produced some fantastic writing from it. I can't wait to read their own stories towards the end of this term. In Maths, Reception have been working on their numbers to 8 and Year 1 have been working on representing numbers to 20 using resources and word cards. In History, the children are learning about homes. They have enjoyed comparing houses from the past and noticing similarities and differences to their own houses. In Science, the children have continued their learning on materials and have been exploring their properties. What a busy 2 weeks! Keep up the great work Phoenix class!



Year 2 - Dragon

Year 2, what an amazing start we've had this term. In Maths we have been working so hard on our understanding of money. We have counted pence, pounds and compared amounts of money using a range of coins and notes. In English, we have been focusing on our new story 'Building Boy'. We have been working on our sentence stacking, creating sentences with a range of writing techniques. In science, we have been looking at humans. We have focused on the different life cycle stages of humans, and we've looked at what humans need to survive. In RE, we are continuing to look at Muslims and their key beliefs. In geography, we have been looking at the town of Northampton, identifying a range of physical and human features of the town and surrounding areas. In DT, we are looking at healthy food options and we are getting ready to create our own healthy fruit salads. Well done everyone, keep up the good work. 😊



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Year 3/4 - Centaur

Another busy few weeks for Centaur class. We have begun our new English unit, writing a persuasive holiday brochure. Our text we are working on together looks at Skara Brae and how wonderful it would have been for Stone Age people to have a holiday there. We have been superstars in using our prior learning on the Stone Age in History to help us with this and have been coming up with some really creative and persuasive sentences. In Science, we have been focusing on nutrition and the nutrients our bodies need to grow and function well. This week, we looked particularly at food labelling and the information this could give us about what we choose to put in our bodies - we found some very surprising things out! We then presented this information in tables and a bar chart, to compare sugar and fat content of different foods. In Geography we have located Europe on a map and used our map skills to locate given countries and their capital cities. We have been able to use positional language to describe the location of these countries in comparison to one another. Finally, in Art, we have started our work on 3D sculpture, looking at the work of Magdelene Odundo and Barbara Hepworth. Next week, we will begin making our own sculptures using soap! Well done Centaur class - lots of hard work once again! Keep it up!



Year 5/6 - Griffin

Griffin Class have made an excellent start to 2023! We have started new topics throughout all areas of the curriculum. In Geography, the children have started learning about Mountains - features of mountains and different types of mountains, using Google Earth and Maps to find where they are located in the world. In Science, our new topic is all about 'The Human Lifecycle'. The children have started the topic by finding out the gestation periods of different mammals and comparing these. This week they have looked at data about a foetus' growth in the womb, the children have then created graphs based on this data. In English, through shared writing, the children are creating a Non-Chronological Report all about Mount Everest, relating this to their learning in Geography. Year 6 have been working incredibly hard in Maths learning how to multiply and divide fractions, I'm always so proud of their perseverance when tackling some of these tricky areas of Maths. An excellent start to the new term, well done! Keep it up 😊

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Dates for your Diary

Monday 23 rd January	Year R/1 and Year 2 - Trampolining at Benham Sports Arena (Come to school dressed in PE kit)
Wednesday 25 th January	Year 3/4/5/6 Northampton County Cricket session (Come to school dressed in PE kit) Year 3/4 Quicksticks Hockey Trial (3.20pm-4.30pm, selected children only)
Monday 30 th January	Year 3/4 - Trampolining at Benham Sports Arena (Come to school dressed in PE kit)
Wednesday 1 st February	Year 5 - PDET Math's Day, Frontier Centre, Irthlingborough (Packed lunch required, School Uniform)
Monday 6 th February	Year 3/4 - Trampolining at Benham Sports Arena (Come to school dressed in PE kit)
Friday 10 th February	KS2 New Age Kurling Competition (selected children only)
Friday 10 th February	LAST DAY OF TERM
Monday 20 th February	School re-opens at 8.40am 😊
Monday 20 th February	Year 5/6 - Trampolining at Benham Sports Arena (Come to school dressed in PE kit)

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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