

Loddington Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 10th February 2023

News in Brief

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term has certainly flown by with many achievements to celebrate.

The weekly visits to Benham to take part in trampolining and rock climbing have certainly been a highlight for all classes. A huge thank you to Mr Umney for pioneering my vision and his expert tuition.

Our Safeguarding audit by the Trust was a resounding success. Do please see our website for lots of guidance on the many different aspects of safety, which we address rigorously at school.

Our Early Years consultant came to visit last week and was really impressed with the children's learning in Reception and Year 1. I have had many young visitors to my office this week to celebrate wonderful writing and art creations. My office is adorned with their work and I will certainly need to restock my Headteacher award stickers!

The PDET Maths enrichment day was a real highlight. I was incredibly proud of our Year 5 cohort and their resilience and determination to solve many puzzles. After working hard all morning, we were definitely all ready for a well-earned lunch! The comment as we left to return back to school was: "Mrs Dowsett, Maths really rocks." I couldn't agree more.

It was lovely to return to St. Leonards and take part in our first service of the year - Candlemas. Despite the lack of heating, the warmth in the message of celebrating the light and love of Jesus was celebrated. We thank Bea Martin for her invaluable support at our service and look forward to welcoming parents to our Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday 22nd February - 2pm.

Finally, after waiting much longer than anticipate our new Heat Pump is operational. We look forward to embracing our carbon neutral status along with the warmth it will provide!

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 20th February.

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Sports Clubs

I have been approached by several parents asking about sporting opportunities for their children. We did employ Fiesta Sport to run clubs alongside Mr Umney's clubs last year, however the uptake was minimal. Therefore, please do consider using our fabulous after school club facility, where sporting themes are timetabled daily, in addition to a range of other activities. **Bookings can be made via the ParentMail app, After School club - wraparound care, 3.20pm-4.30pm, this will also include a drink and snack. Scheduled sports for after half term:**

Monday	Tennis & Netball
Tuesday	Archery & Football
Wednesday	Hockey & Basketball
Thursday	Cricket & Badminton
Friday	Football & Golf

This will be updated on a weekly basis. If the weather is inclement, then you can always move your booking to an alternative date.

Staffing Changes

We say goodbye to Mr Adams in his roles in after school club and as a teaching assistant. He is moving on to work for the Northamptonshire Police force and we wish him every happiness in his new role. I am thrilled to announce the appointment of Mrs Rachel Harper, who will join Mrs Gault in after school club, focusing on a range of fun activities for all ages of children.

FOLS Forthcoming events

School Disco - date changed to **Friday 3rd March**

FOLS are planning to have a car boot sale at the Recreation Ground in April (date to be confirmed). If you were thinking of having a spring clear out over half term, you may want to consider having a pitch at the car boot. More details to follow.

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Dates for your Diary wb: 20th February

Monday 20 th February	<p>School re-opens at 8.40am 😊</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Football practice session (selected children only) 3.20pm-4.30pmYear 5/6 - Trampolining at Benham Sports Arena (Come to school dressed in PE kit) Packed lunch required.Year 3/4 Booster session (selected children only) 3.20pm-4pm
Tuesday 21 st February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year R/1 Booster session (selected children only) 8.10amParents Evening
Wednesday 22 nd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ash Wednesday Service, St Leonard's Church, Loddington, 2pmYear R/1 Booster session (selected children only) 8.10am
Thursday 23 rd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 6 Booster session (selected children only) 8amParents EveningR/1 Trip to Irchester Country Park (Come to school dressed in old outdoor clothing)
Friday 24 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Netball practice session (selected children only) 3.20pm-4.30pm

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

Wishing you all a very happy half term holiday

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