

Loddington Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 23rd June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Summer term two is well under way and as always a jam packed calendar of events to look forward to. With Phonics Screening complete, Multiplication tables testing finished and end of year progress checks almost made, we look forward to lots of other enriching activities to see the year out.

Thank you for your generosity in sending rainbow themed donations into school for our summer raffle. The FOLs team work incredibly hard behind the scenes to raise funds for the school. They will be at **Loddfest** this Saturday, which is taking place at Glebe Field, Harrington Road, Loddington from 2pm-10pm. Please do come along and support us.

As always, we are forward thinking planning for the new school year ahead. Over the summer break we will have a new paved area in our spiritual garden to house our bins and give After School Club some much needed storage space. The School Council have requested some extra seating in the garden, which we are looking into, along with new interactive games for the playground. All the blinds will be replaced across the school, key areas are being repainted and the whole playground will be resurfaced - hopefully reducing the amount of black rubble carried home in shoes, on clothes and even faces!

We welcomed our new Reception starters on Thursday afternoon for their first Stay and Play session. How lovely to see them come in confidently and explore their new surroundings. Our Year 6 buddies are excited to meet them and ensure their start of school experience is a very happy one.

Further exciting development news is the links we are making with the residents of Loddington Hall - particularly Mr and Mrs George Cornelius, who are passionate about nature and preserving it for future generations. The land directly behind the hall is being developed extensively with permission from the farmer, for the residents of the hall and for our school to use as a Forest and Outdoor Learning environment. At no cost to us, Mr Cornelius is building a dedicated cabin where birds and other wildlife can be closely observed, where a fire pit can be utilised, a pond dipping area, a butterfly bank and even a wildflower meadow.

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We are also working closely with the wildlife trust to explore the endless opportunities in Science, Geography, Art and so many other areas of the curriculum.

This is such an exciting opportunity that ALL our children will be able to access on our doorstep. I feel privileged to have been a part of its development. We will make huge savings on coach costs and visits out, which can be used to enhance other areas of the curriculum. We hope to start utilising the facility from September! Mrs Wilcoxson, who is Forest School trained already has an abundance of ideas and a long shopping list.....Watch this space for further developments.



Before shots



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Community Links

With the full support of our Governors, we held a very successful afternoon of friendship in the village hall. The children served homemade scones and really enjoyed sharing stories with some of the older residents in the village. We were very generously donated £130 towards our minibus fund.



Please do continue to support this very worthy cause - already this half term, we have been out on several sporting competitions as well as a garden centre trip.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/loddingtonschool-minibus?utm_term=WamVrp5JB

Our Governing Body Committee is a very supportive one, who are an invaluable source of support to us. We have Parent and Community Governor Vacancy. If you are interested in joining us, please see the link to further information on our website.

<https://www.loddingtonschool.org.uk/school-information/vacancies>

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Year 2 Visit to Bosworth's Garden Centre

Year 2 went on a visit this week to Bosworth's Garden Centre. Using their knowledge of plants, they all planted some beautiful plants and helped to keep their plants healthy. Well done Year 2.



Ethos News

Thank you to those children who were able to support our monthly 'Time For God' service at St. Leonards Church, Loddington. Our next service is **Sunday 9th July at 9:15am**. All welcome and if any children would like to volunteer our theme will be a very at 'Rest and Relaxation' - how we recharge our batteries, break from routine and the importance of doing so.

Sporting News

Sports competitions that we are currently taking part in: Quad Kids Athletics and PDET Going for Gold. Good luck to everyone.



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House Teams Tally - Weekly Winners



Date	House Team Colour
9 th June	
16 th June	
23 rd June	



Our focus value is: Honesty

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. [1 John 3:18](#)



After School Club

After much consideration and analysis of the use, we have decided to change our After School Club closing time from **September to 5:30pm - Monday to Friday**. This is revised from 6:00pm due to a lack of uptake. This is a great facility which the children really enjoy and we hope parents continue to use it. Our After School staff always make it a fun session for all involved.

Staffing News

This year, we say Goodbye and Goodluck to Miss Smith who has decided to continue her career working with children but of a much younger age in a Nursery setting. We wish her the very best for the future and I am certain that her enthusiastic and nurturing approach will be very well utilised.

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I am delighted to announce the appointment of Miss Sophie McEwan, who will be joining the teaching team from September. She already has a range of experience and I know she is excited to meet everyone. Miss McEwan will join us at Loddington during the last week of term and will also be at the end of year service. Please see her profile below.

Hi, I'm Miss McEwan. I am passionate about my job and I am so excited to be joining the team at Loddington. I hope this school year will be a one of fun, learning and adventures. I thought you might like to know a little bit about me.

I live and work in Scotland but will be relocating to the Northamptonshire area very soon. This will be my fourth year of teaching. My most recent experience is teaching a mixed year 2/3 class in a small rural school that is very similar to Loddington. I also have experience of teaching across all primary stages in a number of schools. I enjoy creating an environment where we all feel like part of a team. I always aim to make learning fun and exciting and look for creative ways of teaching. I am looking forward to contributing to the wonderful ethos within the school.

Some of my hobbies include reading, hiking, being in nature and cooking. I particularly enjoy going on hikes in the Highlands and taking our canoe out and spending the day on the water. I have my fingers crossed for lovely weather in the holidays! I look forward to meeting you all very soon.



Staff Structure from September 2023

Miss Lever-Jones will remain as class teacher in R/1.

Mrs Evans will remain as class teacher in Year 3/4.

Miss Cook will remain as class teacher in Year 5/6 - although will return as Mrs Conaghan from September. We wish her the very best for her upcoming nuptials over the summer break.

All our Teaching Assistants also remain the same.

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Year R/1 - Phoenix

Wow, I cannot believe we are already in the summer term! The children have continued to amaze me with their wonderful thirst for learning and imaginative minds! We started this half term by planting our own sunflower seeds. The children have loved watching their sunflower seed grow and have all been very excited to compare how tall each others are during provision time. The children are doing a great job at checking their sunflower plant each day and watering them if needed. In English, the children used this experience to then write their own set of instructions on how to plant a sunflower. The children worked so hard to make sure each step was correct and produced some wonderful pieces of writing. I have also been very proud of my year 1 children who completed their phonic screening check last week. The children showed great determination and fantastic blending skills reading each word. A big well done to you all! In Maths, the reception children have been wowing me with their doubles knowledge and we have started to explore evens and odds. In Year one, the children have been working hard representing numbers to 100 in a variety of ways. In Geography, we have started to learn about the United Kingdom and enjoyed taking part in a taste test, trying lots of delicious food from each country. What a busy few weeks we have had so far! Keep up the great work R/1! 😊



Year 2 - Dragon

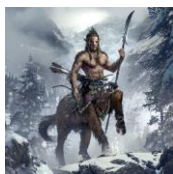
Dragon Class, we are now in Summer Two Term! What a marvellous start to term 6, we have been loving the start of our new class text 'Stardust'. We have also enjoyed creating short burst writes based on videos and pictures using all the skills taught this year in English. In reading, we have enjoyed reflecting upon a range of authors we have read this year and comparing texts by characters and themes. In maths, we have finished our fraction unit and are working hard on telling the time. We have been using clocks to tell them time to the nearest 15 minutes. In science, we are continuing to learn all about plants and their needs. We had a fabulous week this week as we went to the local garden Centre and helped by using our knowledge of plants to keep their plants healthy. In history, we are continuing to study explorers. We will be learning about Neil Armstrong and researching him before comparing him to Christopher Columbus. In RE, we are looking at what makes somewhere 'sacred' and why places of worship are special to believers. In PSHE, we have been looking at communication and focused on the positives and negatives of communication in the online world. Keep up the brilliant work Dragons! 😊



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Year 3/4 - Centaur

It has been another jam-packed few weeks in Centaur class. We have been busy in English completing our independent writing - diary entries from the perspective of King Tutankhamun. We have been brilliant at using the techniques and features we have learnt over the last few weeks and produced some amazing writing! In Maths, we have all been persevering with telling the time - Year 4 in 24-hour form, and Year 3 in analogue and 12 hour digital form. We have made some super progress, despite finding it challenging! Year 4 also completed their Multiplication Tables Check last week - well done to all!! In Science, we have started learning about the life cycle of a plant and saw pollination in action in our school environment which was very exciting. Finally, we are all very much looking forward to our trip to Leicester Museum and Art Gallery next Friday to participate in an Egyptian workshop - hopefully none of us accidentally get mummified! Photos to follow!

Well done Centaur class - another busy few weeks ahead with so much to look forward to! Keep up the great work. Wishing you all a very happy weekend. 😊



Year 5/6 - Griffin

Griffin class have made a great start to the final term of the year. In English, we have finished our share writes of the mystery story 'The Nowhere Emporium.' The children have planned, written first drafts of and edited their own mystery stories. I can't wait to read these! In our shared reading sessions, the children have completed two visualisation sessions. One where they drew how they imagined the Nowhere Emporium to look after reading a short description. Secondly, after reading about the book of wonder, the children designed their own room that would belong in the book of wonder - all the children did an excellent job! In Maths, Year 5 have been working hard on their decimal unit, soon they will be moving onto negative numbers.

Last week, all the children were very excited to dig up their potato plants to see if they had been successful in growing any potatoes!

Unfortunately, only a couple of groups' plants had developed enough to grow anything. We have replanted the successful plants in the Spiritual Garden in the hope we will be able to grow more! The children have finished their DT project where they designed and made their own stuffed toy. Photos of their finished creations can be found on our class page on our website. All the children did such a brilliant job. Super work Year 5/6! Have a lovely weekend 😊

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Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 28 th June	Quad Kids competition, 9.30am-3pm (selected children only)
Thursday 29 th June	SPORTS Mufti (Children can come to school dressed in any sports uniform/kit or their school PE kit for donation of £1) New Reception Intake Sept 2023 - 2 nd Stay and Play session, 1.30pm-2.30pm
Friday 30 th June	Year 3/4 Visit to Leicester Museum and Art Gallery, 9am-3.20pm Year 5/6 Swimming Lessons (Please remember a towel & change of clothing)
Friday 7 th June	Year 5/6 Swimming Lessons (Please remember a towel & change of clothing)
Monday 10 th July	Whole school transition morning
Wednesday 12 th July	Sports Day (Loddington Recreation Ground at 1.30pm)
Friday 14 th July	Year 5/6 Swimming Lessons (Please remember a towel & change of clothing) PDET Going for Gold sports competition (More information to follow. Selected children only) End of Term Disco (More information to follow, 5.30pm-7.30pm)
Tuesday 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers Trip to Twinlakes Theme Park, 9am-5pm
Friday 21 st July	Leavers Church Service, St Leonard's Church, Loddington, 1.45pm. END OF TERM 😊

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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