

Loddington Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 17th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Christmas season is in full swing here in school, with carols and Christmas performance songs being practised in every room. As I write this, the schoolhouse is being serenaded with Jingle Bells, by our wonderful peripatetic music teachers. As always, our busiest term of the year shows no sign of slowing down and the children are, as always enjoying fabulous learning experiences - to name a few: A year 5/6 visit to the National Justice Museum to experience court proceedings and to further enhance their unit on Crime and Punishment. A Roman taster day in Year 3/4 to cement all their knowledge about their study unit. The visitor was incredibly impressed with how much knowledge the children had retained. Forest School continues to develop with weekly sessions and I was able to witness the first fire being lit on the new fire pit with some of our Governors who were monitoring our spirituality journey as a Church school.

Mrs Dowsett



School Vision



Loddington Primary is a family community where everyone is nurtured and truly valued. We strive to ensure that all our children enjoy school in our happy, welcoming environment. Through our engaging curriculum and placing Christian Values at the heart of what we do, we hope to inspire children to become confident and caring individuals who live life in all its fullness.

Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it in all its fullness." John 10:10

Our focus value is Peace.

John 14:27 - "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

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Sports Funding

Mr Umney and I are passionate about giving all our children exciting opportunities that they might not otherwise experience. This week, our first group of children from R/1/2 went on their Polar Experience to the Snozone in Milton Keynes and it was a great success. The children enjoyed a day of tobogganing and taking part in a snowy obstacle course before settling down to a cosy hot chocolate and cookies. The children had an amazing time - "I am never going to forget this day, it's been the best day ever". We are looking forward to the other children enjoying such a fantastic experience.



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Opportunities for the rest of the year include Archery, shooting, orienteering and tunnelling at The John Lowther Centre for Year 3/4 and sailing and paddleboarding for Year 5/6. All to be confirmed and communicated via ParentMail. This is in addition to our commitment to taking part in lots of sporting opportunities, using our school minibus as transport.

Minibus Fundraising

I am absolutely delighted to tell you that Margaret Burn, a member of the Kettering Rotary Club has raised an additional £300, by hosting breakfast at The Hare. Florence in Reception also raised £350 by riding her bicycle for 30 days, covering 30 miles. We really are incredibly grateful for your continued support and initiatives. Our minibus is so important and used to take the children on such a variety of outings. Mrs Evans is currently setting up Science workshops for our Year 6 children at Latimer School - again the minibus will be used as transport.

The current total and link to our page:

£2,220 Just Giving Page

£5,623.89 Bus Fund Bank Account

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



House Teams Tally - Weekly Winners



Date	House Team Colour
Friday 3 rd November	Blue
Friday 10 th November	Green
Friday 17 th November	Green

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FOLS - Friends of Loddington School upcoming events

Tuesday 28 th November	Centenary Meeting in School, 7.30pm. All very welcome to attend.
Wednesday 29 th November	FOLS Fundraising Meeting in School, 2.30pm. All very welcome to attend.
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Raffle Draw
Friday 15 th December	School DISCO

As Loddington Primary School is celebrating a big birthday this year, turning 160 years old, we have decided not to host an Advent Fayre this year, as we are organising a spectacular Fete which will be taking place Spring next year. Please come along to our Centenary Meeting on Tuesday 28th November, 7.30pm in School to discuss plans for the Celebration. We want to hold an event to really celebrate our School's significant anniversary!



Consultation on Admission Arrangements for September 2025 - August 2026

All admission authorities are required consult on their admission arrangements at least once every 7 years, even if there have been no changes during that period. We are currently consulting on our admission arrangements which apply to the academic year September 2025 - August 2026 but are not proposing any changes. You can find a full copy of our proposed admission arrangements on the side bar along with our SIF A.

The consultation period runs from **13th November to 31st December 2023**. Should you wish to make any comments about the proposed arrangements you can do so by email to Mrs Dowsett, Headteacher head@loddington.pdet.org.uk or by post: Loddington CE Primary School, Main Street, Loddington, Kettering, NN14 1LA.

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Sports News

Year R/1 and Year 2 PE topic this term is: running, jumping and throwing.

Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 topic this term is: Tag Rugby.

Sporting competitions that the children are taking part in are:

KS2 Net Wall Festival at Montsaye School on the 28th November.

Competitions planned for 2024 are KS2 Invasion Festival and KS1 New Age Kurling.



Time for God

Thank you so much to the children who joined me last Sunday for a very special remembrance service at St. Leonard's Church. The Shoeboxes appeal donations were blessed and it was lovely to see some new faces. Please do consider joining me. The children take part in an activity section, and I know the parishioners are always overjoyed to see the children joining in. We do this once a month. Please look out for an email from Mrs Sail.



Lunch Clubs

Monday: Pokémon and Football Trading Club

Tuesday: School Council - every other week and Sewing Club weekly - bring your own equipment.

Wednesday: Choir

Thursday: Ethos Committee - every other week

After School Clubs

Tuesday: Computing Club 3.20pm-4pm (Booked on ParentMail)

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Care in the Community

Thursday saw our first Care in the Community event for this term titled Sausage Roll and a Social. What a fantastic response from the 'older' members of our community who delighted in discussion with a range of our children, whilst being served tea and homemade sausage rolls. A huge thank you to our Governors and Reverend Andy who kindly baked the food.



Library



A new project, that I have set my sights on! After building shelves in our new After School Club shed and placing beautiful new nature signs at the Wetlands site, I have decided it is time to revamp the library. We have ordered beautiful new bookcases with dedicated sections, which will make choosing books on topic areas so much easier. This will extend across the entire library wall. Every teacher has been given a budget for new books linked to subject areas and Mr Umney is carrying out pupil voice to find out what sporting books the children are interested in. We will have new soft seating and repurpose the storage cupboard to our other small office. We hope to have this all-in place by Christmas - or just after depending on build time.

Children in Need

Mrs Wilcoxson, head of our School Council led a wonderful Worship with the children about fundraising ideas for local charities in the Kettering area. I am incredibly grateful to her for organising so many wonderful events for everyone to participate in and to continually show our value of Friendship and Church value of service to others.



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Class Prayers



Year R/1

Dear God,

Let us remember all the soldiers who bravely fought for our country.

Please help to keep those that are still fighting today safe.

Thank you for making our world better.

Amen.

Year 2

Dear God,

We pray for peace in our world and hope that the wars will stop. Please fill the world with love and protect us. Please encourage everyone to live with peace in their lives and help those who do not feel at peace.

Amen.

Year 3/4

Dear God,

Please help all people around the world to find peace within themselves. Give others peace and friendship and let their hearts be filled with joy and happiness. Thank you for giving us opportunities to show kindness and support to our friends and families. We hope everyone can find the peace they need.

Amen.

Year 5/6

Dear God,

Please help the peace become better between Gaza and Palestine. Please help all the people be safe. Please let the world show peace.

Amen.

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Year R/1 - Phoenix

What a great start to Autumn 2 R/1 have had. The children are enjoying our topic of celebrations and have loved learning about Bonfire night, Diwali and Remembrance Day so far. In English, Year 1 are enjoying their new focus text 'Little Red Riding Hood' and have been writing sentences to describe the woods. The Reception children have been working hard in their phonics lessons and have produced some wonderful writing linking to the sounds that fireworks make. In Maths, the reception children have been working on their number recognition and are enjoying learning the ten town characters. Year 1 have been learning about shapes and making patterns. They are just starting their new unit on addition and subtraction and have been working on recognising parts and wholes. R/1 have also been enjoying their weekly sessions to our Wetland area and have been observing what changes they can spot in Autumn, as well as producing a variety of wonderful forest crafts. Well done R/1 - Keep up the fantastic work. 😊



Year 2 - Dragon

Wow! What a busy half term it has been so far Year 2! We have been very busy working on our Christmas play and are excited to perform this in a few weeks at the Masque. In English this term, we have been focusing on the traditional tale of Little Red Riding Hood. We have been using our senses to help us write excellent descriptions of the forest. In Maths, we have been focusing on addition and subtraction and are using our knowledge of number bonds to 10 to help explore number bonds to 100. In Science, we have been exploring living things and their habitats. We have classified things into Living, Never Lived and Dead and are currently learning about the 6 major habitats of the world. In Geography, we have been learning about the world and have specifically focused on exploring the continents and oceans. In Music, we have explored the 4 families of the orchestra and can identify some of the instruments within these families. I am so impressed with all your hard work this term, keep up the super work! 😊

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Year 3/4 - Centaur

Another busy few weeks for Centaur class. In English we have been working immensely hard on completing our Roman diaries from the perspective of a slave attending Gladiator games at the amphitheatre. We have now begun our next unit - writing a persuasive social media post about Christmas desserts - and even tried some chocolate yule log in our English lessons to help with vocabulary collection. Yum! In Science, we have been comparing 3,4 and 5 step food chains, showing our understanding of producers, prey and predators. We enjoyed our forest school afternoon too, where we played food chain games and looked for evidence of food chains in our local environment. In History, we had a super day with our visitor, Lisa, who was really a Roman woman from a poor family. We learned so much from her, and had the opportunity to handle lots of artefacts, and take part in many authentic Roman activities. We are now moving on to thinking about daily life in Roman Britain, and researching what the Romans did for us while they were here. A very busy few weeks for Centaur class, and lots more learning to keep ourselves busy with! With Christmas play rehearsals now in full swing, we are going to be very busy bees! Keep up the amazing work Centaurs. 😊



Year 5/6 - Griffin

The children have been working incredibly hard, continuing into the new half term. Recently in English, the children have been writing postcards with a twist, as part of our Crime and Punishment unit. Through shared writing, the children have written a postcard from prison in the role of Goldilocks. As part of their independent writes, the children will be choosing their own character from a fairytale (a bad character!) and writing a postcard from prison. In Science, the children have been learning all about how light travels. They have created their own periscopes and used torches to show that light only travels in straight lines. In Maths, Year 6 have been working incredibly hard. They have finished their first fraction unit, looking at adding and subtracting fractions. Next, they will work through another fraction unit where they will be learning how to multiply and divide fractions. Rehearsals are well under way in preparation for our Christmas Play - the children are working very hard to learn their lines. Thank you for all your support with this! Have a lovely weekend. 😊

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Staff News

Mrs Gault, who works in after school club has taken on a new role working with animals in a Vet's Practice. Although she is very sad to leave us, the role offers more hours in the working day and suits her family commitments. We wish her the very best in her new position. Interviews take place today and we will let you know the outcome very soon.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 22 nd November	Year R/1 (Second Group) Trip to the Snozone, Milton Keynes @ 9.30am
Thursday 23 rd November	Year 5/6 Forest/Wetland Visit @ 1.15pm
Friday 24 th November	Year R/1 Forest/Wetland Visit @ 10am
Tuesday 28 th November	KS2 Net Wall Sports Competition (selected children only) @ 12pm
	FOLS Centenary Meeting in School @ 7.30pm
Wednesday 29 th November	Year 2 Trip to the Snozone, Milton Keynes @ 9.30am
	FOLS Fundraising Meeting in School @ 2.30pm

PE Days - please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their PE Kit
Year R/1 - Monday, Year 2 - Monday, Year 3/4 Tuesday, Year 5/6 - Friday

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FRIENDS OF LODDINGTON SCHOOL

Christmas Raffle

£1 PER TICKET
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

WINNERS DRAWN 15TH DECEMBER

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Meet Father Christmas
At Loddington
Christmas Tree Festival

9th	DEC 2023	1.45 or 3.00 £5.00 to include a gift
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**To book your place call:
Amanda on 07729 412453**

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