

Loddington Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 3rd May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

The summer term is in full swing and dare I say the sun is shining as I write this - great news for our Year 5 and 6 cohort undertaking their Bikability course. Will it last to Bank Holiday Monday though? Fingers crossed!

There are lots of exciting activities and opportunities on offer throughout the rest of this **summer one term**. We have R/1 off to Hamerton Zoo. What amazing writing I have seen from the R/1 class this week, who are so excited to see their caterpillars growing in the classroom. Year 3 and 4 have their Hindu workshop today, as we celebrate and prioritise all world faiths. SATs of course for Year 6 is so close now, but a great start to each day with a full English breakfast on offer. I hear Miss McEwan is organising a 1960's theme day in Year 2 to introduce the unit of work on Neil Armstrong. We will end with our traditional May Day celebrations.

Have a wonderful weekend and we will see you back in school on **Tuesday 7th May**.

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:

Honesty

John 3:18 "Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."

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Fundraising

After a very successful Café St. Leonard's, it was very inspiring to hear about two of our pupils' fundraising efforts. Annabelle and Austin committed to walking to school every day from Thorpe Malsor, whatever the weather for a month and raised an incredible £280 towards our minibus funds. I saw them several times on my journey to work along with Hamish and Jeffery the family dogs! Please do support our cause in any way you can. FOLs have some fantastic summer events planned. The link is below:

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



House Teams Tally - Weekly Winners



Date	House Team Colour
19 th April	Blue
26 th April	Yellow
3 rd May	Yellow

FOLS

Do consider baking a cake as we celebrate being 160 years old. Perhaps you could design a cake in this theme? We would love to have lots of entries that we could then sell when we perform our May Day dances. **(Do bring tubs to take the delicious cake home to share!)**

Every Friday throughout June, FOLs will be hosting games and snacks on the playground from 2:45pm onwards. More details to follow soon.

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Rotary Stars

This year we look forward to once again working in partnership with our local Kettering Rotary Club to take part in a **Rotary Stars Project**.

The Rotary Stars project is an award that offers an opportunity to recognise children who make a valuable positive contribution to their classmates and family. The award goes to pupils who, in the view of their teachers, have been exceptionally good citizens by putting others before themselves, caring for others, working hard and being courteous. A certificate, badge and book token are given in recognition. This is in addition to our normal end of year awards service at St. Leonard's church.

We are delighted to be joined by Bruce Lamford, from the Kettering branch of the Rotary Club, who will present the awards. The presentation will take place on **Tuesday 2nd July, starting at 2:30pm in the village hall**. **Parents of children receiving an award are invited to join us for the occasion, which will be a whole school celebration.** Letters will be sent out prior to the event. *The children receiving an award will not be told prior to the presentation, so that it is a nice surprise, however every child in school will be told that it is taking place and that it is a great opportunity to celebrate members of our school family.*

Another collaboration with Kettering Rotary Club is the scheme called **Books 4 Home**. This is a yearly delivery to local schools of books in superior quality, which have all been checked, that children can take home and keep. Your child might be the recipient of one - please note it will not have a barcode, therefore, not to be confused with our library books!



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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.



Our gate opens at **8:40am** and closes promptly at **8:50am**, to allow children to settle, be registered and to start their first lesson. Please ensure your children are in by this time, it allows for a calm, focused start to the day

Residential to Everdon Outdoor Learning Centre - July 2025

How exciting! We are delighted to be able to offer a 2-night stay at Everdon Outdoor Learning Centre next July. We hope that this will encourage and prepare children for the opportunity of a longer Residential in Year 5 and 6 to Govilon in Wales - where one child returned exclaiming it was the best week of their life!

The children will have the opportunity to participate in several outdoor activities around the local area as well as developing their orienteering, map reading and teamwork skills. More details to follow.

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Year R/1 - Phoenix

R/1 have had a wonderful start to this half term. We had a very exciting delivery of class caterpillars which the children have loved. They are fascinated to see the changes and learn about a caterpillar life cycle. In English, the Reception children have been busy writing a caterpillar diary and Year 1 are working hard on their poetry unit. In Maths, Reception have been exploring teen numbers and have wowed me with their skills. Year 1 have been busy working on numbers to 50 and exploring one more / one less and addition and subtraction. In Science, the children are learning about animal groups and we have an exciting trip to Hamerton zoo in a few weeks to immerse them further with this learning. In Geography, the children have started to learn about the UK and have located land and sea on a globe. Keep up the great work R/1. 😊



Year 2 - Dragon

Year 2 have been super busy so far this half term! In Science we have been learning about plants. We have observed the growth of the bulbs that we planted in Autumn and were very excited to see how they bloomed. We learned about the stages of bulb growth and investigated the difference between seeds and bulbs. After the bank holiday, we will be testing which conditions allow cress seeds to germinate best. Mrs Wilcoxson has been planting sunflowers with children across the school and Year 2 have enjoyed observing their growth on a weekly basis and measuring them for their growth diaries. In History, we have been learning about Christopher Columbus. To learn about his early life, we became sailors and had to sail around the playground with our maps to find clues about his life. Year 2 really enjoyed taking it in turns to be captain! In English, we are in the process of writing our hot write poems about being in charge. Some are writing about being in charge of the universe, the school and even the adults! In Maths, we are almost finished our fractions unit and have been learning about halves, quarters, thirds, two quarters and 3 quarters. We are looking forward to moving on to our next unit which is time. Keep up the super work Year 2. 😊



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Year 3/4 - Centaur

In English, we have been busy working on persuasive writing. We have been learning about the Geography of Sicily, building descriptive and persuasive sentences for a holiday brochure. We have worked on many writing techniques, including similes, metaphors and symbolism. Next week, we will be applying our learning to create an independent persuasive piece of writing about London or somewhere we've been to visit. In Science, we have begun our work on Rocks and Soils, been on a walk to observe rocks in our local environment and have grouped rocks according to their appearance. We have also learned about how rocks are formed and how they can be grouped based on whether they are sedimentary, igneous or metamorphic. In History, we have enjoyed our work on the Stone Age. Year 3 have learned about the chronology of the Stone Age and how primary sources of evidence can tell us how people lived in the past and we have created some super cave paintings linked to this! Year 4 have been working on their historical enquiry - some super projects to follow in the next few weeks! Finally, we have welcomed a Hindu visitor into school today to deliver a Hindu workshop. The children have made me so proud with how they have developed questioning and enquiry linked to this topic. Thank you for all the support with times tables practice - not long now until the statutory assessment for Year 4. The children have worked so hard with this - Year 3 too! Keep practising! Have a super bank holiday weekend



Year 5/6 - Griffin

Over the last few weeks in Year 5/6, the children have been working incredibly hard in preparation for the upcoming SATs. To support the children, we have been working through past papers to revise key knowledge and practise skills. In Maths, the Year 6 children have finished their unit on shape and have been learning about a 4-quadrant grid. They have been learning how to read and plot co-ordinates on these grids, as well as, translating and reflecting shapes across the four quadrants. Last week, the children had a special visitor from the Explorer Academy as part of their Amazon Rainforest topic. Simon shared his expertise and footage he had gathered from his expeditions, the children had a fantastic day and have remembered so much from his visit. In Science, the children have been finishing their unit all about Properties of materials. Last week, the children investigated which material proved to be the best thermal insulator; they have finished this unit by learning about reversible and irreversible changes. I hope you all have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend 😊



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LODDFEST BAKE OFF 2024

The Bake Off will again be forming part of Loddfest 2024 on 22nd June 2024 in the village of Loddington. This is a fun family event and therefore the more entries the better. Entry is not limited to residents of Loddington, so entries from the surrounding areas will be welcome.

A supervised baking session is being arranged for children at Loddington Primary School on the afternoon of Friday 21st June 2024. The session will be in two parts and each will last approximately 45 minutes and a letter with more details will be sent shortly.

- **Children 4 to 7 years** - This will comprise decorating premade cupcakes based on a selection of simple designs to be discussed with the children on the day.
- **Children 8 to 11 years** - This will comprise decorating premade cupcakes based on designs to be discussed with the children on the day. There will also be a demonstration showing how the cakes are made and baked.

Each session will have to be limited to 36 children.

If possible, parents are asked to provide their child/children with an apron.

Parents will be asked to make a financial donation towards the ingredients and sundries such as bun cases.

If parents are then happy for their child's work to be submitted for the Bake Off, their entries will be left in the village hall in sealed containers overnight and then submitted by the organisers on behalf of the children on the day at the St Leonards Church in Loddington at 12 noon on the 22nd June 2024, with judging at 1pm.

There will be prizes for each category.

As this is a charity fundraising event competitors will be asked if they would be willing to donate their entries to the Loddfest where they would be sold in the afternoon with teas and coffees to contribute towards the fundraising.

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	DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Monday 6 th May	School closed - Bank Holiday.
Tuesday 7 th May	School re-opens at 8.40am.
Thursday 9 th May	Bags2School Collection at 8.40am.
	Year R/1 Trip to Hamerton Zoo, leaving at 9am prompt.
Friday 10 th May	R/1 Visit to Forest School.
Monday 13 th -Thursday 16 th May	Year 6 SATs (Please arrive between 7.45am and 8am for a cooked breakfast).
Friday 17 th May	Year 6 Leavers Photos at 11.30am.
Wednesday 22 nd May	FOLS meeting at 2.30pm. All very welcome.
Friday 24 th May	May Day Celebrations. (Gates open at 1:45pm for refreshments and the celebrations will start at 2pm).
	End of Term. School closes at 3.20pm 😊
Monday 3 rd June	School re-opens at 8.40am.

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Year R/1 Caterpillars

This term, R/1 are learning all about animals in science. To help bring their learning to life, the children had a very exciting delivery of class caterpillars.

This has brought lots of awe and wonder this week and the children have been so excited to watch the start of a Caterpillars life cycle.





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Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



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Friends of Loddington School
are excited to announce our



May Day Bake Off

Theme: Celebrating the
school's 160th Anniversary

Friday May 24

**JUST BRING ALONG YOUR SHOWSTOPPER BAKES TO
OUR MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS TO ENTER!**

Year Group and parents/carers categories!

(all cakes will be added to the refreshments
table after judging has taken place to help
raise money for the school minibus)