

# NEWSLETTER

**Autumn Half Term 1** 

#### **OUR SCHOOL VISION**

Just as God has created every individual with unique talents and skills, our school community provides a nurturing and inclusive environment, where everyone is encouraged to explore their individual creativity and to confidently use their talents in order to achieve their God given potential and to make the world a better place.



#### **HEADTEACHER MESSAGE**

I would like to thank everyone in the school community for welcoming me so warmly to The Littletons over the last half term. The children have been enthusiastic, engaging and always friendly. The staff have been massively supportive and show incredible commitment to the school, and the children in their care. It has been lovely to get to know parents, grandparents and other carers, at drop-off and pick up time—your friendly smiles and kind words are really appreciated. The Littletons is a fantastic school and I am very much looking forward to working with everyone in our community to develop the school even further in the future.

#### **VISION MEETINGS**

All parents and carers are invited to come into school for an information meeting to find out about our School Vision and our school priorities for this year. There are two alternative dates:

- Wednesday 2nd November at 2:30pm
- Monday 7th November at 9:00am

There is no need to book, just turn up if you are able to attend one of the meetings. They will be in the school hall. There will be refreshments afterwards.

#### **OUR SCHOOL VALUES**

Our school values are:

Caring
Honesty
Perseverance
Respect
Responsibility



### WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?



Hockey tournament



School Values Tea Party



Harvest Assembly





**After School Clubs** 





World Mental Sco Health Day







### **NEWS**

#### **NEW WEBSITE**

We are aware that the website needs updating and this is underway. We will have a brand new website online soon, hopefully before Christmas. It will be easier to navigate and will be simpler for us to update regularly (this is not straightforward currently). Please bear with us while the work is on-going as this does take time. The results will be worth it!

#### MRS GUYATT RETURNS!

Mrs Guyatt returned to school this week following a period of maternity leave. It is wonderful to welcome her back! She will be teaching Kangaroos class on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Cuthbertson will continue to teach Kangaroos class on Tuesdays, as she has been doing during the last half term.

#### **COME DINE WITH ME**

Each year group will have a 'Come Dine With Me' day, on which they can invite parents, grandparents, etc to join them for lunchtime. Adults will be able to bring lunch with them, or purchase a hot dinner from our school catering provider, and will be able to eat with their child. This will be a great opportunity for children to share part of their school day with you and continue to build links between school and home. More information will follow. This half term it will be the turn of Koalas (see the 'Dates' section on the back of this newsletter).

#### **WELLY WEEKS**

As autumn sets in, the school field is becoming very wet and muddy. So that we can still use it at breaktimes and lunchtimes (without ruining school shoes!), each class will be assigned a 'Welly Week'.

During your child's welly week, they may bring in a pair of wellies to change into at breaktimes. The wellies can stay in school for the duration of the week and will be sent home on the Friday.

Below are a list of dates for Welly Week for each class:

Koalas: 31st Oct-4th Nov
Jellyfish: 7th Nov-11th Nov
Kangaroos: 14th Nov-18th Nov
Giraffes: 21st Nov-25th Nov

Caterpillars: 31st Oct-4th Nov

#### **PERFORMANCES**

Every child will take part in a performance each year and parents/carers will be invited to join us when it their child's turn, so that you can share it with us.

We have already had the Harvest Assembly led by Giraffes and Kangaroos. They did an amazing job, showing great confidence and creativity, especially at such a young age.

Our Early Years unit (Nursery and Reception) will be doing a performance of the Nativity in December. The Key Stage 2 classes (Jellyfish and Koalas) will be doing our end of year performance. More details will follow.

#### **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

We will be setting up a School Council next half term so that children can have a say in how the school is run. Representatives will be voted for by the children in each class.



#### THANK YOU MRS GLEN!

Mrs Glen has been at the school since December 2021, providing maternity cover for Mrs Guyatt. Today is her last day at the school. On behalf of everyone in The Littletons community, I would like to thank Mrs Glen for all of her hard-work and dedication over the last year, and to wish her all the best for the future.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 2nd November at 2:30pm <u>or</u> Monday 7th November at 9:00am Vision Meeting (All parents/carers are invited to attend one of the meetings)

Wednesday 10th November School photographer (All classes)

Wednesday 16th November Come Dine With Me (Koalas class)

Thursday 8th December Pantomime (Giraffes and Kangaroos)

Thursday 15th December Pantomime (Jellyfish and Koalas)

TBC Nativity—Early Years (Nursery and Reception parents/carers can attend)

Friday 16th December Last day of school

Wednesday 3rd January Teacher Training

Day (No children in school)

Thursday 4th January First day of school (All children in school)

## CAN YOU HELP? ITEMS REQUIRED

We are currently giving some parts of our school a makeover to enhance the learning environments. One of these areas is 'The Den', which is our nurture room. Miss Dodd will be leading the project and has some fantastic ideas about how to make it a stunning space.

There are some items that we require for the redevelopment. If you have any of the items from the list below (in good condition), which you no longer need, they would be gratefully received.

- Bean bags
- Pop up tipi tent or small play tent (as pictured below)
- Calm lights lava lamp, fairy lights on a string
- Cushions blue, green and neutral colours are great
- Sensory toys bubbles, fidget toys
- Small rugs blue, green and neutral colours
- Old photo frames to display work (as pictured below)
- Puzzles and games
- Pale green or pale blue paint
- Chalkboard paint
- Children's wall shelves (as pictured below)





