

NEWSLETTER

The Littletons School – December 2023



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8th January

Staff Training Day (no children in)

9th January

First Day of School

26th January

Come Dine With Me (Cobras Class)

8th February

Last day of school

9th February

Staff Training Day (no children in)



Headteacher's Welcome

It has been a long, tough term for everyone, with an incredibly late break-up date. Despite this, it has been a very successful few months. We had our SIAMS inspection a few weeks ago, followed by our Special Educational Needs, and Teaching and Learning reviews, all of which were incredibly positive experiences. So much of what we do every day was recognised as being excellent practice and we were able to discuss our next steps, as we continuously strive to develop further as a school to provide the best education possible for our children. The importance of the strong links between school, home and the wider community were also recognised. Thank you for your continued support and I hope you all have a wonderful, magical and restful Christmas.

Our 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.

Junior Leaders

School Charity for 2023/24



The School Council has renamed themselves as 'Junior Leaders'. Their first task was to choose a charity for the school to support for this year. They chose The Lighthouse, which is part of the Caring Hands project in Evesham. It is a fantastic charity which provides support to those in need, including people who are homeless. You can find out more at www.chands.org.uk.

Playtime Provision

Our Junior Leaders are also helping us to develop our Playtime provision. One of their suggestions was using the field all year round, so they asked our Friends' Association if they could buy welly racks for each class. This will allow children to use the field whenever they wish to at breaktimes. They will also help us to redesign areas of the playground over the next few months.

Welly Weeks

After the success of Welly Weeks last year, and with the Junior Leaders choosing to purchase welly racks for each class, we have decided to extend the opportunities for all children to go onto the field, even in the winter months. From January, your child can:

- Bring in their wellies to school every day
- Leave their wellies in school on the welly racks
- Take home their wellies any night that they need to
- Leave a spare pair of wellies at school all of the time

If you have any old wellies that you do not need any more, please send them into school as we would like to build up a bank of spare pairs in different sizes in case children forget their wellies.

If your child has their wellies in school, they will be able to use the field at breaktimes and lunchtimes all year round, giving them more choice with their opportunities to play.



Attendance

Our School Attendance for the term was 96.2%. The national average was 94.4% and our school target is to be above 96%, so well done for helping us to achieve that!

Well done to **Iguanas** class for having the highest attendance for this half term with 97.5%

SIAMS Inspection

As I mentioned previously, our SIAMS inspection took place on 24th November. SIAMS conduct inspections to see how church schools are living out their vision and the impact this has on a range of areas, including; pupil attitudes, teaching, attendance and the well-being of pupils and staff. The SIAMS inspector spoke to a range of people across the school community, including pupils, staff, governors and parents. The full report can be viewed [here](#). Here are a few quotes from the report:

"The Littletons fizzles with a zest for life and learning"

"The culture of nurture enables pupils and adults to explore their unique talents and flourish in their lives and learning"

"Pupils benefit from a wide range of expertise within the staff team"

"They [staff] gently encourage pupils to grow in confidence."

"Pupils have a keen social conscience. They are passionate voices against injustice and deprivation."

"Partnerships with the church, families, the Diocese and the DoWMAT are respectful and supportive."



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Parking

Thank you for continuing to park considerately at drop-off and pick-up times, especially as I know that parking is limited.

It is especially important that the yellow zig-zag lines remain clear so that children can cross safely. For the safety of the children, and so that we can keep a good relationship with our neighbours, please remember to drive slowly on the roads around the school and ensure that you are not blocking any driveways. Thank you.

Ipads

We have secured grant funding of nearly £10,000 from the National Lottery to provide a full class set of 30 iPads for the school, along with cases and a storage trolley. This will be a brilliant resource for our school Computing provision.

Uniform

Just a reminder that children should wear plain navy blue jumpers to school (not hoodies). They do not need to have the school logo on.

Also, children should not wear jewellery to school other than stud earrings (no rings or necklaces), and no make-up is permitted at school.

Open the Book Christmas Present

All of the children have received a Christmas book from the Open the Book team, who come in to do assemblies on Wednesdays. On behalf of all of the children, thank you to Open the Book.

Theatre Trips



Table Tennis



Christmas



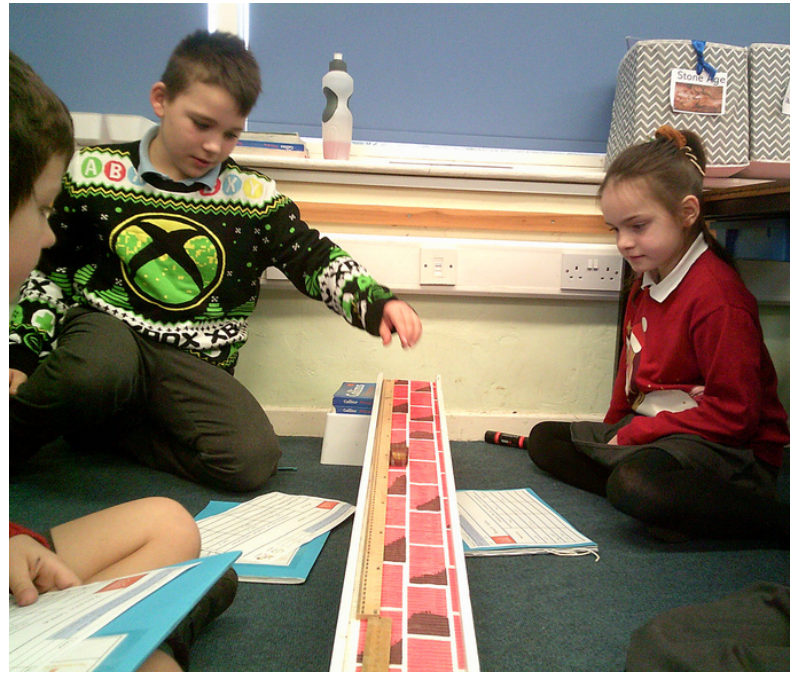
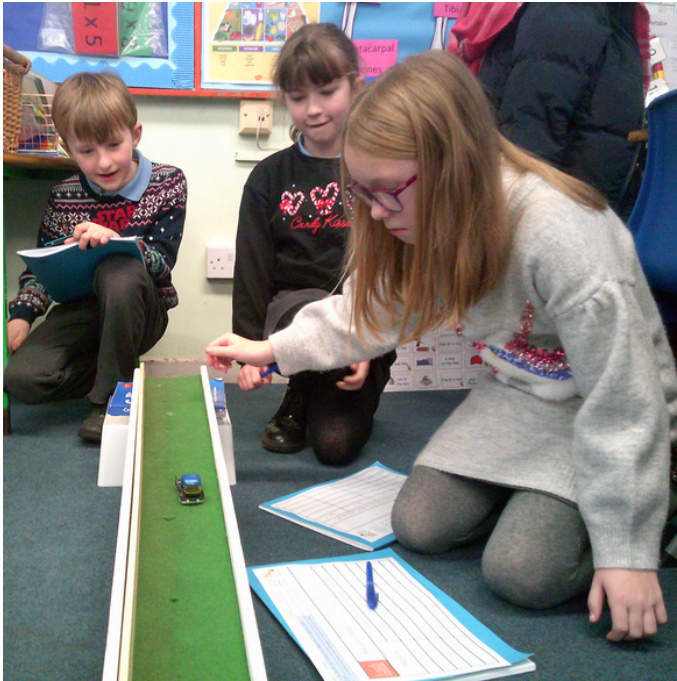
Christmas



Stone Age Day



Practical Science and Making Tarts



Forest School and Art Doodlers



Animal Antics

