



Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 20

28th February 2025

Dear Parents,

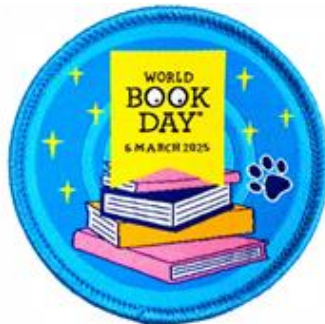
World Book Day – Thursday 6th March 2025

This year for World Book Day we ask that children come to school in PJ's ready to have stories read to them throughout the day.

Parents are invited to join us from 9.00 – 9.45 to read with their child. Coffee and iced buns at 9.45.

In the afternoon each adult in school will have a book prepared to read – children will choose which book they want to listen to and will go, as a group to get cosy and listen to a story.

The children will be issued with their £1.00 world book day token nearer the date.



Christian Value – Term 4

Our Christian Value for life this term is

Compassion



Holly Berries Class

Literacy

We started our new story *The Disgusting Sandwich* by Gareth Edwards. Before we read the book Mrs Allen made her own disgusting sandwich. It had grains of sand, crushed cheerios, dirty soil, sticky jam and colourful feathers in it. We all agreed it would not be a good idea to eat it. Over the next few weeks, we will be creating our own ideas for a disgusting sandwich to produce a poster. We will also explore instructional writing.

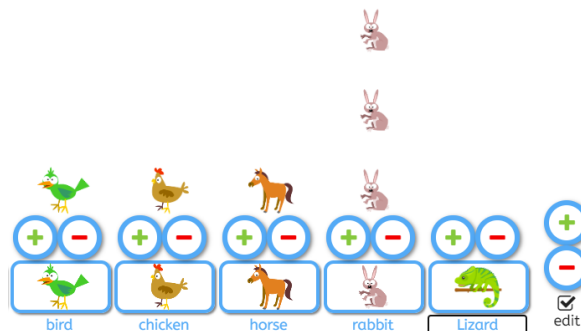
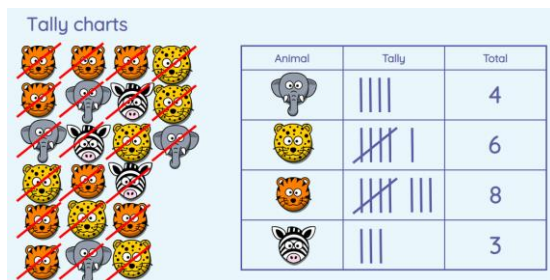


RE

Our new topic in RE will be exploring the question "Why does Easter matter to Christians?" The children will learn the story of the events leading up to the death of Jesus and what happened afterwards. They will find out ways that Christians celebrate Easter and that it is a time for forgiveness and new beginnings. We are hoping to try some pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and discuss how this relates to the Easter story.

Computing

This term we will be using the computers to present information in the form of pictograms. We have already started the topic by learning how to gather data using tallies in a tally chart. We have also answered questions about the data. We are looking forward to collecting some data of our own and presenting it in pictograms.



Chestnut Class

We are finishing reading the book 'The House with Chicken Legs' by our focus author Sophie Anderson.



Our English lessons this term are based on the video 'Reverso'. We have started our first text type which is a diary entry in role as the main character. We will then write a newspaper article based on the video.

In maths we are finishing off our focus on fractions which we started before half term. We will then begin work on mass and capacity and decimal numbers. As well as this, we are still working on learning all of our times tables to 12x12.

We are also learning about these topics:

Art	Rainforest Patterns
Music	Let Your Spirit Fly
PSHCE	Rights and Respect
Science	Plant Reproduction
Computing	Programming – Events and actions in programs
French	In a French classroom
RE	Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?

The children are very enthusiastic about starting their swimming lessons and are eagerly asking when we are going! Lessons will start after the Easter holidays. More information will follow.

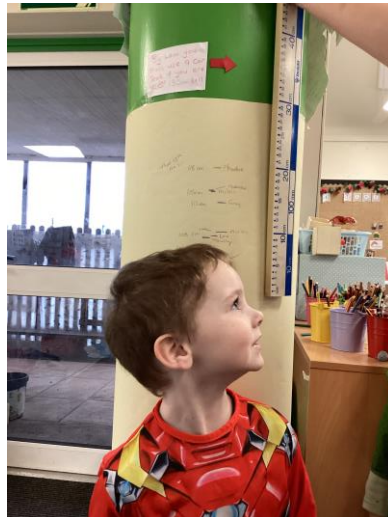


Holly Leaves Class

The week before half term Holly Leaves ran a Beep Beep session with Timmy Time to support Brake, the road safety charity. To find out more about their work, visit www.brake.org.uk.

Holly Leaves learnt about how to be safe when crossing a road and when sitting in a car. We all got measured to see how tall we were as Timmy Time says by law we need to use a child seat when travelling in a car if we are 135cm tall or under.

Please also see attached poster.



Holly Leaves are learning all about our amazing world this term. We have been exploring polar regions by having an adventure to the Antarctic this week. Did you know that penguins don't live in the North Pole? They only the South Pole!

Holly leaves have also been busy doubling numbers! We used paints and the butterfly painting method to work out double numbers!

Maple Class

Last term, Maple Class were learning different story writing techniques. Towards the end of the term, they wrote stories based on Lewis Carroll's narrative poem, Jabberwocky. They all did an amazing job and this week they have read either their whole story or part of their story aloud to the class. Please enjoy Lilly-Mai's wonderful story.

Jabberwocky

As the wind howled nearby, the clock was just a few minutes away from midnight. Unexpectedly, the slimy toves jumped out of nowhere and started to look for the perfect place to dig and hide. The borogroves shivered as they flapped their colourful wings ready to go home for the night. As they flew, the mome raths screeched at the top of their lungs and as they finished they gasped. The clock struck midnight...

Meanwhile, in a village about a mile away there lived a brave young hero his name was Joe. His father David was very wise and warned him about the most dangerous creature that ever lived.

"Beware the Jabberwock my son the jaws that bite! The claws that catch!" his father explained with a look of worry upon his face.

As Joe walked out of the door, his father panicked and ran after him, "Take this!" he cried with an even more worried look on his face.

"What is it?" Joe asked feeling really confused.

"Well, the vorpal sword of course!" he laughed, "Take it with you in case you run into the Jabberwock."

"Ok," Joe replied and so he took it out of his father's hand and stuck it through his belt. Quickly he whispered, "I'm going to track down the Jabberwock." He set off ready for the journey ahead of him.

Scanning the horizon, Joe tiptoed through The Tugley Wood in search of the Jabberwock. Like an ear piercing siren, the jub-jub bird screeched and flew past almost knocking him over. The bandersnatch was lurking through the dense trees trying to get closer. Joe kept walking and walking until he had no more energy. All of a sudden, he spotted some shade under the Tum-Tum tree. So he used the last of his energy to go sit under it. Slowly, he drifted off to sleep.

Suddenly, Joe heard footsteps but not any old footsteps. Alarming footsteps. Footsteps getting louder by the second. Randomly, two dots of red appeared - the Jabberwock! Had it found him or had he found the most dangerous creature ever? That was the question. As Joe opened his eyes, the Jabberwock pounced on him. The vorpal sword flew out of Joe's belt and landed in a thorn bush, he could just reach it...

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He grabbed it and with one swing SNICKER - SNACK! He had slain the Jabberwock. He left it dead and with its head went galumphing back!

As he ran back feeling really proud of himself, he felt the Jabberwock's warm blood trickling down his arm. All of a sudden, his father stopped. Everyone stopped. With no second thoughts they all ran to him and called him the hero! They partied all night, and no-one stayed indoors because the village was safe again... right?



By Lilly-Mai.

Church After School Club – Thursdays

Please remember to let the class teacher know if you child will attend church club on a Thursday.

Also if we need to speak to parents about what has happened during the school day we will email or telephone you.

PE Lessons and Sports After School Clubs

The majority of PE lessons will now take place outside, please ensure your child has suitable clothing so that they are not too cold or too hot and can be physically active.

We will continue our Sports After School Clubs until the last week of term, week commencing 7th April 2025. We are planning to try archery, golf, dodgeball and lacrosse.



Rags 2 Riches Clothing Collection

LITTLEDEAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Raise funds by collecting reusable clothes

RAGS 2 RICHES
Schools Clubs Groups

WE ACCEPT CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY, REUSABLE CLOTHING

- ✓ Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing
- ✓ Jewellery and Accessories
- ✓ Paired Shoes and Footwear
- ✓ Belts and Handbags

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk

WE DO NOT ACCEPT POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED CLOTHES. PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS, BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM

If you are unsure what to put in the bags **STOP AND THINK WOULD YOU WEAR IT?**

Please use the clothing bag provided. You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date: Thursday 27th March 2025

Please remember - NO UNIFORM

Please bring items to school on the morning of the collection – thank you

Friends – Dates for your Diary

The Friends Committee have been planning some activities for this year:

- Good Friday 18th April - Easter egg hunt and Easter raffle
- Friday 20th June- Summer fair 3:10-6.00 pm.
- Friday 28th November- Christmas fair 3:10-6.00 pm.

As always we will require help to run these events, if you are able to help please contact Amy Evans or Sophie Greenhalgh Cook. Thank you. Further information to follow.

Term Dates

These are also available on our website

2024 / 2025 –

Term 4 Monday 24th February 2025 – Friday 11th April 2025

Term 5 Monday 28th April 2025 – Friday 23rd May 2025

Term 6 Monday 2nd June 2025 – Monday 21st July 2025

INSET Day 4 11th April 2025

INSET Day 5 21st July 2025

2025 / 2026 – INSET days to be confirmed

Term 1 Monday 1st September 2025 – Friday 24th October 2025

Term 2 Monday 3rd November 2025 – Friday 19th December 2025

Term 3 Monday 5th January 2026 – Friday 13th February 2026

Holiday Requests

Please remember that the Governments guidance remains very clear that we cannot authorise holiday requests in term time unless there are exceptional circumstance. A Request for Leave of Absence form can be found on the school website at the following link or from the school office:

https://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk/website/attendance_at_school/169684

You may be issued with a penalty notice for taking your child out of school during term time. Please note that a penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school. A Penalty Notice is a fine of £80 if paid within the first 21 days which increases to £160 if paid between 21 and 28 days. Thereafter, if the penalty remains unpaid this may lead to prosecution through the Magistrates' Court.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 5th March

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Thursday 6th March

Tuesday 11th March

Tuesday 18th March

Thursday 20th March

Friday 21st March

Tuesday 25th March

Wednesday 26th March

Thursday 27th March

Wednesday 9th April

Friday 18th April

Friday 2nd May

Governors Learning Walk – Art

Governors Leadership Meeting

World Book Day Celebrations

Governors Strategic Safeguarding Training

Maple and Chestnut Parental Consultations

Governors Learning Walk – Science

Comic Relief Non Uniform Day

Full Governing Board Meeting

Holly Leaves and Berries Parental Consultations

Rags to Riches Clothing Collection

Leadership Governors Meeting

Friends Easter Egg Hunt and Raffle

80th Anniversary VE Day