



Littleham

CE Primary School



Firm foundations for the future

Working in Partnership

It's also been great to see everyone settle into their new classes, looking smart in their new uniforms and settling well to learning. As we like to say, 'Look Smart, think smart!'

New Admin structure

We're delighted with how well our new admin team has started this term. Just like in other areas of the federation, such as teaching and learning, we have strengthened our administration team this year following the retirement of Mrs Robson. Consequently we have three new members of staff who work across the week at school.

Mrs Rachel Evans who joins the school as Federation Business Manager, Mrs Jackie Robinson who joins the school as Federation Administrator and Health and Safety Co-ordinator and Mrs Kath Buckell who takes up the role of Clerical Assistant.



Exmouth in Bloom Winners

What a fantastic start to the school year it was for everyone at school when we discovered that we are winners of the Best School category **and** the Best Vegetable Plot in the Exmouth in Bloom gardening competition.

The high marks they scored in both categories mean that the school is the overall winner this year. Children have taken real care to nurture the vegetable plot to ensure that they had a whole array of tasty treats to eat or share with the school kitchen. Gardening has been a real high light for pupils and will continue to flourish at the school.

It's always good to win an award and recognise pupils efforts but the real success here is that children have gained yet another valuable skill for life, now that is priceless.





Attendance - our target is 97% attendance or more. Did you know?

Brandon has 90% attendance at school. Sounds pretty good doesn't it?

90% ATTENDANCE = 1/2 A DAY MISSED EVERY WEEK!
1 school year at 90% = 4 WHOLE WEEKS OF LESSONS MISSED! Brandon's learning and achievement will be affected!

What happens when children miss school?

- They miss lessons and crucial information
- They will fall behind with their work
- They may miss interesting activities that the class does follow up work on
- They may become isolated from their peer group
- They let down their classmates who may be working with them
- The Education Welfare Officer may become involved (90% attendance or less will trigger an enquiry by the EWO)

Why do children need to be in school regularly?

- so that they don't miss any lessons
- to maximise their learning
- to make sure they will be able to do the best they can in assessments
- to learn to socialise with their peers
- because it's the law!

School Uniform

We believe that if children take a pride in their appearance, they will also take pride in their behaviour and in their school work. To help maintain and support the high standards of learning at the school, we would like parents to support us in ensuring that children are dressed in the correct school uniform. Please make sure that socks are either black or white and that shoes/trainer are completely black. Also, don't forget to write your child's name on all items, but especially school jumpers. Please note, all shoulder length hair needs to be tied back. Thank you!

This term we will be focusing in school on the value Generosity. As part of this value the children will explore another acrostic poem:

Generosity is...

Giving something we value to someone else

Encouraging the best in each other

Never selfish

Enjoying helping others

Raising support for a good cause

Offering what we can

Sharing our time and talents

Inviting someone to join in

Taking care of God's creation for future generations

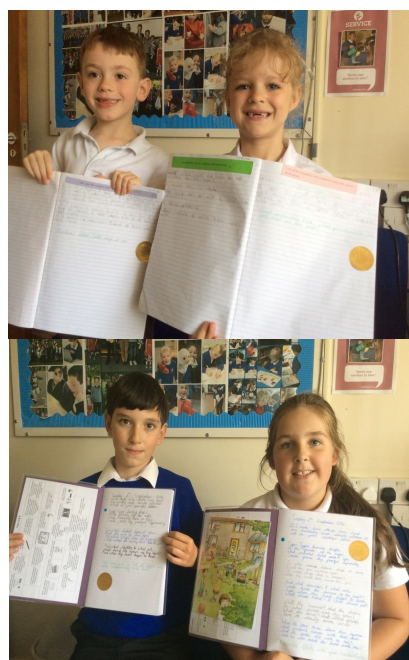
You first, me last

Home Values

We also hope your family will find these ideas helpful within the home values sheet, available from the website, as you explore the value and have fun together.

Joined handwriting

One of our key areas of school improvement this year is our whole school approach to handwriting where we are working towards *all* children having a joined or cursive style of writing. Part of this is recognising when children have put a lot of effort into making their handwriting consistent in size, properly formed and then they will receive their *Pen Licence*.



Some of the children who have been awarded Headteacher stickers for excellently presented learning!

Heatree Success

This year's residential to Dartmoor was another huge success. Combining the residential with Woodbury Salterton CE Primary provided the children with the opportunity to form new friendships whilst making existing friendships in school even stronger.

The children enjoyed a wide range of excellent activities over the three days. Working as a team to find and rescue a pretend casualty from the moor, the Wildness Venture was a great opportunity to develop leadership skills. Raft Building required the children to plan, build and launch their own raft to escape a desert island. Low Adventure and Climbing Tower required bravery and courage in equal measure.

Silver Food for Life Award

Food for Life is all about transforming food culture in school and staff and children couldn't be more proud to be the first school in Exmouth to achieve its Silver award.



Achieving the Silver status has been hard work but so rewarding, involving a joint effort by teachers, pupils, parents, kitchen staff and volunteers in the garden.

Food for Life doesn't promise to provide a quick fix but instead is about encouraging lasting and sustainable change to the way we all think about food, our communities, our environment and our health. At school we have always have an eye on national trends and one that struck a chord with the school is how as a society we are increasingly distanced from our food - how it's grown, how it's produced and what's in it. The type of food we eat has a huge impact on our society for a number of reasons.

The children have loved visiting local farms, growing their own food, tasting new things and sharing their skills with others. Gaining the Silver award has just given everyone the encouragement to keep on going!

Unauthorised Absence from School

Schools are also required to notify the Local Authority if a child has a number of unauthorised absences.

Unauthorised absences can be acquired when:

- Leave has been requested, but the circumstances are such that the school cannot authorise the leave and it is taken anyway
- Leave is not requested and the school has grounds to believe that the child has been taken out of school for an avoidable reason
- A child continually arrives late after registration closes, i.e. after 9.20am
- A child is ill for 5 or more consecutive days without medical evidence

The school is required to notify the Local Authority in all of the circumstances listed above.

We understand the disappointment that the refusal of a leave request may cause and we apologise, but as you can appreciate this policy represents the school's responsibility and commitment towards ensuring your child's education and their future life opportunities.

Parent and Community Links

Many of you will already know me as Rev Benedict at church, but I'm also Parent and Community governor. As a result, I'm responsible for supporting both school and parents to ensure good communication and everyone works well. If you ever felt that you wanted to chat with someone about any issues, however big or small, feel free to contact me via the school office. I will often be around on Wednesdays after school too.

This term we're continuing a number of community events. Our PTFA Duck Race was a great success. We also have an Open Day at school on Thursday 13th 1.30-3.00pm and Archdeacon Christopher will be presenting our Outstanding SIAMs certificate on 12th October at 9.15am. Hope to see you at some of these events.



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Are you eligible for Free school Meals?

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Universal Credit

Visit the school office for more information.

Infant free school meals

Your child will be able to get free school meals if they're in Reception class, Year 1 and Year 2 classes. Please visit the school office for more information.

Named Envelopes

Please help our office staff by putting any reply slips and money in a named envelope and passing via your child's book bags.

Dates for your diary

| When | What | Who |
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| 10th October | Football Tournament | KS2 |
| 11th October | Farmwise Event | KS2 |
| 12th October | Archdeacon in to present SIAM certificate | All |
| 17th October | Year 5/6 to Venison Larder | All |
| 17th October | Parent Consultations this week School | All |
| 18th October | Open Day in School | All |
| 23rd October | Worship in School | All |
| 19th October | Harvest in Church | All |
| 24th October | Half term | All |
| 27th November | Worship in Church | All |
| 31st October | Non-pupil Day | All |
| 7th December | Scholastic Book Fair | All |
| 13th December | Year 1 to Northcott Theatre | Year 1 |
| 16th December | Last Day of Autumn Term | All |
| 18th December | Worship in Church | All |

For up-to-date term dates visit the school website: www.littleham.devon.sch.uk

Well done to the following children who have been awarded end of Learner of the Week and Values certificates:

Esme Osbourn, Samuel F, Megha, Jack H, Raluka, Brooke, Mia W, Ellie, Ben L, Kacey-Lyn, Max A, Ben MH, Amy, Keira, Max P, Alice, Cody H, Lily G, Molly C, Katie J, Courtney, Jamie, Zac G, Riley, Jacob, James, Finnley, Ben B, Tayler-Rose, Ben G, Misha, Samuel G, Kian, Emma, Daniel J, Evie, Shannon, Ruby, Paige, Ryan G, Maisie and Ayden

Achiever of the Month: Lucas Gregson—well done!

