

# Loders News

Friday November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017

## *Dear Parents, Carers, Family and Friends*

It has been a great start to the new half term. Our Christian value in focus is 'compassion' and we will soon be celebrating 'Children in Need' – this year we'll be collecting up any old round pound coins so start putting them to one side in readiness!

## *Gate changes*

One of the suggestions that came up at the last parent forum was to use the bigger gate for drop-off and pick-up to avoid the squeeze we sometimes encounter at the side gate. So, from Monday we are going to trial this for a few weeks to see how it goes. On Monday morning we will open the big gate so that parents and children can enter through the quiet playground. At the end of the day parents may wait in the quiet playground. Eype class will still need to be collected from the classroom. Please do let us know what you think during the trial and bear with us while we sort the logistics and ensure that everyone remains safe entering and exiting the school site.

## *Parking and traffic*

We have had a few examples of poor parking this week causing problems for cars manoeuvring outside the school. Thank you to those parents who have reported this so that we can speak to any drivers concerned. It isn't always school related traffic causing the problems! You can all help us, especially with the ongoing roadworks, by parking a little further away and walking to and from the car wherever possible. This helps to keep the areas around the school gates as clear as possible.

## *Uniform*

The vast majority of children are looking really smart with correct school uniform including shoes. Please can we just remind girls that hair ties, if worn, should be small and subtle and ideally in appropriate colours – large, bright bows are not really suitable.

## *Drama (STAMP) club*

Thank you for the slips returned so far. We need to set a deadline for judging whether there are enough children wanting places at this to make it viable. Please therefore return these by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November and we will confirm whether the club will run or not. We currently do not have enough interest for this to happen which would be a shame.

## *PTFA Autumn cake sale*

Thank you to members of the PTFA for organising our Autumn cake sale. It was very difficult to judge the winners, especially since I was not allowed to taste them first! A fantastic £75 was raised at the sale after school so thank you all for the contributions and for buying the cakes afterwards. Well done to the winners who received their prizes in our achievers' assembly this morning.

## *Nursery places*

If you have friends or family locally with pre-school age children do keep telling them about our new nursery places. We are always happy to show people around and have had several visitors recently who have come from recommendations from some of you, so thank you!

## *Individual and sibling photos*

Please note the change we have had to make to the date of these due to a request from the photographer. Remember that photos with below school age can be arranged from 3pm, however children in our nursery will have their individual photos taken along with the rest of Eype class. The photographer will be in on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

## **FIRE!!!**

Eype class certainly get up to some exciting adventures on their weekly welly walks but this week they stayed on site and made a camp fire to cook marshmallows. Mrs Knowles is thankfully very experienced at such things and made sure everything was very safe.



It was Chesil class who ventured off site this week, taking a walk around the village to create some maps as part of the local area topic.

## **Autumn Cake Sale Winners**

Eype:	First: Khloe	Runner Up: Robyn
Chesil:	First: Faith	Runner Up: Evelyn
Monmouth:	First: Jamie	Runner Up: Haze
Cogden:	First: Bella	Runner Up: Rose

### **House Cup:**

## **Achievers**

Eype:	Khloe and Arthur
Monmouth:	Jamie, Rose G and Lexi

## **Dates to Remember**

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	2.45pm Parent drop-in with school nurse
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Years 1 and 2 Multi-Skills Festival
Tuesda 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Fraser Portraits
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Nasal 'flu vaccinations R - 4
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	PTFA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Panto (no breakfast club, no hot lunches)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch (order on-line)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Church Service 2.15pm and 5pm

*Have a great weekend!*