

Loders News

Friday October 20th 2017

Dear Parents, Carers, Family and Friends

I cannot quite believe that we are half way through the Autumn term already and I have now been at the school for seven weeks. Thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome. We hope that you all have a great week off and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 30th October.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Harvest Festival at the Church yesterday. The weather may have been disappointing but it was uplifting to hear the fantastic school band and to listen to a beautiful performance of 'Pilgrimage Hymn' from our older children. Each class shared some of what they have been working on this half term with Eype and Chesil singing, Monmouth reading haiku poems and Cogden sharing a Harvest poem with some complex choreography. What a lovely way to round off the half term!

Parenting support

As a fairly new parent myself, I know that there are many aspects of being a parent that aren't always easy. There are some practical parenting sessions running in the local area if you need any help managing your child's behaviour in a calm and positive way. Sessions cover practical skills and strategies for families with children from 0-19 years old. The nearest are held at Bridport Children's Centre on Fridays each month. Please see the flyers on our school notice board or let us know if you'd like more information.

Attendance

Attendance for most children at Loders is excellent, despite having some nasty bugs circulating already this year. It really does make a difference being at school every day and we will be looking to ways to celebrate this next half term. Please can we remind everyone that term-time holidays will never be authorised. It is also possible that you may be issued with a fine for poor attendance, especially as a result of term-time holidays.

Homework

Thank you for all the amazing efforts that have gone into completing homework tasks this half term. Regular maths, reading and spelling practice is always beneficial and one of the most significant ways that parents can support us with the work we do in school. However there is always something particularly special about seeing some of the more creative outcomes. Some children have even managed to complete every task on the list!

PTFA

I must say another big thank you to the PTFA for all the fantastic work they do. School funding is extremely tight at the moment for all schools and we are very lucky to have such an active and supportive PTFA to help us out. As well as the gardening equipment mentioned last week, each class has received money towards useful equipment for classrooms. The PTFA has also agreed to pay for the coaches and ice creams for our annual pantomime visit on 12th December. Remember that after half term we have our Autumn bake-off with prizes for the best cakes and a sale at the end of the day. Is it too early to mention the Christmas Fair on Saturday 9th December?

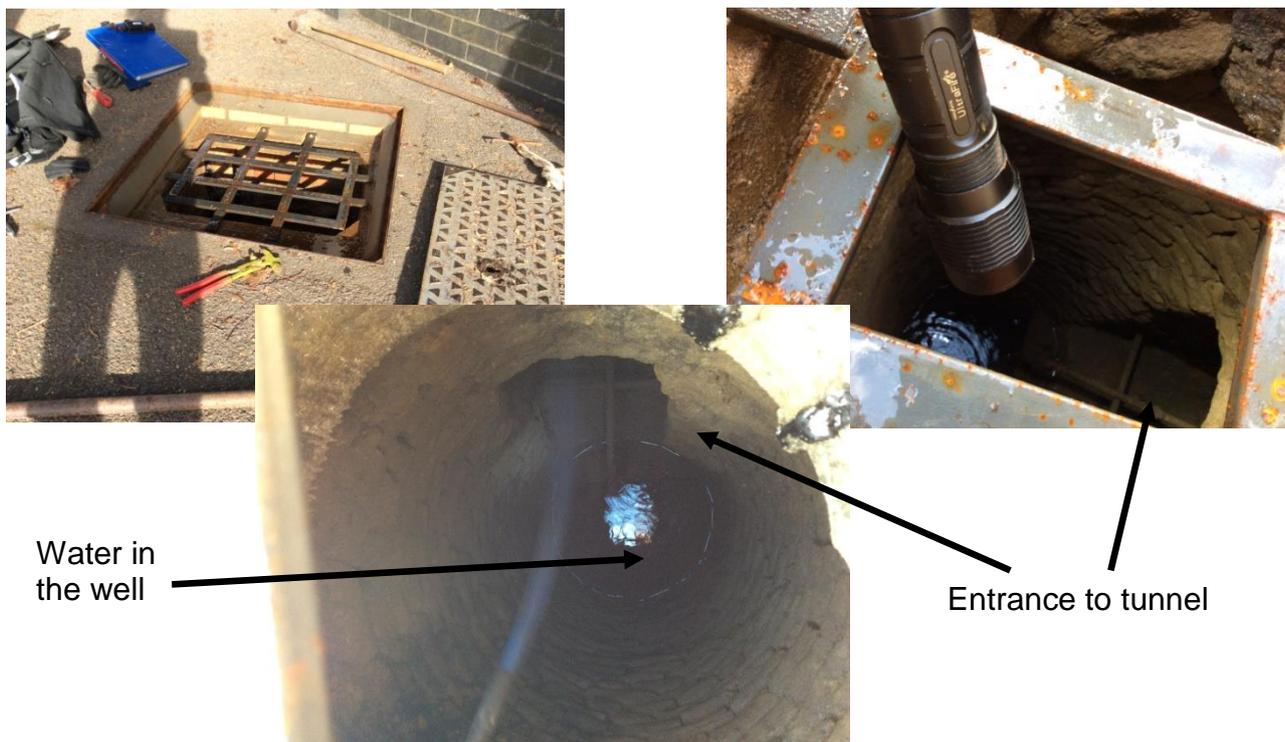
Competition

Estate Agent Stags are running a best picture competition for the Bridport Round Table Fireworks on November 4th with £10 book and toy vouchers on offer for winners. Entries must be delivered to Stags Bridport office by 12pm on Thursday 2nd November with name, age and school on the back. If someone from our school wins we could even get £100 for the school too as well as the picture being on display.

What could be down there?

Over the last couple of weeks we have had some visitors from the village who are investigating some of the historical mysteries that Loders has hidden away. Amazingly, concealed away underneath one of the manhole covers on our playground there is a well with an unexplained tunnel leading off to the side. On their last visit our local historians managed to take some photos inside and are now hoping to climb into the hole to investigate further. We're planning for them to come in and chat to the children about what they find.

In the meantime, take a look at the photos taken so far. Perhaps some children might like to write a story over half term about what they think could be at the end of the tunnel...



Achievers

Eype:	Khloe and Ella
Chesil:	Seb, Faith, Phoebe and Nero
Monmouth:	Henry, Ryan and Maisy
Cogden:	Jack, Ben, Rose, Libby, and Charlie B

House Cup: Congratulations to ELM

Dates to Remember

Monday 30 th October	Leisure Centre – Group B Swimming
Tuesday 31 st October	PTFA Autumn Bake-Off
Monday 6 th November	Parent drop-in session with nurse at 2.45pm
Tuesday 7 th November	Fraser Photography in school
Wednesday 29 th November	R – 4 Nasal 'flu vaccinations
Saturday 9 th December	PTFA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 12 th December	Whole school pantomime trip

Have a great weekend!

