



LIFTON COMMUNITY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

04.10.24 We had a lovely start to our week at Lifton. PCSOs Kev and Debbie from our local police came in to see us and talked to all the children about their roles. The children learnt lots about police dogs, Dartmoor rescue and got to see how walkie talkies and body cams worked. It was a busy morning! Jane has been busy again this week with our classes in the Forest School area and the children have really enjoying learning about seasonal changes. We are busy learning new songs for Harvest next week, the children are looking forward to sharing these with you next week in Church.

A brighter future together

Why is good attendance important? Regular and punctual school attendance is essential to supporting a child to flourish and fulfill their potential. We can only agree absences for a very limited range of exceptional circumstances. This is in line with government and Devon County Council guidelines. By law, all children of compulsory school age (between 5 and 16 yrs) must get a suitable, full-time education.

Our current weekly attendance at Lifton is **96.1%** which is great, last year though in the same week we were at 98.6%. Let's see if we can **reach 98%** next week! If you need support with your child's absences then please do contact us, [Devon County Council](#) are also able to offer support. Thank you all for your support in bringing the children to school on time and not taking unauthorised absences.

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent number of missed:		
	Days	Weeks	Average lessons
95%	9	2	54
90%	19	4	114
85%	29	6	174
80%	38	8	228
75%	48	10	288
70%	57	11.5	342
65%	67	13.5	402

Harvest: Our Harvest celebrations will take place at St Mary's Church, Lifton on Wednesday 9th October. The Church will be open to parents from 8.50am for refreshments before starting at 9.30am. The children will be walked to the church in their classes. Please note there is limited seating at the church, please can we ask that there are no more than 2 adults per family.



We will be having a food collection for Launceston Food Bank on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th October. Please send non-perishable items to school with your child, such as tinned fruit, tinned meat, breakfast cereal, pasta, pasta sauce or soup.



Coffee and a catch up: Our next coffee and catch up will be **Thursday 17th October at 230pm**. We will keep the dates and times varied to give everyone opportunity to come. We look forward to seeing you.

Come in and see us: we would love to welcome you into school for an open morning. You are all warmly invited to come in at **9.00am – 9.30am on Tuesday 15th October**. We would love you to see our amazing learning behaviours and see the children working in their classrooms.

Nail varnish: we have noticed an increase of children coming into school with nail varnish on their fingernails. Please could we ask that you remove nail varnish for the school week.

Celebration Award Winners (30.09.24): Well done to everyone!

Values Champion: Ronnie, Robins

Respect Champion: Tilly, Badgers

Courtesy Awards:

Robins Rheya

Pinemartens Austin

Hedgehogs Dan

Otters Iris

Badgers Reuben

Foxes George

Headteacher's Awards: Quinton, Hedgehogs and Evie, Badgers

Diary dates:

07.10.24 2.45pm Celebration Assembly

09.10.24 9.30am Harvest Festival at Lifton St Mary's Church

11.10.24 3.30pm FOLs AGM

15.10.24 9.00am Open Morning

17.10.24 2.30pm Coffee and a Catch up

18.10.24 5.00pm School Disco

w/b 21.10.24 Parent Consultation meetings

23.10.24 Whole school visit to RHS Rosemoor

25.10.24 Non Uniform day (wizards and witches day)

Have a lovely weekend. Thank you for your continued support.

Warmest wishes, *Mrs Brimacombe*

CLASS NEWS

Wrens and Wagtails have been continuing to talk about home life and babies. We have been using our fine motor control to draw pictures of ourselves. We have used the mirrors to help look at our own faces and talk about our own features. We have also been singing number songs and count our friends daily.

Robins have been really thinking about our golden rules and what this looks like in our classrooms and around the school. Many children have been demonstrating how we look after our toys and each other and are able to think carefully about the choices they are making. Please ask your child at home to talk about what our golden rules are. I will share some photographs on seesaw so that you can also talk through these with your child.

Pinemartins have been working really hard on their number sense fluency maths. We have been recognising numbers between 0-10 quickly and making the numbers on our fingers. We are now starting to learn addition and subtraction facts and number bonds for numbers.

Hedgehogs have been continuing their work on habitats during their forest school sessions this week. They have researched Hedgehogs and what they need in their habitats to survive. They then created their own hedgehogs from natural materials and made their own habitats for them in the forest school area.

Otters this week we have been really excited to start planning our own Library Lion stories. We have a snake in a sweet shop and even a meercat at a football stadium! I cannot wait to read their fantastic stories once we have finished writing them next week. We have also been focusing on our school's Golden Rules and created some emotions artwork for a classroom display. Finally, in forest school this week, we worked on our team building skills by building dens and creating a twig tower. Well done, Otters!

Badgers in maths have been learning how to round numbers up to 1,000,000. To support our learning, we have been using number lines to help us consider which number to round to. On Thursday, we practised these on the playground. It was great fun to take our learning outside.

Foxes this week, we've been diving into the exciting world of maths by exploring factor pairs and common multiples! The children have been working hard to identify pairs of numbers that multiply together to make a product and discovering how to find multiples that different numbers share.

