



LIFTON COMMUNITY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

13.09.24 We have had a lovely first full week back at Lifton. The sun has been shining (at times!) and the children have settled into school well. They have been very busy learning indoors and outdoors, please do look at the Class News at the end of this newsletter. We have welcomed 17 new children to Robins, and they have been amazing in their first week. Lots of our children have been living our school values by being kind and looking after Robins during break and lunch times. We have had Mr Bush back in school taking PE lessons and Jane has been in school leading Forest School. As always, a busy week for us all!

Please can you help us? We would like to encourage our children to celebrate their achievements. We have a lovely new space to do this BUT it is empty! We would love for all of our children to regularly bring in their achievements outside of school so we can share them with their friends and teachers. They will get a spot on our Celebration board. We are looking forward to seeing certificates, medals, photos and more!



Secondary School Admissions:

Secondary school admissions are now open. They close on 31.10.24. Below are links to both Devon and Cornwall admissions. As we receive information about Open Days from local secondary schools, we will share these with year 6 parents.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/>

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place/>



Year 5 Classroom: We are almost there, there have been some challenges with delivering concrete but it is now done and dry. All of the children have loved seeing the builders at work and watching the concrete being laid. Steps and ramps are going in today and over the weekend. Not long to go for our lovely year 5's to move home. We will keep you updated.

Positive Behaviour Policy: We are beginning to use the new Trust [Positive Behaviour Policy](#) at Lifton. All staff have had training and this training will continue throughout the year. The policy has

been refreshed and updated to enable a greater focus, structure and support for all on this approach. In doing so, we have a relational approach which sets out the cultures, expectations, systems and structures which create a strong sense of belonging for all. This Positive Behaviour Policy works conjointly with the high expectations of all in our schools so that it is: 'Firm on expectations, gentle on the child'. If you have any questions regarding the new policy, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Parking: We have had some concerns raised from our neighbours around the school that cars parking at drop off and pick up are parking in front of driveways. We know parking is challenging outside the school, but please could we ask you to consider our neighbours when you park. Thank you for your help with this.

Assemblies: Celebration assemblies will be on Monday afternoon's at 2.45pm. We warmly welcome parents/carers of children with awards to join us and help them celebrate. Our first celebration assembly will be Monday 23rd September. We will share more details and information next week. These will be invitation only for families of children who have won awards.

Accessing school/dropping off and picking up your children: Thank you so much for your patience and understanding while we implement new changes around the opening of the gate and the dropping off/picking up your children. We are all adjusting to the new routines – our amazing children have adjusted the quickest! The change to drop off has really helped the children settle more quickly into school and their learning. Thank you to you all for sharing your thoughts and ideas on how to help and improve this. Your feedback is always valued. The gates will soon have intercoms on and be able to be opened via the office. We know the current system is not effective, please bear with us whilst we wait for the work to be done on the gates. Thank you.



Coffee and a catch up: Do you have questions? Would you like to chat about school? Then coffee and a catch up is for you! I would like to invite you all for regular sessions to meet with me and ask about anything that is concerning you or to share things you would like improved – or even to share something you think is going well and you like! I will be touch soon with dates. I look forward to seeing you.

Clubs: Clubs will be starting next week (Monday 16th September) A big thank you to our wonderful teachers for running a wide range of clubs for KS1 and KS2. Autumn Term clubs can be accessed here, please use the link to sign up your child/ren. <https://forms.office.com/e/HQKxJbS0gq>

Finally, just a short introduction to myself, my name is Kate Brimacombe and I am the Education Director for LAP and work across the Trust schools, including Lifton. As Mrs Rooke-Bruce is not currently in school, I am in school to support the Senior Leadership Team. I will be in school full time and working with the whole school team and our wonderful Lifton children. Please come and say hello to me when you see me in the playground.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Brimacombe

CLASS NEWS

Wrens and Wagtails we have been welcoming our new families this week. We have been busy playing with a range of toys including farmyard, dinosaurs, large blocks and playdough. The Wrens and Wagtails have also been talking about who they live with and drawing some lovely pictures.

Robins have settled in so well to full time school. They have all be playing beautifully and working well as a team. This half term we are thinking about our amazing bodies and what they can do. We have had some fantastic answers already. 'Your bones are connected together,' said Harry

Pinemartins have been learning about their bodies and have had great fun labelling parts of the human body. They have been busy settling into KS1 and working hard on their counting skills. They have been enjoying learning ball skills in PE with Mr Bush.

Hedgehogs have been revising the school values and focusing on the value of kindness. They have been showing the different ways they can show kindness to others by taking turns, listening careful to each other and communicating different ideas in a kind way.

Otters have started our new English unit based on the book The Library Lion. I have been blown away by the children's fantastic vocabulary. In Maths we have been reviewing number and place value - why not see how well the children can partition different numbers to 1000? Can they think of another way of partitioning the number? Otters are also enjoying our new class book, Stitch Head by Guy Bass and reading The Wild Robot in guided reading.

Badgers have been inspired by book 'Find Your Happy' (by Emily Coxhead) to think of who and what makes us feel happy and what we can do if we are not feeling happy. One of the things lots of us agreed on was that being outside makes us happy, so they were very excited to have forest school this week. Badgers have been exploring seasonal vegetables and practising their peeling and cutting skills preparing cooking apples. We all had a great time being outdoors in the fresh air and made great use of the new waterproof shelter in the forest school area.

Foxes have had a wonderful time away at Pixies Holt this week. They have been focusing on teamwork. They have been very brave and learnt lots of new skills including weaselling and climbing. They've had good fun together and enjoyed each others company.

