



LIFTON COMMUNITY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

20.09.24 Well the weather has been very kind to us all this week. We have had a good week outside making full use of our lovely grounds. Lots of the children have had forest school and have been exploring the field. The children have been working hard on their learning behaviours and have really been trying their best. Lots of stickers have been handed out! The children have also written our new Lifton's 5 Golden Rules and have been giving a lot of thought on how to be kind and respect each other. Year 5 have moved! They are thrilled to be in such a lovely airy and spacious classroom. They have settled in brilliantly and have enjoyed their new classroom. We held a special welcome assembly for our new reception children. They were very brave in a hall full of our Lifton family and even stood up at the front! We are all very proud of them.

A brighter future together

FOLs: A BIG thank you to FOLs for their time and energy last week. The Wonka bars were a great success. Thank you to all involved, they raised an amazing **£490** for our school. We loved seeing them all in their Wonka outfits!



Leadership update: The recruitment process has started for both the Headteacher and Assistant Headteacher roles. Interviews will take place in late October and early November. We will keep you updated. Thank you.



Coffee and a catch up: Our first coffee and catch up will be at 930am on Wednesday 25th September. We are looking forward to seeing you. If you would like to come please could you confirm your attendance (so we know numbers for catering) via email: lifton@lapsw.org Thank you.

Clubs: Just a reminder if you have not yet signed up your child/ren for a club there are some spaces left. Please use the link to sign up your child/ren. <https://forms.office.com/e/HQKxJbS0gq>

Let's Celebrate display: Thank you to Gia, Ralph, Charlie and Isaac in Hedgehogs for sharing their achievements with us. They were first on the display. We'd love to see more from all of the children soon!

Chipmunks Toddler Group: Please do come and join in on Thursdays 9.30am-11.00am during term time. Snacks for children and tea/biscuits for adults. £1 per family in our school hall. It is lovely to see the toddlers and babies making use of our hall and having fun.



Uniform: Just a reminder that all children are expected to wear school uniform. **You do not need to buy uniform with logos.** All children at Lifton are expected to have a tidy appearance. Makeup and nail varnish is not permitted. Please label all clothing as this helps us return misplaced items to children much more easily. FOLs have a large selection of preloved uniform if you need any additional items.

Uniform

- Royal blue sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
- White or royal blue short sleeved polo shirt with collar
- Grey or black trousers, skirt or pinafore dress
- Socks or tights in any of the uniform colours
- Black sensible shoes. Black trainers are allowed. No heels please.

PE Kit

- White round necked T-shirt
- Black, navy or royal blue shorts
- A change of footwear – trainers. These must be additional to the ones worn to school
- A change of socks
- Jogging trousers in winter

Consents/Medical information: please can you make sure that you have logged into your MCAS app and completed the consent section and any medical information we need to be aware of. It is really important that we have this up to date information. Thank you.

Diary dates:

23.09.24 2.45pm Celebration Assembly, and then weekly
25.09.24 9.30am Coffee Morning, and then monthly
09.10.24 9.30am Harvest Festival at Lifton St Mary's Church
11.10.24 3.30pm FOLs AGM
18.10.24 5.00pm School Disco
23.10.24 Whole school visit to RHS Rosemoor
25.10.24 Non Uniform day (last day of half term)
29.11.24 3.30pm FOLs Christmas Fair
10.12.24 5.30pm KS2 Carols by Candlelight at Lifton St Mary's Church
11.12.24 1.45pm KS1 Nativity
12.12.24 1.45pm KS1 Nativity
18.12.24 Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
20.12.24 Last day of term

Have a lovely weekend, we look forward to seeing you all next week.

Warmest wishes, *Mrs Brimacombe*

CLASS NEWS

Wrens and Wagtails have had a busy week being astronauts and mermaids. We have been reading the book 'You Choose' and we have been discussing what toys/colours/shapes/houses we like in the book. We have also dug up the carrots from the garden and had a little taste.

Robins have had another busy week. We have started our RWInc sessions and learning the first 5 sounds. They have really impressed everyone with their eagerness to learn and share the sound of the day with adults and children throughout the school. We have also pulled up our carrots that the children planted last year and got to have them at our snack time.

Pinemartins loved their first forest school session with Jane this week. During the session, we discussed seasonal changes. We collected leaves to show the start of Autumn and played games with the fruit and vegetables that Jane had harvested. We then made some amazing, scented bracelets using the herbs are growing in the garden at school.

Hedgehogs have been learning about habitats and living things. Ava brought in a wormery from home to show this. We have also been learning about turn taking and playing games as part of our RHE curriculum.

Otters have had another fantastic week of learning. On Wednesday, the children took part in a library experience with book browsing, designing book covers and checking in and out their books. On Thursday we had our first forest school session with Jane where the children played the harvest game and made autumn bracelets. We are continuing to promote our school golden rules, and it has been wonderful to see the children being the reason why someone smiles!

Badgers This week we have been celebrating our love of reading and are especially enjoying our class guided reading text, *The Last Bear* (by Hannah Gold). *"I love the illustrations and I can't wait to find out what will happen in it!" (Elena and Lily)*. The book and library areas are up and running in the new classroom and the children were excited to choose a library book to take home and share with their families. We are looking forward to finding out what you all thought about their choices!

Foxes This week in geography Foxes have been exploring the push and pull factors that influence migration. The children discovered that many people move in search of a "better life," driven by opportunities for improved living conditions and employment. They have also enjoyed exploring charcoal as a medium in Art.

