Primary School

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Dear Parents,

As we move towards the half-term break, it has been another busy and productive few weeks at Little Eaton. In this edition of the newsletter, you will find an update regarding our recent inspection, information about parent consultations, details of upcoming community events and opportunities for children over the holiday period. There is certainly plenty going on both in and beyond the classroom. As always, I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Best regards,

Paul Schumann
Headteacher

Ofsted Inspection

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you following our recent Ofsted inspection.

Firstly, Rob Perkins, His Majesty's Inspector of Schools, asked me to pass on his thanks to our children, parents and staff for making him and his team feel so welcome during their time at Little Eaton. He particularly enjoyed meeting our pupils and speaking with parents, and he commented on what a positive experience it had been visiting the school.

I would also like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the parental survey. It was important that inspectors were able to hear directly from our families and I appreciate the support shown.

As you would expect, the inspection involved a great deal of discussion about every aspect of school life. Whilst we are unable to share the outcome at this stage, it was encouraging that inspectors quickly developed a strong understanding of our school, our community and the work we are doing. We were particularly pleased that the areas identified for further development closely align with the priorities we have already set out in our School Improvement Plan, giving us confidence that we are continuing to focus on the right things for our children.

Most importantly, our pupils were fantastic. Inspectors found the school to be full of polite, well-mannered and eager-to-learn children. Those of us who work with them every day know this already, but it was wonderful to hear it recognised by visitors to the school. They were a real credit to themselves, their families and our community.

We hope to be able to share the new report card with you within the next 30 days and will do so as soon as we are able.

Finally, thank you for the support you have shown, not only throughout the inspection but throughout the year. Little Eaton is a special school because of the partnership between our staff, governors, parents and children, and I am grateful to be part of such a supportive community.

And on a personal note, thank you to the mystery person who left me a sandwich, drink and snacks on Tuesday evening. After a very long day, it was much appreciated!

Paul Schumann

Parent Consultations:

I hope you are well. As we near the end of the first half term, we would like to invite you to our Parent Consultation Evenings. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, how they've settled into their new class, and the next steps in their learning.

Consultation Details:

- Dates: Monday 19th Year 4 only, Tuesday 20th all Year groups except Year 4, and Thursday 22nd October all Year groups.
- Appointment Length: 10 minutes per child

If you would like to discuss anything in more detail beyond your appointment time, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher via the school office. We welcome open communication and want to ensure all your questions are addressed.

Booking Information:

- Booking sheets will be available in the school hall from Monday next week.
- Times: 8:00 am – 9:10 am and 3:15 pm – 3:40 pm

If you experience any issues with booking, please contact the school office on 01332 831471.

We look forward to seeing you and discussing your child's progress.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon - Tomorrow

A reminder that our **Macmillan Coffee Afternoon** will take place **tomorrow from 2.00pm to 3.00pm** at school.

We would love parents, carers, grandparents and friends of the school to join us for a cup of tea, a piece of cake and the chance to come together in support of **Macmillan Cancer Support**. Every donation, no matter how small, helps Macmillan continue to provide vital support to people living with cancer and their families.

If you are able to help, we would be very grateful for any donations of cakes, buns, biscuits or other sweet treats for the event. These can be brought into the school office tomorrow morning.

We hope you can join us for what is always a lovely community event in support of a very worthwhile cause.

Thank you for your support.

RS Coaching Half-Term Holiday Camp:



If you're looking for something for the children over half-term, RS Coaching will once again be running their Holiday Camp here at Little Eaton Primary School from **26th-30th October**.

The camp is open to children from **Reception to Year 6** and offers a fantastic range of activities including football, dodgeball, basketball, gymnastics, Nerf Wars, arts and crafts, water activities and plenty more besides. It's always a popular week and a great opportunity for children to stay active, spend time with friends and try something new.

The camp runs from **8.45am to 3.30pm** each day. Early bird prices are available until **22nd October**.

For more information and to book a place, please visit:

https://www.rs-coaching.co.uk/product/little-eaton/

Explore School Meals with Primary Food Explorers

Did you know that Derbyshire Catering Service has a fantastic website called Primary Food Explorers? The site is packed with information about school meals, including menus, nutritional information, fun food-related activities and resources designed to help children learn more about healthy eating.

Whether you're looking for meal information, ideas to encourage healthy food choices at home, or simply want to see what's on offer in our school kitchen, the website is well worth a visit.

You can explore the site here:

Primary Food Explorers:
https://www.schoolmeals.derbyshire.gov.uk/primary-food-explorers/primary-food-explorers.aspx

As a school, we are committed to promoting healthy lifestyles, and this resource is a great way for children and families to learn more about nutrition and food in a fun and engaging way. 🍎🥕🍽️

Reminder: Open Evening – Help Us Spread the Word!

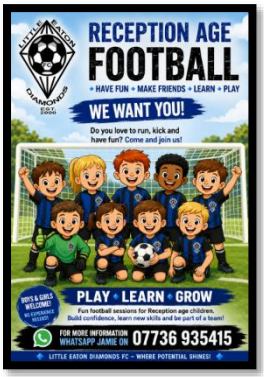


Do you know a family looking for a Reception or Junior school place for September 2027? Our **Open Evening** takes place on **Thursday 15th October from 4.30pm to 6.00pm**, and we would be grateful if you could help spread the word.

With places expected to be available for children both within and beyond our catchment area, this is a wonderful opportunity for prospective families to visit our school, meet staff and pupils, and experience the warm, caring and ambitious environment that makes Little Eaton Primary School so special.

Thank you for sharing this opportunity with friends, neighbours and family members who may be considering a school place. We look forward to welcoming lots of new families to our school community!

Reminder: Little Eaton Diamonds FC - Reception Football



Are you looking for a fun and active opportunity for your Reception-aged child? Little Eaton Diamonds FC is looking for new players to join its Reception football sessions. Open to boys and girls of all abilities, these sessions provide a fantastic introduction to football in a friendly and supportive environment.

Children will have the chance to develop confidence, learn new skills, make friends and be part of a team, all while having lots of fun. No previous football experience is needed, making it a great way for children to get active and try something new.

If your child would like to get involved, please see the flyer below and contact Jamie on 07736 935415 for more information. We are always keen to support opportunities that help our children play, learn and grow within the local community.

September	October	November
8th School Opens	9th MacMillan Coffee afternoon 2pm-3pm 15th – Open Evening – new starters 2027 M 19th – Parents evening 1 Year 4 **Only** T 20th – Parents Evening 1 **Except Year 4** Th 22nd **–** Parents Evening 2 23rd Break up	2nd Inset day 3rd School opens F 6th – Individual Photograph Wed 18th – M and M (Robin Hood)
December	**January**	**February**
3rd PTA Christmas disco (UV) 4th PTA coffee morning 8th Nativity afternoon 2pm 9th Nativity 4.15pm 18th Break up	4th School opens	12th Break up 22nd School opens
March	**April**	**May**
25th Break up	12th School opens	3rd Bank holiday 28th Break up
June	**July**	
7th Inset Day 8th School opens	23rd Break up	

Safeguarding

Key Contacts & What To Do If You're Worried About a Child

Role	Name	Contact
Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	Mr Paul Schumann	School Tel: 01332 831471 Email (out of hours): headteacher@littleeaton.derbyshire.sch.uk safeguarding@Littleeaton.derbyshire.sch.uk
Deputy DSL	Mrs Karen Gardiner	School Tel: 01332 831471 info@littleeaton.derbyshire.sch.uk
Deputy DSL	Mrs Dominique Lloyd	info@littleeaton.derbyshire.sch.uk
Safeguarding & Equality Governor	Mrs Carolyn Burke	School Tel: 01332 831471 info@littleeaton.derbyshire.sch.uk
If DSL/Deputy DSL are off site (backup)	Mrs Fletcher (Headteacher, Curzon CofE Primary)	Tel: 01332 550172