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Dear Parents and Carers,

There is much to celebrate in this week's newsletter, from the excitement of Robin Hood visiting our school to the teamwork and resilience shown by our dodgeball teams. It was lovely to welcome Reception families to the Feelings Workshops, and we hope the launch of You-Create 2027 will inspire our children to explore their creativity through the theme of friendship. Also, a big thank you to all the children that entered the Anti-Bullying poster competition and those that wore odd socks!

Thank you for the generosity and support you continue to show our school and wider community, especially through the Teams4U Shoebox Appeal. As we look ahead to the festive season, please read on for opportunities to get involved and dates for your diary.

Best wishes,

Paul Schumann
Headteacher







Feelings Workshops for Reception Families



On Monday, our Reception children and their families took part in a **Feelings Workshops**, designed to help children recognise, understand and talk about their emotions in a positive way. The sessions provided practical strategies to support emotional development, resilience and wellbeing, while helping parents and carers build their confidence in supporting children's emotional needs at home.

A huge thank you goes to **Mrs Simmons** for organising these valuable sessions, and to the **Compass Mental Health Support Team** for delivering such engaging and informative workshops. Compass works with schools across Derbyshire to support children's mental health and wellbeing, providing guidance and practical approaches for families and school communities.

The feedback from families was extremely positive, and we are grateful to everyone who attended and helped make the workshops such a success.

Robin Hood Visits Little Eaton



On Wednesday, the school hall was transformed into **Sherwood Forest** as the children enjoyed a wonderful performance of **Robin Hood**. The production brought the famous tale to life with plenty of laughter, excitement and opportunities for the audience to join in.

The children were thoroughly engaged from start to finish and particularly enjoyed cheering on Robin Hood and his Merry Men as they outwitted the Sheriff of Nottingham. The performance was a fantastic way to enrich the children's learning and give them the opportunity to experience live theatre in school.

Dodgeball Team Success



Congratulations to our **Lower KS2 Dodgeball Team**, who competed against ten other schools last week and finished as **tournament runners-up**.
The team showed all of our school's Pride Values throughout the competition and represented the school brilliantly. A special well done to **Zak, Charlotte, Elsie, George, Sam and Olive** for their fantastic effort and teamwork.
Thank you also to **Miss Askew** and **Mrs Lloyd** for supporting the team, and to the parents who helped with transport and cheered the children on throughout the event.
We're incredibly proud of you all!

On Wednesday evening, our Year 5/6 Girls' Dodgeball Team also travelled to compete in a local tournament. Representing the school were Jessie, Georgina, Nell, Anna, Isla, Ellie and Freya. After a challenging opening match, the team showed tremendous resilience and determination, refusing to let their heads drop. As the tournament progressed, they worked brilliantly together, supported one another and grew in confidence with every game. Mrs Lord was full of praise for their positive attitude, teamwork and perseverance throughout the evening. The girls represented the school exceptionally well, demonstrating our Pride Values at all times and enjoying a fantastic tournament performance. We are incredibly proud of their effort, sportsmanship and determination.



You-Create 2027 Competition

Last week, the children enjoyed an assembly introducing **You-Create 2027**, a local creative arts competition organised by Rotary in Belper and Duffield. The competition encourages young people to celebrate their creativity and showcase their talents across a range of categories, including art, photography, creative writing, poetry and film-making.

This year's theme is **"Friendship"**, offering children a wonderful opportunity to explore and express what friendship means to them through their chosen creative medium. Selected work will be displayed in a public exhibition and judged by professional artists and writers, with prizes available for successful entries. Some winning entries may also be progressed to a wider district competition covering the East Midlands and South Yorkshire.

Following the assembly, we hope many of our children will choose to take part. Competitions such as these provide a fantastic opportunity for children to develop confidence, creativity and pride in their achievements while sharing their talents with the wider community. We look forward to seeing the imaginative ways our pupils bring the theme of friendship to life.

Parents and carers can find full competition details, entry information and deadlines on the official **You-Create** website:

👉 **HOME | You Create** [you-create.co.uk]

We encourage families to explore the website and support their child in taking part. Good luck to all our budding artists, writers, photographers and film-makers!

Teams4U Shoebox Appeal



Thank you to everyone who donated to this year's Teams4U Shoebox Appeal (this photograph was taken early on Friday and more than doubled over the weekend!). We are delighted to share that all of the shoeboxes have now been collected and are making their way to children and families in need across Eastern Europe.

Each box will help bring joy, hope and a reminder that someone cares. Through the appeal, gifts are distributed to children and families in countries including Romania, Moldova, Bosnia & Herzegovina and Ukraine.

We are incredibly grateful for the generosity shown by our school community. The thought and care that went into every shoebox will make a real difference to the child who receives it. Thank you for helping us spread some Christmas cheer to those who need it most. 🎁 ✨

For more information about the appeal, visit the Teams4U website.

Reminder: Little Eaton Living Advent Calendar 2026



The **Little Eaton Living Advent Committee** has recently approached me to ask whether any more families from our school community would like to take part in this year's **Little Eaton Living Advent Calendar**.

This wonderful village tradition sees **24 homes, businesses and community groups** decorate a window which is then "opened" on a designated evening during December. Each new window is revealed at **6:30pm** and remains on display throughout the festive period, creating a magical advent trail around our village for everyone to enjoy.

There are currently **just six spaces remaining**, and it would be fantastic to see some more Little Eaton families getting involved. Designs can be religious, non-religious, funny or topical, and the organisers welcome participants of all ages and artistic abilities.

If you feel able to take part, your decorated window simply needs to be visible from the road and illuminated during the evenings. It is a lovely way to bring some festive cheer to the community and help make Little Eaton shine brightly this Christmas.

For more information, or to reserve one of the remaining spaces, please contact **Paula Rowlinson** at paula.rowlinson@littleeatonparishcouncil.gov.uk or on **07904 407488**.

Let's see if our school community can help fill those final six spaces and make this year's Living Advent Calendar another wonderful success! 🎄 ✨



November	December	January
24th Year 5/6 Cadbury world visit	3rd PTA Christmas disco (UV) 4th PTA coffee morning 8th Nativity afternoon 2pm 9th Nativity 4.15pm 11th Reception & Year v1 Theatre trip 18th Break up	4th School opens
February	**March**	**April**
12th Break up 22nd School opens	4th World Book Day M&M Theatre 25th Break up	12th School opens
May	**June**	**July**
3rd Bank holiday 6th-7th Year 4 Lea Green 10th SATs week 17th-19th Whitehall 28th Break up	7th Inset Day 8th School opens	23rd Tough Runner 23rd Break up

Safeguarding

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

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