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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the half term break. This next half term is one of the busiest in a primary school and I for one must admit that it is my favourite. Please keep your eyes on the newsletters as they will contain several important dates for your diaries.

Teachers will soon be sending home letters regarding the part your child will have in the Christmas production and we will be requesting your help with costumes.

On another note, I am conducting an audit of our library which is going to be reorganised to become a library and resource centre for the school. If your child has a school library book at home, please can they return it as soon as possible and preferably by the end of this week so that all books can be included in the audit.

Teachers and staff are planning a new system for library time and I will inform you of this as soon as we have made a firm decision. Mrs Davey will continue to run our Thursday Library time club but we hope to change this slightly so that it becomes an opportunity for children to share books and read stories together with her supervision.

Please keep yourselves and your pets safe if you are celebrating bonfire night.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend.

Melanie

Pumpkin Carving Competition



Wow! Thank you so much everyone for all of your incredibly creative entries for our pumpkin competition.

The pumpkins have all looked amazing decorating the school hall this week, and the children have really enjoyed looking at all of the different designs.

The pumpkins are being judged this afternoon, and the winning entry from each class will receive their prize in the Achievement Assembly tomorrow morning.

Look out for details of our Christmas Decoration Competition in the newsletter very soon!



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Reminders and Information

Wear Red for Show Racism the Red Card

We raised an amazing £157.30! Thank you everyone for your support.

Swimming Group C

Swimming group C begin their sessions on Friday 1st November for 3 weeks. Don't forget your swimming costume and a towel!

Christmas Cards

The absolute deadline for Christmas card orders is Friday 1st November please.

School Photographs

If you would like to order school photographs please return your envelope and payment to the school by Friday 8th November.

15 th November	Children in Need Day - wear Pyjamas for £1
22 nd November	FOLS Christmas Bingo at the Fox and Grapes
9 th December	KS2 Christmas performance - afternoon and evening
10 th December	Foundation and KS1 Christmas Performance - afternoon
11 th December	Foundation and KS1 Christmas Performance - afternoon
13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day. School Christmas Dinner
16 th December	Christmas Crafts Open Afternoon
18 th December	Carols around the tree 2:45pm Break up for Christmas
7 th January	Children Return to School

Attendance for last week

Robins 97.19%

Pine Martens 93.91%

Otters 98.8%

Badgers 94.64%

Foxes 95.15%

Well done Otters!



On Friday 15th November we will be having a
Pyjama and Teddy Bear Day
to support Children in Need.

Children can come to school wearing their Pyjamas for a donation of £1.
(please ensure that children are wearing sensible shoes and have a coat with them as they will still be going outside)

Pudsey Biscuits will be on sale at break time for 50p.
Don't forget to bring your teddy!

Thank you all for your support.



Achievement

Children's Special Mentions

Badgers	Nadia chose Olivia R for always being kind
Otters	Carlisle chose Joe for always being a good friend
Pine Martens	Tilly chose Sophia for good handwriting

Learning Leaves

Foxes	James for a fantastic improvement in his handwriting
Badgers	Sam for great improvement in his maths reasoning skills
Otters	Toby for wonderful engagement in maths
Pine Martens	Thomas M for super writing
Robins	Freddie for great concentration and progress in maths



Courtesy Awards

Foxes	Sophie for exemplary behaviour
Badgers	Alfie for being kind to others
Otters	Ruby for always being super helpful and polite
Pine Martens	Noah for being a kind and considerate role model to the class
Robins	Jesse for always being polite, well-mannered and cheerful



Maths Award: Florence for great resilience in maths

English Award: Lauren P for fantastic diary entry writing

Science Award: All of Pine Martens class for creating incredible animal collages

Headteacher's Award: Olivia and Jessica for their excellent piano playing

Achievements Outside School

Katie M was awarded her Level 6 Swimming Badge
Sophie D, Lauren A, Conner, Mason, James, Charlie and Cody showed great sportsmanship at the Launceston College football competition

Well done everyone!



Throughout the October Half Term Holidays (Mon 21st Oct to Sat 2nd Nov, excluding Sundays) Charlie Bears are running a Beary Scary Week of fun-filled Halloween-based activities for all the family to enjoy.

It's free entry to The Bearhouse Gallery and the activities are free to participate in too. So there's no excuse to bring your bravest bear cubs along so they can join in the beary scary fun.

*The Bearhouse, Pipers Close, Pennygillam Industrial Estate, Launceston,
Cornwall PL15 7PJ, UK*



Want to win AMAZING PRIZES and present your ideas at the Houses of Parliament?

How do I enter?

You could win prizes including:

- A trip to a local farm for you and your whole class
- A professional chef to come and visit your school
- £600 worth of robots for your school
- your design turned into a real garment

Either working alone or in a team of your friends choose one of our three farmtastic challenges:

- Design a unique clothing product using British wool
- Design a street food dish where British produce is the star
- Design a machine that you'd find on a farm in the year 2040

The top nine schools will showcase their winning ideas at the Houses of Parliament in March 2020. We'll pay for you to travel to the centre of London and come and present your ideas at a VIP event where you'll show your ideas to experts from the world of farming as well as members of parliament. As well as this you'll be awarded an amazing Farmvention trophy!

To find out more go to **www.farmvention.com**

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BONUS FOR DEVON SCHOOLS!

Every school in Devon that enters will be entered into a draw to win tickets and transport for the class to attend Devon County Show in 2020.

Devon COUNTY SHOW
THIRD WEEK IN MAY

Farmvention Competition

This competition has some brilliant prizes. You can choose from three different challenges

- **Wool the Wonder Fabric**
- **Street Food Super Stars**
- **Farm Machine 2040**

You can email your entries to admin@lifton.devon.sch.uk or hand them in to the school office.

All entries have to be uploaded electronically by the school, so if you are entering on paper please make sure that your entry is no larger than A3 size, and is something that we will be able to scan.

The closing date for this exciting competition is Tuesday 17th December so please ensure that you have handed your entries into the school office by then.

WOOL THE WONDER FABRIC

The Problem
Wool is a super fabric! It has lots of amazing qualities that make it useful for making a range of products. However, man-made fabrics are frequently used in the fashion industry. Synthetic fabrics can damage the environment as they are not always biodegradable and can cause microfibres to be released into our rivers and oceans.

The Challenge
Design a unique clothing product using British wool as a key material and explain its benefits for the wearer and for the environment.

The Prize

- A fully-funded farm visit for up to 35 children from your school.
- Travel and expenses for up to five children and two adults to attend a VIP winners' event at the House of Commons where you will showcase your Farmvention and receive a unique Farmvention trophy.
- Your design being turned into a prototype by a professional clothing designer.

STREET FOOD SUPER STARS

The Problem
Street food is an exciting way to try food from cultures all over the world and, with a sprinkle of creativity, it's possible to design delicious dishes and expand your taste horizons. This is an opportunity to explore recipes from across the globe, but how can you make sure that your ingredients haven't travelled as far?

The Challenge
Design a healthy street food dish that celebrates at least one item of British produce as its star ingredient and explain its nutritional benefits and its benefits for the environment.

The Prize

- A fully-funded farm visit for up to 35 children from your school.
- Travel and expenses for up to five children and two adults to attend a VIP winners' event at the House of Commons where you will showcase your Farmvention and receive a unique Farmvention trophy.
- A visit from a professional chef who will teach your whole class how to prepare, cook and plate your winning dish.

FARM MACHINE: 2040

The Problem
Farmers work hard to protect the environment and the National Farmers' Union have pledged to make farming carbon neutral by 2040.

The Challenge
Design a farming machine for 2040 and explain its benefits for the environment.

The Prize

- A fully-funded farm visit for up to 35 children from your school.
- Travel and expenses for up to five children and two adults to attend a VIP winners' event at the House of Commons where you will showcase your Farmvention and receive a unique Farmvention trophy.
- £600 of robotics equipment for your school.

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