



Lifton Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely week at school and it has been wonderful to see the children so well settled and happy. A great big welcome to all of our new children in our Robins class and those children who have joined us in other classes. You have all been real stars joining in and making new friends very quickly. Well done to all of our children for coming back to school with such positive attitudes and good behaviour. Well done everyone!

This morning we recorded our Praise assembly from the separate bubbles and this will be uploaded onto our school Facebook page. Please take a look when you have a chance to.

The staff are very busy planning as many events as we can to keep things as normal as possible such as Harvest celebrations and Christmas performances. The only difference is that everything will be online. We will keep you updated about dates etc. I know it can be quite frustrating to think that the children may miss out on certain things but please be assured we are trying to find solutions and hopefully we will find alternative ways to do most things.

On another note, some members of the local community are becoming concerned at the level of congestion near the school at the start and end of the school day. Please can I ask that if you live within walking distance of the school that you consider walking to school instead of driving. This is a much healthier option and helps to protect the environment as well as easing some of the congestion. Many thanks in advance for your cooperation with this.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Melanie Cripps

Swimming



Usually we take the children swimming this term, but unfortunately the pool in Launceston is still closed.

We will update you once we have more information.

Parentmail

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for our new Parentmail system. We hope that you are finding it easy to use.

We can still accept cash and cheque payments, but would ask that you please pay online by card wherever possible. If you do pay by cash please ensure that it is in a sealed, clearly labelled envelope or bag. Please also be aware that it may take a few days for the amount to be manually added to the system, as we quarantine any cash for 72 hours before handling it.

Preschool invoices for children in Wrens and Wagtails will be put onto Parentmail early next week.

Learning Leaves

Foxes	Kitty for settling in as though she has been here forever!
Badgers	Maxwell for fantastic learning behaviour in maths.
Otters	Hayden for excellent handwriting.
Hedgehogs	Johnny for settling in so well.
Pine Martens	Isobel for fantastic independent writing.
Robins	Iris for super concentration and trying really hard.



Courtesy Awards

Foxes	Lucy for always being positive and having lovely chats when she comes in.
Badgers	Elise for being kind and helping others.
Otters	Melinda for being really helpful in class.
Hedgehogs	Sophie G for lovely manners and learning behaviour.
Pine Martens	Carah for making the right choices and helping others.
Robins	Eva for having lovely manners.



As we are unable to invite parents into school at the moment to watch our assemblies, the weekly achievement assemblies will be available to view on the school's private Facebook group.

If you are not yet a member please search for the Lifton Community Primary School group, and request to join.

Breakfast Club Reminder

Children in Years 1-6 do not need to prebook breakfast club

For children in Robins (Reception) please let the school office know by 2:30pm the school day before



The Governing Board at Lifton Community Primary School are looking for 1 new parent governor to assist the head teacher and other governors in making strategic decisions to provide the best education and learning journey for the children at the school. To receive more information about the parent governor role please contact the clerk to governors, Karen Yorke-Dunne, at clerk@lifton.devon.sch.uk or on 07515 635890.

School Dinners Census Swap



The autumn school census takes place on Thursday 1st October, and in order to maximise our funding it is important that as many children as possible have school dinners on this day. With this in mind, we will be swapping the school dinner menu on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd October.

Thursday 1st October will be
Mini Battered Fish Fillet or Cheese Wheels or Jacket Potato
Friday 2nd October will be
Spaghetti Bolognese or Cauliflower Cheese or Jacket Potato

Coronavirus Information

If your child has any of the coronavirus symptoms which indicate that they need a test then they, and everyone else in the household, including siblings, should isolate straight away.

A runny nose, blocked nose or a sore throat are currently not recognised symptoms that would require a test and children can still come to school with these symptoms if they feel well enough.

When should I book a test?

Book a test if you or your child has:

- a **new**, continuous cough
(coughing for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours)
- fever/high temperature (37.8C or greater)
- loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

All schools are on the lookout for potential outbreaks, and have procedures in place for if this occurs.

Children will be sent home from school if they are showing symptoms of coronavirus. This means you should book them a test immediately. Your family must also follow self-isolation guidelines.

If your child is feeling unwell with different symptoms, you should treat those as you normally would.

What do we do after a test?

If my child is asked to self-isolate, does the rest of the family have to?

Everyone in the household must continue to isolate until the test results come through.

If the test result for your child is negative, and your child is not already isolating as a "close contact" of a confirmed case, they can end isolation and return to school when they are well enough and have not had a fever for 48 hours.

The rest of their household can end isolation straight away.

If the test is positive, you must inform the school. The symptomatic child should remain in isolation until 10 days from symptoms starting, or longer if they still have a fever.

The rest of the household must remain in isolation for 14 days from when the person who tested positive showed symptoms, even if they don't have symptoms themselves.

Please ensure that you and your family members follow the guidance, to help keep everybody safe.

Diary Dates



22 nd Sept	Bags2School Clothing Collection
23 rd Oct	Break-Up for half term
2 nd Nov	Children return to school
10 th Nov	Individual school photos
18 th Nov	Flu nasal vaccinations

Gumshields and Shinpads



Children in KS2 will be doing hockey this term.

We recommend that they wear shinpads and gumshields if possible please.

Do you like playing hockey? Or would you like to learn to play?



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Launceston Youth Hockey Club are looking for new players of all abilities. No experience necessary.

u10 (year groups 3-5) – session time 5-5.35pm

u12 (year groups 6-7) – session time 5.45 – 6.30pm

u14 (year groups 8-9) – session time – 6.40-7.25pm

Training takes place on Wednesday evenings, at the All-weather pitch, Hurdon Road, Launceston, PL15 9JR

For more information, please contact Andy Berry:
andyberry1975@gmail.com

Scam Alert - be aware

We have received an alert from the County Council about a scam where people are being called on the phone, allegedly by their school, to say that their child has been involved in an incident or is unwell. An example has been where a parent was called to say their child was ill, and was asked to dial 1 to be connected to the right person to speak to. This child was at home that day so they knew it could not be correct. When they attempted to phone the school they discovered that the phone line had been held open reportedly to a high cost phone line. In another example the parents were asked to contact the school on the number provided, which again turned out to be a high cost phone line. It appears that the scammers are calling phone numbers at random hoping to get through to people who have school aged children.

Calls from Lifton School will always be from one of three numbers.

Main School 01566 784288

Foundation Unit 01566 784566

Occasionally you may be called from our fax-line which is 01566 784899. This will normally only be used if the main school line is already in use. Please do not use this number to make incoming calls.



REMINDER

Our next **Bag2School** collection has been arranged for Tuesday 22nd September at 9am.

Please leave bags in the wooden shelter in the playground.

Bags2School no longer send out bags for you to fill, so please use any bag from home.

Please **do not** bring bags in before the 22nd