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Dear Parents/ Carers

September 2025 Newsletter

Welcome back! As the children have now settled back into the Autumn term, here are a few items of note. First of all, a very big thank you to everyone who has helped to make the Litton Explorers Forest School Nursery possible. It has taken great determination and hours of hard work by the staff and Governors to make our dream a reality. We have places available for 3-and 4-year-old children, please contact the school office if you know anyone who is interested.

We have now set up a Facebook (Litton Explorers Forest School Nursery) and linked Instagram accounts to share our activities in the forest school so please follow us on these social media platforms.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our programme of clubs **re-commenced week beginning Monday 13th September until half-term** when they will be revised for the winter months. A full list of clubs has already been sent out to you via email. For any children who would still like to join any clubs, please email the member of staff who is running the club or contact the school office. Please note Thursdays PAS Club is booked directly with school and payable on Parentpay.

New Computer System

Derbyshire Council County have directed all schools to change their data systems to Arbor by Christmas 2025. Our system will start to be migrated on **Thursday 25th September** and it may take a few days to fully swap over. We are not anticipating any issues or problems and we hope it will be a smooth transition but please bear with us.

Environmental Morning on Saturday 4th October from 9.30am-12.00pm

We have a few jobs in the school grounds before the Winter begins including building some new planters, weeding, and cutting some bushes. We are holding **an Environmental morning on Saturday 4th October from 9.30am-12.00pm** where we will serve tea, coffee, squash, biscuits and bacon / halloumi sandwiches for any volunteers. If you are available and can spare a hour or so, please come along to lend a hand. Many thanks in advance.

Packed Lunches

Please can we remind all parents that we have a healthy eating policy in school and this can be found on our school website in the policies section. All children are encouraged to eat their sandwiches, wraps, pasta, rice and other savoury foods first, before moving on to yogurts and fruit,



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then leaving either cake and biscuit (a small chocolate biscuit bar or plain biscuit) item to last. Children are encouraged to bring savoury fillings in their sandwiches to school. Children put all their litter from their meal into their packed lunch boxes in order that parents can monitor which foods have been eaten. Drinks in cartons, plastic bottles and flasks are allowed but fizzy drinks in cans or glass bottles are not permitted. Water is available for pupils who may have forgotten a drink or who want more than what has been provided as part of their lunch.

Children may not bring any nuts, fizzy sweets, fizzy drinks (such as Prime or high energy drinks) or other chocolate products such as Mars bars, chunks of chocolate etc into school and in lunch boxes. This is to protect the pupils against potential allergies or intolerances. We have a number of children with a range of allergies in school this year.

Harvest Festival – Friday 3rd October at 9.15am in Litton Church

Harvest Festival will be held in Litton Church on Friday 3rd October at 9.15am. As usual, please can the children to bring donations of tinned food and dried foods which we will donate to the Buxton / High Peak Foodbank after the service. All parents and wider family members are warmly invited to the service.

Extra-Curricular Music Lessons

Our peripatetic music teachers have started their lessons again and there are a few spaces for any children who are interested in learning a new musical instrument. Rachel Steadman (piano, brass) will be teaching on Thursday mornings, Jason Curtis (strings) on Tuesday mornings and Karen Simpson (recorders and woodwind) will be teaching on Friday mornings. If anyone is interested in starting music lessons with any of our peripatetic teachers, please call Mrs Hicks or Mrs Robertson.

Website

Our drone footage is now on the front page of our website. We have a longer piece of drone footage which will be available to access using a secure password on the parents page. We will send an email with the password once it is live on the website. Due to AI and fake news, please can we ask that you do not share this password with any third parties.

The new parents' handbook for September 2025 is now available on the school website in the Parents section. It contains information about the working days of staff, timetables and topics for the year. We will endeavour to keep the calendar on the website as up to date as possible so please refer to that for information.

Christmas Nativity

Advance notice- Our Nativity play in Litton Church will be on Tuesday 9th December at 2.00pm and 6.00pm.

Uniform

Here is a reminder about our expectations for school uniform. If you need any items, we have a large stock of second-hand items which we are selling for £1.00. Please speak to Mrs Robertson in the school office if you need any uniform. We also have a small amount of brand-new uniform if you wish to purchase it as well.



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<u>Day wear</u>	<u>PE Kit</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School trousers or shorts (grey or black) • Skirt or pinafore (grey or black) • Red polo shirt • Red & White checked dress • Red school sweatshirt or cardigan • Grey or white socks or red / grey / black tights. • Black school shoes • Warm coat • A water bottle <p>We prefer wellington boots to be kept for outside.</p> <p>On snowy days children will only be allowed out if they have a change of footwear.</p> <p>Hair should be tied back with red / grey / black 'low key' accessories.</p> <p>All school uniform must be clearly named.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shorts / skort (black) <li style="text-align: center;">and • Joggers or leggings (black) • Tee shirt (red) • Warm top / hoodie (red) • Pumps (KS1) or Trainers • Socks (if tights are worn to school) • In a drawstring bag <p>Please note all children need both indoor and outdoor kit so all children need shorts.</p> <p>All kit must be clearly named.</p>

Forthcoming Events:

Swimming begins for the Infants- Tuesday 16th September until Tuesday 2nd December

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon – Monday 29th September in the school hall from 2.00pm- 3.15pm

Harvest Festival– Friday 3rd October at 9.15am in Litton Church

Flu Vaccinations in school – Thursday 16th October – the e-consent form will be sent out shortly.

Year 5 /Year 6 Tag Rugby at HVC – Thursday 16th October 1.30pm- 3.00pm

Autumn Parent Evenings- week beginning Monday 20th October- more information to follow soon.

School finishes for October Half- Term – Friday 24th October at 3.20pm

Inset Dates:

Friday 19th December 2025

Friday 26th June 2026

Thursday 23rd July 2026

Yours sincerely

Mrs Caroline Hicks

Headteacher

