

NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2016 – NUMBER THREE – October 5th 2016

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

OFSTED

While I can't confirm the outcome of the inspection until the paperwork has gone through all official channels, I can say that we were very happy with how the day went. As we were already a good school from our last inspection, this was a short one day inspection and we should receive a letter, which I will send out to you, in approximately three weeks time. Your children were, as always, a real credit and represented the school superbly. The inspector felt welcome at the school and was impressed with the behaviour and friendliness of the children. It felt like a normal day at Landscore and we were able to showcase the many things that we do considerably well at our school. I felt extremely proud being headteacher of Landscore and would like to place on record my thanks to all the talented staff that we have working at our school.

I would also like to say a big thank you to you all for your support, in particular for taking the time to complete the OFSTED parent view online survey. The inspector was very impressed with the number of people who responded to the survey and the overwhelmingly positive results we received. In most results we achieved higher than 95% of people voting that they strongly agreed or agreed with the given statement.

The only concerns raised in the results were around homework. You should be receiving a letter from team leaders about homework, something which we ran out of time to properly address last year. We would like to continue with the hugely successful summer term family project that happened last year, resulting in the lovely whole school open afternoon, and provide regular homework in the form of developing key skills. You will have access to Bug Club which will provide some of this homework. If you are not sure about accessing this, please speak with your child's class teacher.

A number of people answered that they were unsure about the approaches taken towards bullying. Landscore takes bullying very seriously and, though it happens rarely at school, are pro-active in getting these issues quickly resolved. If you would like more information this can be found on the policy section of the Landscore website.

HALL

The hall has been handed over to us and we had our first assembly in there today – what an amazing space. It

promises to be an invaluable space for us in lots of ways. It was brilliant seeing the children, altogether, in one place at the same time. Kidz Star Club have already moved across and are using the space before and after school. The foyer will hopefully be completed by the end of the week and be ready for us to use. We will be operating the foyer as an entrance in and the existing entrance as an exit. Sounds confusing but it should work fine (fingers crossed!!).

PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

A regular feature of last year's newsletters was the issue of parking and unfortunately this has become an issue again already this year. Can I ask that we are considerate with the parking and avoid leaving cars parked across drives and across key crossing points. Parents have expressed concerns that it has become 'an accident waiting to happen'. Advice from Devon Highways is that if you observe any dangerous parking you report this to 101 with the appropriate registration number. They have also said that we should receive an update on the situation in a few weeks time. My advice would be to park slightly further away and leave time to walk the remaining way to school.

I have also received a letter from the local surgery today asking that we avoid parking in their car park. On a number of occasions, it would have been impossible to get an ambulance into the surgery due to the parking.

PTA AGM

Thank you to everybody who attended the PTA AGM yesterday evening. It was lovely to see so many people there. Lots of exciting plans afoot ...

PTA DISCO

A reminder that it is PTA disco night next week. Wednesday evening: EYFS/KS1 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and KS2 5:45 p.m to 7:00 p.m. Tickets available from the school office or can be bought from the door on the night. £2 per ticket. Can you please ensure that someone comes to collect the child at the end of the disco. Children will not be allowed to walk home on their own.

MINDFULNESS

The children in Year 3 and 4 are attending mindfulness sessions on a weekly basis. Mindfulness is all about learning to direct our attention to our experience as it unfolds, moment by moment, with open-minded curiosity and acceptance. Rather than worrying about what has happened or might happen. The children will be receiving weekly home practice. Could you please support them with this as much as possible.

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CREDITON PARISH CHURCH CHOIR

The Choir are looking for additional members to come along and sing with them. If you are interesting in singing in a beautiful setting and making new friends please contact the director of music on 07947 694903 or markparry999@aol.com.

UPDATE FROM THE TEAMS

EYFS

Our youngest children at Landsc@re have settled happily into school and have coped really well with the new routines and demands of school life. We have been particularly impressed with way that the children have been engaging really purposefully with the activities and resources in the new unit and we have thoroughly enjoyed working and playing alongside them. The children have responded enthusiastically to the daily phonics lessons as well as the maths and literacy teaching activities. We are delighted that so many parents are sharing stories at home and recording this in the reading diaries

TEAM 1 (Years 1 and 2)

The children in KS1 have all settled well into their new classes. They are all very excited about their dinosaur topic and are enjoying learning about life many millions of years ago. It has been brilliant to hear the children use words such as palaeontologist, herbivore and carnivore in lessons and in their play. This week the children became palaeontologists and they made their own fossils, and excavated 'fossils' from a biscuit!

We would like to thank parents for their continued support, particularly making time to read with your child. We would like remind parents about the reading/phonics/grammar workshop on Monday 10th October at 6pm. The maths workshop was a great success with our biggest turnout ever; we will send home a printout of the presentations for all parents.

TEAM 2 (Years 3 and 4)

In team 2 we have had a great time, making new friends , settling into new routines and learning to develop a "growth mind set." This can be applied in any subject and helps the children understand that perseverance, getting stuck and solving problems as well as looking for ways to improve their own work are really positive attributes. Our topic about the Ancient Greeks also seems to be grabbing the children's attention with plenty more to come in the following weeks.

TEAM 3 (Years 5 and 6)

Team 3 have had a busy, but fun-packed, start to the year. We have already had a visitor in for our Egyptian Day and a very successful Y6 Grenville trip (photos on the website) enjoyed by all! All children have settled back into good learning attitudes in class and are setting very good examples to the younger children around the school. Please encourage your child to keep listening, learning and setting these good examples!

EGYPTIAN DAY PHOTOS



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