



Loddiswell Primary School Newsletter
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Dear Parents and Carers, as we reach the end of another academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout the year. Your encouragement and involvement have played such an important part in making this another successful year for our school community.

This year has been filled with so many memorable moments, and I hope these are memories that you and your child will cherish for years to come. It has been a year of growth, resilience and achievement, and we are incredibly proud of all our pupils for their enthusiasm, determination and the progress they have made.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our school events and activities throughout the year – especially to our wonderful PTFA. Seeing our school community come together in this way always brings a smile to our faces and makes our school such a special place. Every member of staff is immensely proud of all that your children have accomplished this year, and we hope you are as proud of them as we are.

Today we also say goodbye to Mrs Clark and Mrs Meek. We thank them for their valued contribution to our school and wish them every success and happiness in their new adventures.

To our wonderful Year 6 pupils, we wish you the very best as you begin the next exciting chapter of your education at secondary school. We are confident you will continue to achieve great things, and we hope you will always look back on your time here with fond memories.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our families a restful, safe and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready for another exciting school year, on **Monday 7th September**.

The school email is monitored from time to time but not daily, so please be mindful of this if sending an email during the school holiday

Safeguarding during the summer holidays

During the school holidays, the Safeguarding team monitors the email address loddiswell@southhamsfederation periodically. If a child is in immediate danger, call 999. For other serious or urgent issues, contact Devon County Council children's services directly on 0345 155 1071 rather than waiting for a reply here. Children and young people can contact Childline free and confidentially on 0800 1111. Parents and carers can contact the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000.

Date	Event – A4A Only this week. No School Clubs
Monday 7th September	Autumn Term Begins PE for everyone – come to school in PE kit A4A Football club – Autumn term 1 book via this link: https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/achieve4all-football-club-ks12-loddiswell-monday-kingsbridge-5a48918a-bfaf-4f9f-904c-9ab898b25aea
Tuesday 8th	
Wednesday 9th	
Thursday 10th	Individual School Photos
Friday 11th	

Class 1 – Reception.

This has been such a lovely last week in Reception though it is bitter sweet knowing they're all grown up and ready for year 1. We shall miss them so much next year! This week has been full of lots of fun and games inside and out, our class treat of a film with popcorn but the highlight has undoubtedly been our trip to the Plymouth aquarium where we got up close to all sorts of marine life, not least the incredibly cheeky and giant Friday the Turtle! We had a brilliant day – thank you to the PTFA for funding some of this trip! We wish you a wonderful summer, keep posting on tapestry and we look forward to welcoming back our grown-up year 1s in September!

Class 2 – Year One.

As we reach the end of our first year together, it's hard to believe just how much we have achieved. Looking back, we have shared so many wonderful experiences, celebrated countless successes, and watched every child grow in confidence, independence and curiosity. I couldn't be prouder of everything the children have accomplished, and I am beyond excited to continue our journey together in Year 2. This week, we rounded off the year with a fantastic trip to the aquarium. It was a truly memorable day, with highlights including seeing "Friday" the turtle, watching sharks swim gracefully above us in the underwater tunnel, and even waving to the scuba divers! The children were full of excitement and curiosity throughout the visit, making it a wonderful way to celebrate the end of such a successful school year. Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you for all of your support throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to teach your children and to watch them flourish. I hope you all have a fantastic summer filled with fun, laughter and special family memories. Stay safe, enjoy a well-deserved break, and I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for another exciting year in September!

Class 3 – Year Two & Three.

What a wonderful end to the school year we have had in Class3! On Wednesday, we made our own sandwiches and enjoyed a class picnic on the field at lunchtime. The children showed great independence and responsibility as they carefully chose and assembled their fillings, making them even tastier to eat! As a special reward for all of the children's hard work and positive attitudes, we held a fun-filled reward afternoon. They dressed in pyjamas, enjoyed toys and games and finished with a mini disco. Thanks to PTFA's funding, we were also able to hold an exciting Ancient Greek Workshop Day. There were a range of hands-on activities, from mask making to archery and sling-shots. It was a really fabulous day and it was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and curiosity as they explored this fascinating period of history. Well done, everyone and thank you for a really great year. Mrs Clark

Class 5 – Year Six.

What a fantastic way to end the school year! We've enjoyed a wonderful week filled with PE, art and singing, making some special final memories together. I am so proud of everything you have achieved during your time at Loddiswell Primary School and wish you every success as you begin your exciting journey at secondary school. Good luck—you'll be brilliant!

Yours sincerely,



Tess Coulthard

Executive Head Teacher



Lucinda Kirkham
Head of School

Diary Dates – More dates to come next term



Saturday 3rd October	Everyone	PTFA Big Breakfast
W/C 23rd November	Year 5	Bikeability

A report from The Board of Governors

As we come to the end of another busy and successful school year, the South Hams Federation Board of Governors would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has contributed to making our Federation such a special place.

Firstly, we would like to thank all our wonderful children. We are incredibly proud of each one of you and all that you have achieved this year. From our Foundation children, who arrived in September looking so tiny and are now confident and ready to begin Year 1, to our Year 6 pupils, who have grown in so many ways and are now preparing for the next exciting stage of their education, we wish you every success and happiness for the future.

To our parents, carers and grandparents, thank you for the continued support you give our schools and pre-schools throughout the year. Whether it's helping with learning, attending events or simply encouraging your children every day, your support is invaluable. We could not achieve what we do without you.

A huge thank you also goes to our PTFAs across the Federation. Your dedication, enthusiasm and countless hours of fundraising provide opportunities and resources that enrich the experiences of all our children. From outdoor equipment and educational resources to extracurricular activities and special events, your hard work makes a real difference.

We would also like to recognise our amazing staff. Our administrative teams work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep our schools running smoothly, often juggling countless challenges with professionalism and good humour. Thank you to our fantastic Teaching Assistants, Our Pre School staff, our hardworking kitchen teams, our caretaking and cleaning staff, and of course our dedicated teachers. Your commitment, care and passion create the nurturing and inspiring environments that our children enjoy every day.

The role of the Governing Board is to provide strategic leadership for the Federation. We

work to ensure our schools are safe, welcoming and inclusive places where every child can thrive. Our responsibilities include setting the Federation's vision and values, overseeing budgets and ensuring value for money, meeting our statutory responsibilities, monitoring pupil progress and staff wellbeing, and supporting our school leaders to provide the very best education for every child.

The Governing Board meets six times each year, with three Resources meetings held annually. In addition, every half term our Link Governors and School Governors meet with each Head of School to monitor progress, provide support and maintain strong links between the Governing Board and our school communities.

Being a Governor is both a rewarding and fulfilling role, offering the opportunity to make a real difference to the lives of children, families and staff across our Federation.

We are currently looking to appoint three new Governors to join our Board. If you are passionate about education and would like to play a part in shaping the future of our schools, we would love to hear from you. Please contact our Clerk to Governors

Clerk@southhamsfederation.org.uk or myself jgreaves@southhamsfederation.org.uk or telephone 07703291956 for an informal conversation and more information.

Finally, we wish all our children, families, staff and volunteers a wonderful, restful and well-deserved summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year.

Very best wishes

Jane Greaves – Chair of Governors for The South Hams Federation