



Little Digmoor Primary School

Bulletin – 8th September 2023

Welcome back and a special warm welcome to our new families – thank you for choosing Little Digmoor.

Our school has been steadily growing in size and this September our one remaining mixed year group has split into Rabbits (Year 1) taught by Miss Ashbrook and Fieldmice (Year 2) taught by Mrs Heaton. This is the first time in at least 20 years that we have had single year group classes throughout school and it is a proud moment for us.

Over the summer holidays we have been busy improving our classrooms. The whole school has been painted and those classrooms and corridors that were not carpeted have been. We have also bought new tables, chairs and storage units. We appreciate that some children find it hard to concentrate in a 'busy' environment and so we aim for our classrooms to be as calm and uncluttered as possible with neutral walls.

We would also like to welcome Mr Herbert as our new Site Supervisor and congratulate Mrs Dawe who has taken up post as part of our Early Years Team.

Enrichment

We have also been planning lots of exciting opportunities for the children including our new enrichment programme. As you know, there is a National Curriculum which lays out what has to be taught in every school in England, by law. However, schools are free to add to this to give their children further opportunities. At Little Digmoor we want to ensure that *every* child has *every* opportunity possible to broaden their interests and experiences and so we have devised a programme of enrichment lessons. Each subject is taught for a block of 6 weeks, after which the children will swap to something different. This is what the children will be learning this half term, and which curriculum area it is linked to.

- Year 1: Cookery (DT and Science)
- Year 2: Drama (English)
- Year 3: Drama (English)
- Year 4: Opera (Music) and Photography (Art)
- Year 5: Community (PSHE)
- Year 6: Ice-skating (PE)

Year 6 Ambassadors

Once again, we will be appointing Year 6 children to our Ambassador posts. These are positions of responsibility and trust and the children have earned the chance to represent the school. We are proud to announce our first Ambassadors – **Nicole and Phillip** – who will take up post as our Community Ambassadors. Well done to both of you.

Royal Institute Science Show

Next Friday (15th September) we are hosting a Royal Institute Science Show. In the morning there will be two shows, one for Key Stage 1 and one for Key Stage 2, then after lunch families are invited in to a community show. The show is called Explosive Food and explores food and its explosive nature! It is a show packed with exciting physics and chemistry experiments and looks to be very entertaining as well as informative. There is no charge for the show so please do come and support us.



Dragonflies Baby and Toddler Group

We are very excited to be welcoming our younger friends back to school on a Thursday afternoon at 2 pm in the hall. Each week has a different theme and there are many exciting activities for the families to enjoy. Refreshments are included for the £1 entry. If you have a child under 3 please come and join us.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons will begin next Thursday for all children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6). Please ensure that children have their kit in school (towel, shorts or swimming costume and goggles if needed). Children will travel to the baths by school minibus. Years 4 and 6 have an afternoon lesson and will not be back at school in time for the end of the day. Children arrive back between 3.30 and 3.45pm and can be collected from the front door.

Walking home

If your child is in Key Stage 2 and you wish them to walk home, please ensure that you have signed a permission slip (available from the office). Younger children must be collected by an adult and we would ask that you let the office know if someone different from usual is picking your child up. If we don't know this is happening we cannot hand your child over until we have contacted you.

Important Diary Dates

15th September – Science show

18th September – Year 6 visit to London

3rd October – Sleep advice and coffee morning

20th October – Break up for half term

Celebration Assembly

Thank you to all our families who attended celebration assembly this week. As usual, we are super proud of everything our children have achieved this week. These children deserve a special mention:

Learners of the Week

Anaya, Mason, Joel, Charlie, Jenson, Emily B, Koke, Ellie

Citizens of the Week

Noah, Jacob, Christopher, Grace, Joseph, Jessica R, Kamelia, Chloe, Mihai

Head Teacher’s Award

Victor