

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

Writing Support

A while ago, I was asked if the school could provide activities to support children writing at home. Having thought about this, I am reluctant to provide "hard" resources within school, as this would be difficult to manage. However, I am more than happy to share good online resources and interactive sites with you. The first stop for this is our excellent LOLA (Landscore Online Learning Area). It can be accessed directly at the address below or via our website on the "Children" tab. I've also included a couple of other sites that you might like to look at:

- Hamilton Trust: <http://goo.gl/XgCRHn>
- Top Marks: www.topmarks.co.uk (use the search to find what you want)
- Welsh Education Department: <http://goo.gl/CPTTyd>
- Landscore Lola: www.lola.landscore-primary.devon.sch.uk or through the links on our website

5000 mile project - our questions answered

A couple of weeks ago we had a visit from David and Katherine who told the children all about their amazing run the length of South America. Some children emailed them questions after the assembly and they have all been answered with lots of photos and links to videos at:

<http://www.5000mileproject.org/2013/11/landscore-questions/#more-2259>

Katherine and David are now thinking about their next expedition and will be meeting up with Sir Ranulph Fiennes whose trust, Transglobe Expedition Trust, helped pay for the 5000 mile project. We will be keeping in touch with them as they sail back to the UK on Listalight, the boat that started the adventure five years ago.

Children in Need

You saw the photographs last week; what a great effort. In all, we raised over £450 for Children in Need. Well done to everyone who took part.

Every child a reader!

Book Fair: December 12th in Landscore Library

We have invited the new Crediton Community Bookshop to run a book fair for us. They will bring good quality books, with new authors and new titles and will give a special Landscore book fair discount. This means that all books on sale to the children will be of a really good quality and no more than £5.00 each.

Children in Reception and KS1 will have a chance to look at the books in the morning but will need to wait to buy until parents bring money in towards the end of the day. Parents will be allowed to collect children from class at any time from 2.50pm and take them along to the book fair to see which books have caught their eye.

Key Stage two children will be allowed to buy their own books. They too will have a chance to look at the books beforehand and talk to the book-shop staff about new authors and books of interest. KS2 children should bring no more than £5 in an envelope and their purchase will be in class for them to take home at the end of the day.

All parents are invited to the book fair from 3.30 pm. This is an ideal chance to buy quality books at reduced prices which also make ideal Christmas presents!

We hope you will support this venture; buying good quality books and supporting a community enterprise.

Poppy Appeal

We raised £29.57 in donations for the Royal British Legion this year. Many thanks to those of you who bought and wore your Poppy.

Pupil Premium for service personnel

The school receives additional funding to give support, where needed, to the children of service personnel. There is currently no way for schools to formally find out this information, so if your child has a mum or dad who is currently serving in the forces, please let Mrs Spear or Mrs Stoye know in the office. When we know how many children we have at Landscore, we can plan how the money is spent.



Crediton Twinning Association

Crediton is twinned with Avranches in Normandy, France and they exchange with French families, alternating visits every year. It's a great way to make friends with a French family. If you would like to join Crediton Twinning Association which are an active friendly group that hold many social events throughout the year then please contact Jenny Pitts (Chairperson) on 01363 773379 to find out more.

Witnesses needed!

On Wednesday, 13th November, at the end of the school day, a double-decker bus drove into the side of a parked car. The car belonged to the grandparents of Lily Keenor and Samuel Crocker. If you saw the actual incident and would be prepared to just jot down what you saw, please could you contact Helen Keenor (email - helenkeenor@btinternet.com)

Parents' Forum

Just a reminder that there will be a Parent's Forum this week on Wednesday 27th November at 6.30pm. We will be exploring the following areas: Behaviour, Bullying, Lunch-times and Home-school agreements. If you would like to have an input into any of these areas, then please come along.

Landscape School Rules



Over the past two weeks we have focussed on our rule: **Be kind to people and things**. We had a healthy number of nominations from children and adults who had spotted others being kind. There's a lot of it about and I was very pleased to be able to celebrate this in a special assembly last Thursday. For the next two weeks we will be "spotting" good examples of **collaboration: children working well together in groups**. Perhaps you could talk to your child about the skills and attributes needed to do this well. If you are a Landscape Volunteer and you spot this happening, ask your teacher for a school council collaboration certificate. Parents will be able to see the nominations appearing on the School Rules board in the cloakroom next to the Science Explorer display. Later this week, you'll see three large Landscape Rules posters appear around the school to remind us all how to conduct ourselves.

Landscape Calendar

I have acquired a rather Scrooge-like reputation when it comes to the early arrival of Christmas in school, but plans are in place to ensure we celebrate the special festival without it disrupting the children's learning. To see "what's on" at Landscape over the Christmas period, check the Latest Events bar on the website or look at the calendar on the parents' tab. You'll receive more details of particular events nearer the time.



The PTA presents **Despicable Me 2** this Friday at 3.45pm in the school hall. Tickets are £2 and are available from the school office.

