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## A word from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

Welcome to the first Roundabout of the 2017/18 academic year and it is lovely to see the children looking so smart in their new uniforms and shiny shoes. I would also like to give a particular welcome to all of our new parents who are reading this for the first time.

The children have settled down very well into their new classes and it is always a great time of year for setting new targets and looking ahead to the next steps that the children can take in their learning.

With that in mind you will see in our forthcoming dates that it will soon be time to sign up for the first Parents' Evening of the Year. This is a really important meeting for the children and it is great that it is always so well attended.

The downside of the new academic year is that school funding is of increasing concern with some of the decisions that have been taken nationally over the Summer. It is no secret that funding is becoming ever tighter and that the same sum of money is now expected to pay for more and more things. We have



already had to adjust our staffing levels in response to this but sadly more of this will be inevitable over the coming months if the Department for Education sticks to its current plans.

As always please do not hesitate to contact me at the school if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's education or welfare.

*Simon France*

Head Teacher

## Book parents evening appointments online using the Parentmail app.





# kids the junction

## student voice

We are proud to present this year's LMPS Student Voice team who will represent us and work collaboratively to voice the opinions and ideas of each class within the school. Throughout the year we will meet once a month to discuss ideas and events that the children may wish to hold

This year the representatives are:

**Butterflies:** Molly Griffiths and Aidan King, **Dragonflies:** Rowan White and Anya Henry, **Nightingales:** Sophie Mills and Michael Forkin, **Skylarks:** Archie Brown and Macey Girdler, **Woodpeckers:** Darcy Cooper and Zach Richards, **Kingfisher:** Juno Wood and Ben Jones, **Puffin:** Stanley Humphris and Savannah Manning, **Swan:** Ella Barnard and Leo Barker, **Osprey:** Tilly McEnerney and Ashton Goodall, **Buzzard:** Martha Vujcic and Owain Bartlett, **Kestrel:** Brendan Gregory and Jessica Singleton, **Merlin:** Max Hannon and Holly Evans.

**Miss Barker and Mrs Hancock**

– Student Voice and Play Leaders coordinator.



## Music

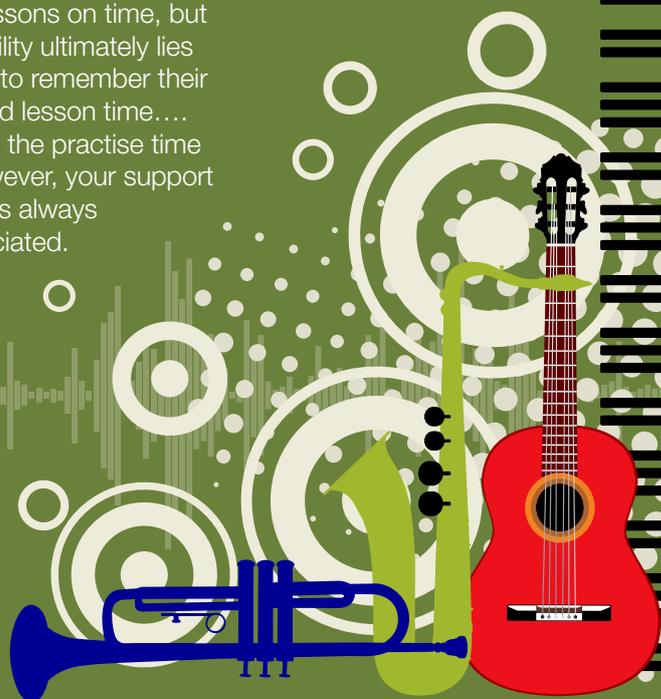
The new school year has started well in Music, with most music lessons underway. Mrs Blake has worked incredibly hard, coordinating with the many peripatetic teachers we have here in order to ensure that the lessons can go ahead smoothly. We are aware that there have been occasional clashes with other activities – please let us know if there are any issues and we will do our best to smooth them out. It is no mean feat to organise over 100 lessons per week! It is wonderful to see so many children enjoying learning to play their instruments. We have liaised with class teachers to try to ensure that children get to their lessons on time, but the responsibility ultimately lies with the child to remember their instrument and lesson time... and of course the practise time at home! However, your support in the matter is always greatly appreciated.

**Key Stage Two** choir has started and the children are singing songs from different times, genres and places with great

enthusiasm. The **Key Stage One** choir, run by Miss Waring, will begin again in January. Orchestra began this week, with a good attendance and the players enjoyed having a go at a jazz piece. They will be working towards performances towards the end of term.

There are many exciting opportunities planned both in lessons and as part of extra-curricular activities so keep your eyes peeled!

**Miss Wells - Music Lead**



Click on the icon to go to that class's dedicated web page



**Top Row (left-right):** Ladybird, Honeybee, Dragonfly, Butterfly, Skylark, Nightingale, Woodpecker, Kingfisher, Puffin.

**Bottom Row (left-right):** Swan, Osprey, Buzzard, Kestrel, Merlin.



# LIBRARY news



As this is the first article for the school year we think it is a good time to inform new parents and remind existing parents of all that the library has to offer.

Access to great books for all ages and help with homework either in our range of information books or online services. As the school provides us with details of all the curriculum topics for the coming year this means we should have the books you need on the shelf ready and waiting. We run regular clubs and activities and helpful staff are on hand to assist in any way. Plus it is all FREE!!

We know how hard it is to fit everything in to such busy lives but do please try to set aside time to make a library visit part of your routine. Reading is such an important part of education and sharing a story with your child is a real treat. The library is open after school on Monday, Tuesday and Friday plus Saturday morning. Sign up now if you are not a member and help support the future of your local library.

### Animal Agents Summer Reading Challenge

To date nearly 200 children have completed their challenge at our library. Well done to them all and congratulations to **William Cottman** who was our first finisher. The certificates should be arriving at school in October. The winners of our various competitions were:

**Dakota Wills, George Preece, Jack Gray and Jasmine Green.** We have a display of photos from all our summer events on display in the library.

It was another very successful summer for the Arts Award and we think that 18 children will achieve their 'Arts Award Discover' and most of them attend the **Lytchett Primary School**. We will have a

special ceremony to present certificates later in the year.

9th – 14th October is **Libraries Week** a nationwide celebration showcasing excellence and innovation in our libraries. As well as all our regular weekly events there are some special events for Libraries Week.

- Collect your Libraries Week Bingo Card from the library counter and complete 6 of the tasks set to be in with a chance to win a tub of chocolates at Lytchett Library plus entry into the countywide draw with 1st prize a bag of books. This is something for the whole family to get involved with and between you the 6 tasks should be easy to achieve. You have until the end of the month to complete your tasks.
- **Friday 13th October:** Jigsaw Afternoon 2pm – 7pm– drop in and help us complete a 500 piece jigsaw in one afternoon. Whether you just put one piece in the puzzle or stay for the whole session everyone's help will be appreciated.
- **Saturday 14th October:** 'Coffee and Cake' morning 10-12 noon which will be run by the Friends Group. The 'Friends' have come up with a great suggestion, if you have purchased a book recently and no longer need or want it then bring it along with you and donate it to the library where others in the village can enjoy your book too.

- **Saturday 14th October:** Library Gets Lively with Hairy Maclary 10.30 – 11.15am. Picture book character 'Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy' is the theme for our games and activities. Plus, at 11am Lytchett Library, along with many other libraries across the south-west, will be reading the story 'Hairy Maclary' to those attending the session. It promises to be a fun morning and not forgetting that there will also be coffee and cake.

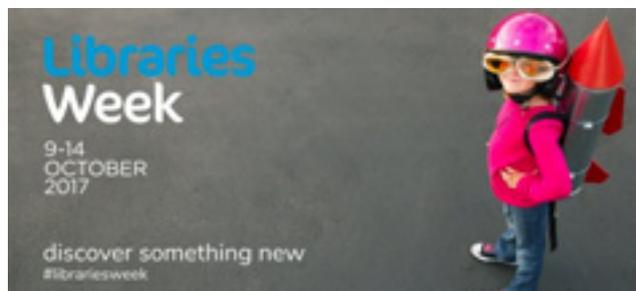


### And finally, half term week!!

- Come and have a play with the Ozobots and see what you can make them do!! These are clever little colour coding robots.
  - o **Tuesday 24th October 3pm-4pm**
  - o **Friday 27th October 3pm-4pm**
  - o Suitable for ages 5 upwards
  - o Places need to be booked in advance please.
- Learn a new skill this half term on Thursday 26th October between 10.30am – 12noon - Come and Learn to Knit. This is aimed at complete beginners or improvers for ages 7 years and upwards. Places need to be booked in advance please and all materials will be provided by the library.
- Fantastic range of books to give you the shivers – dare you take one home??
  - Halloween themed 'Library Gets Lively' on Saturday 28th October at 10.30am – no need to book.

Look forward to seeing lots of you at the library during October.

**Babs, Clair and Susan**  
Your Library Staff





# GOVERNORS' CORNER

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Welcome back to school – it does not seem all that long since I last wrote for Roundabout, whilst at the same time the summer holiday seems a lifetime ago. It always amazes me how only a few weeks into term we are all back in the swing of things.**

Our Governing Body has already had its first meeting of the year, and priorities for the year ahead have been set. Presently, we are excited about the upcoming parent governor elections and look forward to welcoming a new member in October. To all those involved, the very best of luck.

The landscape of education is forever changing and the coming year has the Governing Body focusing on ensuring our pupils receive the best and most varied teaching possible in line with new curriculum guidelines. On a much bigger scale the drive in education is now for schools to investigate achieving academy status, and more than ever in the form of a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT). This is a formal collaboration between two or more schools, where all of the schools in the trust are overseen by a single board of trustees. The House of Commons Education Committee has published a number of reports

on the benefits and pitfalls of becoming a MAT and within them state their expectation that over the next 5-6 years most local authority schools will form or become part of a MAT. The belief is that being part of a MAT allows schools to share best practice, improve financial efficiency, focus funds where they are needed, and establish good succession planning programmes. Schools will benefit from working together while still retaining a level of autonomy and their own unique identity. There will be a single Board of Trustees to oversee the MAT, but each school has the opportunity to maintain a local Governing Body to represent the interests of their school. Headteachers will continue to lead their own school within the MAT, their main focus being on teaching and learning, as operational aspects of school management will be dealt with by the Trust. Reassuringly, a school within a MAT will receive the same funding as when it was a maintained school but the funding will come directly to the school from government.

With this in mind LMPS Governing Body has started looking at the

implications of this for LMPS as a school.

We are still very much in the early stages, but have started seeking engagement with possible local partners. It is important to ensure the overarching governing as well as day to day management structure is proficient, whilst also representative of all member schools, and discussions are scheduled into diaries to explore the way forward. For our children locally this should not lead to any significant changes. Our school will remain where it is and our familiar and valuable teaching staff will stay with us. The Governing Body will continue to ensure any decision made is the best one for the school and we will ensure to communicate with you all.

For now we must all continue to enjoy the busy term ahead, sooner than we would like there will be the annual nativity play and Christmas fayre to enjoy – I know, I have used the C-word and we are only in September!

On behalf of the Governing Body,

*Mrs Knudson*

**Chair of Governors**



# Read Write Inc

Firstly, thank you so much to those of you who were able to make the Read Write Inc (RWI) information meetings. It was fantastic to see so much support for reading at our school. Thank you also to the parents who have kindly given up their time to help with administrative jobs.

The children have already begun learning with our new RWI reading programme, in Reception, Year 1 and in targeted groups further up the school. We really want to get our children in Reception and Key Stage 1 off to a flying start with their reading and so far, we think you'll agree, it is proving very successful and popular with the children! We are really excited to start sending home reading books linked to the sounds the children have been learning, which we anticipate coming home at the start of October.

We strongly believe that reading is one of the most important skills that children can master at primary school. We want our children to read early and quickly so that they can not only enjoy reading, but use reading to learn.

Using RWI, the children learn to read effortlessly so that they can put all their energy into comprehending what they read. It also allows them to spell effortlessly so that they can put all their energy into composing what they write.

### When using RWI to read the children will:

- learn 44 sounds and the corresponding letter/letter groups using simple picture prompts
- learn to read words using Fred Talk
- read lively stories featuring words they have learned to sound out
- show that they comprehend the stories by answering questions.

### When using RWI to write the children will:

- learn to write the letters/letter groups which represent

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We want our children to read early and quickly so that they can not only enjoy reading, but use reading to learn.

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44 sounds, using a helpful handwriting phrase.

- learn to write words by saying the sounds using 'Fred Fingers'

For more information, please visit our RWI school website page.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

**Mrs Murray**  
RWI Leader



# WOULD YOU LIKE A REWARDING OPPORTUNITY WITHIN YOUR COMMUNITY

As you will know there is currently no Crossing Patrol person to help the children cross the road before and after school. The Dorset Road Safety Team has advertised for a crossing patrol but the position is still vacant.

If you are interested in this very worthwhile position please contact **Mr. Rob Camp**, at Dorset County Council 01305 251000.



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# SCHOOL NEWS

## Emilia 'Bakes Off' for charity

We are bursting with pride here at LMPS to tell you about the wonderful event Emilia Clarke, who is currently in Nightingale class, organised and ran over the summer holiday!

Emilia wanted to raise money for the very important charity – Cancer Research – and she decided she wanted to organise a cake sale and fete in her garden. Emilia, family and friends baked and baked and baked, all the cakes for sale looked delicious! Emilia

co-ordinated the whole event herself and she had over 130 people join the event. As a result of her hard work and planning, Emilia raised an AMAZING £700! It was a huge success and for a very deserving cause!

Well done Emilia, what a fantastic thing to do!

**Mrs Foster** – Acting Deputy Headteacher



## No mis-step for Mischa



Everyone at LMPS would like to say a huge congratulations to Mischa Bellows, who is currently in Buzzard Class. Mischa loves dancing and singing and she took part in auditions for a role in the Lighthouse Theatre Christmas production of Cinderella. From over 250 children who auditioned, Mischa is one of the 20 children selected to perform in the young company of Cinderella.

Mischa can't wait and it is wonderful to see children being given the opportunity to display their talents. Everyone at school is very excited to watch her perform and cheer her on when we go and see the pantomime in December. Well done Mischa, we are all very proud of you!

**Mrs Foster** – Acting Deputy Headteacher



## Eco Team News

**Welcome back everyone!**

This year, we have a brand new Eco Team to help spread the word even further throughout our school for all things Eco.

**Meet the new team**



The Eco team has made a great start to the new school year. We are working hard to plan our year ahead with lots of exciting things. The children have lots of ideas which we hope to put in place as the year unfolds.

Our first job is to make sure our allotment is weed free and ready to go for our planting. We are also planning which vegetables and salads to grow to ensure a good harvest.

Our brilliant Eco Team are yet again leading the way to ensure that as a school, we remain Eco-friendly and continue our recycling drive.

Looking forward to an exciting year for all things Eco.

**Mrs McCabe  
and The Eco Team**

## Meet our Play Leaders!



**Our playleaders from Year 6 are:**  
Ella Davies, Holly Evans, Jack Gray, Ruby Bown, Molly Doig, Bailey Odhams, Isobel Young, Ella Russell, Alfie Bosanquet, Scarlett Dillon-White.

**The playleaders from Year 5 are:**  
Martha Vuijic, Rhiannon Hobby, Isabelle Maidment, Maddie Hill, Lilly Riches, Mischa Bellows, Cameron Taylor, Charlotte Coe, Rebekka Neill, and Amelia Thynne.

**Mrs Hancock and Miss Barker**  
Play Leaders and Student Voice

The new play leaders for 2017-18 have been chosen! We had so many excellent letters of application that it was very hard to choose the best ones. However, we have selected 20 children from Year 5 and Year 6 who will be wearing their yellow jumpers and working hard to ensure that all children at LMPS have a safe and happy playtime.

## Bronze Sports Ambassadors.



**Name:** Alyssia Woods

**Age:** 10

**Class:** Merlin

**Favourite Sports:** Running

**Out of School Sports:** Horse riding

**I have represented the school in:** Cross-country.

**I wanted to be a Bronze Sports Leader because:**

I want to make everyone happy in the playground and put more activities in the playground and I want to do more activities.



**Name:** Harry Frame

**Age:** 10

**Class:** Merlin

**Favourite Sports:** I love playing Basketball, Dodge ball, Handball, Football and Netball because I love playing sport with strict rules and playing with a ball. Rugby also because me and my brother play it at home in our living room.

**Out of School Sports:** Running, Basketball and also Football for LURT.

**I have represented the school in:** Netball

**I wanted to be a Bronze Sports Leader because:** I love helping my school and also being fit and healthy.



# SCHOOL NEWS...

## Rights, Respecting Schools Our Class Charters

A new school year and a new beginning.

During the first few days at school, the children in each class have the opportunity to create their own class charter. Creating a charter is a way of making the rights of the child real and meaningful to the children based on where they are now in their own lives. The process of developing the class charter develops a sense of ownership of the classroom and learning. Once developed the charter becomes a point of reference for the class and once signed by both teacher and children it signifies a shared activity and acts as the 'social glue' which binds everyone together.

Take a look at some of the values the children have outlined as being important to maintaining a happy and rights - respecting classroom.

### Miss Waring

Rights, Respecting School Lead.



**All children have the right to an education**  
(Article 28).

**All children have the right to clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment**  
(Article 24).

**All children have the right to use their talents to the full. They should also learn to respect other people and their cultures** (Article 29).

**Children have the right to say what they think should happen, when adults are making decisions that affect them, and to have their opinions taken into account** (Article 12).





# SCHOOL NEWS...

## Meet the House Captains



**Name:** Lily D'Arcy-Wykes

**House:** Maltravers

**Role:** Captain

**Why are you please about getting the role?**

When I joined the school I looked up to the Year 6's and now the younger children get to look up to me and that make me feel proud.

**Name:** George King

**House:** Trenchard

**Role:** Vice Captain

**Why are you pleased about getting the role?**

Because I have lots of responsibilities and jobs to do. I will be a good house captain because I have family members who are both older and younger and both genders and I enjoy helping them.

**Name:** Harry Frame

**House:** Arendel

**Role:** Captain

**Why are you please about getting the role?**

Because I am good at helping out and look forward to different meetings and responsibilities throughout the year.

**Name:** Kai Bullen

**House:** Maltravers

**Role:** Vice Captain

**Why are you please about getting the role?**

I like doing the registers and being an excellent role model younger children.

**Name:** Ruby Bown

**House:** Trenchard

**Role:** Captain

**Why are you please about getting the role?**

I have always wanted to be a House Captain and I am really looking forward to all of the challenges which are ahead this year.

**Name:** Ella Russell

**House:** Arundel

**Role:** Vice Captain

**Why are you please about getting the role?**

I can make Arundel proud by working hard, trying my best and smiling a lot.





# SCHOOL NEWS...

## New kids on the block!

Our new Reception classes have settled in brilliantly to school life! Most are now hanging up their own coats and bags in the morning and are learning our routines. We have already started learning sounds through our new scheme, Read, Write Inc, and are having lots of fun sounding out words with Fred the frog!

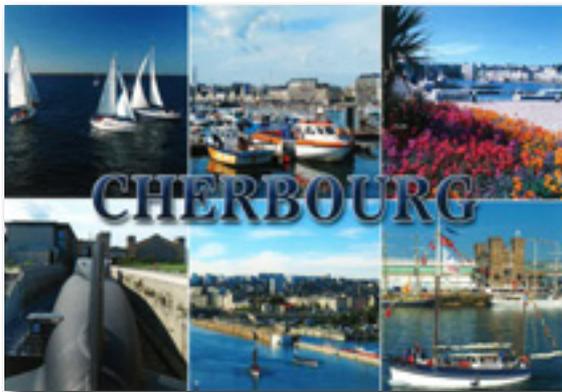
This week, the children have started school full time- I wonder how many tired children (and teachers) there will be this Friday!

Well done to all the children for making such a positive start!

**Miss Reid and Miss Stephens**



## Postcards from the Edge



A big thank you to all the children who have brought in postcards from their holidays in France and Spain, which have been added to our display. I have been delighted by the response and very impressed that you all remembered and went to such trouble while you were away. We have had postcards from the Dordogne, Cherbourg, Barcelona and Majorca plus many more. Well done also, to all the children who tried out their French and Spanish while they were away!

**Madame Markham**  
MFL subject lead

# SPORTS news...

## Run Lytchett Run

The Year 6 children started their Poole and East Dorset cross country campaign very emphatically last Thursday. The first race, which took place on Sandbanks beach, is arguably the hardest race of the series, but Mr Noyce and I were very impressed with the way our runners approached the occasion; confidently and sensibly. They all ran calmly and paced themselves really well, showing their experience. The results are not officially in yet, however we do have to mention Will Goss who won the Year 5 and 6 Boys' race. This is an outstanding achievement in a tough field of competitors; although even he would admit it was much more challenging than anticipated! Alyssia Woods was pipped on the line to take 4th place, which is also a super achievement.

Well done to Josh Brewer and Lilly Hill on their Cross Country debuts- you did a great job!

**Full team:** Will Goss, George Kleinschmidt, Josh Brewer, Joshua Goble, Lucas Morland, Alyssia Woods, Tayo Partridge, Martha Graham, Mollie Mechen and Lilly Hill.

A very proud,

**Mrs Murray**  
LMPS Running Coach





# SCHOOL NEWS...

## A reminder about safety around our school

Can we take this opportunity to remind people of the importance of safety when driving near or on school grounds? There have been two occasions recently, where children and parents have been put in danger as drivers have not taken care around the school. Fortunately they were not harmed, however we ask that people remain aware of those around them.

Thank you,

*Mrs Foster.*



## Free School Meals

To make an application for Free School Meals (FSM), please ring 01305 251000.

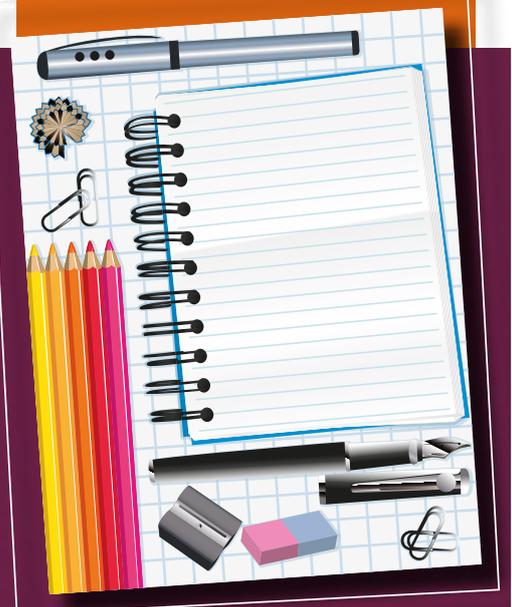
You will be asked your name, date of birth, national insurance number and your child's name, date of birth and address.

If you have any problems, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Marsh in the school office.

## £100 Allowance

Any child that is entitled to free school meals via pupil premium, (i.e. in receipt of free meals because you are in receipt of benefits), can now claim £100 per school year to use towards costs related to their child's education. This funding can be

used for items such as school uniform and educational school trips/experiences like swimming for example. In order for you to claim part or all of your £100 allowance, please speak to the school office, or contact Mr France or Mrs Dominey.





# DIARY DATES

October  
**2017**

Month Commences  
Sunday 1st October

Friday 6 October 2017

Time: All Day

Event: **Year 6 Victorian Drama Day**

Venue: LMPS

Monday 9 October 2017

Time: 13.15 - 15.15

Event: **Year 5 Swimming**

Venue: Broadstone Leisure Centre

Monday 9 October 2017

Time: 16.00 - 19.00

Event: **Parents Evening 1**

Venue: LMPS

Tuesday 10 October 2017

Time: All Day

Event: **Treehouse Drama Day -  
Ancient Greeks Year 5**

Venue: LMPS

Tuesday 10 October 2017

Time: 15.40 - 17.30

Event: **Parents Evening 2**

Venue: LMPS

Thursday 12 October 2017

Time: 15.30 - 16.30

Event: **Leeson House Meeting**

Venue: LMPS

Monday 16 October 2017

Time: 13.15 - 15.15

Event: **Year 5 Swimming**

Venue: Broadstone Leisure Centre

Wednesday 18 October 2017

Time: 10.30 - 12.00

Event: **LMPS Open Day**

Venue: LMPS

Friday 20 October 2017

Time: 15.30

Event: **First half of Autumn Term ends**

Venue: LMPS

Friday 20 October 2017

Time: All Day

Event: **Year 2 Great Fire of London  
Day. (See letter)**

Venue: Year 2, LMPS

Monday 30 October 2017

Time: 09.00

Event: **Autumn Term 2nd half begins**

Venue: LMPS

Monday 30 October 2017

Time: 13.15 - 15.15

Event: **Year 5 Swimming**

Venue: Broadstone Leisure Centre

Wednesday 1 November 2017

Time: 09.00

Event: **Leeson House trip**

Venue: Leeson House

Friday 3 November 2017

Time: 15.00

Event: **Return from Leeson House**

Venue: LMPS

Monday 6 November 2017

Time: 13.15 - 15.15

Event: **Year 5 Swimming**

Venue: Broadstone Leisure Centre

**DON'T  
FORGET**

For all calendar dates and  
information go to:

<http://www.lytchettmatraversprimary.org.uk/calendar/>

## 2017/2018 INSED Dates

The following dates have  
been set for the 2017 Teacher  
Training days. School will be  
closed to children on these  
days. Thank you.

**Tuesday 2nd Jan 2018**  
**Wednesday 3rd Jan 2018**

