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A word from the Headteacher

Dear Parent

Welcome to the latest issue of Roundabout and a Happy New Year to you all. I hope that you had a lovely Christmas and that Santa brought you everything that you had been hoping for.

The school is already off to a very busy start here and the Teachers and Teaching Assistants were at school in the early part of the week doing further training on our Read, Write inc phonics and reading

programme. The children in the lower half of the school have been working on this for a term already and so far the results have been extremely encouraging. We are always looking for new ways to improve the education that we provide for the children and trying to stay ahead of the latest research into how children learn. It is always nice though when a project proves to be successful.

As we move into the Spring term, we often see some of our coldest weather of the year. We are proud of our track record of staying open during snowy conditions and will always attempt to do this. Indeed we have only been forced to close on a couple of occasions in the last decade! However please always assess the conditions for yourself before setting out for school and please check our website and the 'Dorset for you' website if the weather conditions make you doubtful that the school might

open. We will certainly do our best to carry on as normal and although the children will disagree with me, I fervently hope that it doesn't snow!

As always please feel free to contact me at the school over any aspect of your child's education or welfare.

Kind Regards

Simon France

Head Teacher

Congratulations!

To this month's Merit Award winners

Ava Watts
Katie Jenkins
Sophie Mills
Harry Frame
Rosanna Henshaw
Michaela Smith
Rosanna Henshaw
Owain Bartlett
Isabelle Maidment
Jaiden Cooper
Max Hannon
Luke Hare
Benjy Wood
Poppy Wood
Lucas Morland
Ruby Hector

Mia Case
Dylan Waters
Joshua White
Noah Goble
Rebekka Neill
Amelia Sibley
Lily D'Arcy-Wykes
Taylor Read
Olivia Bevis
Josie-Ellen Phillips
Ella Briggs
Shaobo Zhang
Rebecca Sepkes-Jones
Samuel Cottman
Ella Davies

Amie Dempster
Charlie Robson
Ruby Bown
Lily Ward
Molly Doig
Libby Whie
Shaya Bellows
Zoe Nurser
Jenson Hardy
Jasper Graham
Zoe Triggs
Joshua Lawrence
Leo Hurst
Amalie Warrell
Ella Smith
Elijah Miller
Oliver Jolliffe
Una Flinter-Neville
Lucy Mills
Anna Rixom
Ben Jones

Ella Brown
Jemima Sutton
Zak Morland
Sean Waters
Rebekka Neill
Scott Rowles
Joshua White
Tilly McEnnerney
Freya Bugden
Lyvia Holland
Morgan Jones
Leon Carswell
Edgar Daveney
Alexander Richards
Molly Griffiths
Madeline Hill
Phoebe Sutton
Lilly Riches
Abigail Mole
Savannah King
Eva Hampson

Emma McCabe
Amelia Sibley
Jessica Selby
Molly Browne
Sophie Meade
Eva Henry
Lauren Pettitt
Owain Bartlett
Jessica Drury
Sophie Ringsell
Jessica Huggins
Amelia Thynne
Martha Vujicic
Sasha McQuaid
Joseph Merritt
Teagan-Maria White
Abigail Jones
Frankie Fealty
Bonnie-Marie Bowman



kids the junction

student voice

‘Spots Away’, Pudsey Bear.

Thank you for spending lots of money on yummy cakes and dressing up in spots to raise money for Children in Need. We had lots of spotty fun and we know that the money will go to people who are not as lucky as us.

Sophie Mills and Michael Forkin (Year 2 Student Voice).



Music



Lytchett Matravers Primary School would like to welcome Ms Hemmings, who will be teaching the children in Year 2-6 music, while Miss Wells is on Maternity leave. I am sure you will all join us in welcoming her to the teaching team!

As always at LMPS there are lots of great things coming up in Music...at some point during the Spring term the Key Stage 2 Choir will begin to learn the songs for the Drama Production in the Summer term, exciting times ahead!



Parking Reminder:

Please take care and be considerate of others when parking to either drop off or collect children from school.

The children's safety is of the utmost importance to us all.



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.



GOVERNORS' CORNER

Newly elected David Newman Introducing our new parent governor.

Well at my first meeting I was given the opportunity to write a piece for the Governor Corner. Firstly, I wanted to say thank you for giving me the opportunity to sit on the Board of Governors, I look forward to working with the other Governors and the staff at the school to ensure our children receive the best start to their educational journey.

Over the coming weeks I will be spending time on each of the sub committees so that a decision can be made as to where my skills

and experience can best be used.

As I have only attended one meeting so far and previously I only had 200 words to tell you a bit about myself I thought I would use this first opportunity to tell you a bit more about me and my family.

I am originally from Norfolk; I met my wife Rachel 10 years ago whilst we were both working in Norfolk/Cambridgeshire. Rachel is originally from this part of the world and her parents still live in Broadstone. She always expressed a desire to move back here and raise a family, should we be lucky enough to have one. I had never been to Poole before meeting Rachel but I have to say the more time I spent here the more I fell in love with the area.

We married in June 2011 and started make plans to move south and, hopefully start a family.

Things did not quite go to plan as Skye, our eldest daughter who has just started in reception, arrived 3 months before we

moved in 2012. Our second daughter, Florence, arrived in 2016 (we only have children in Olympic years) and hopefully she will follow in Skye's footsteps to Lytchett Matravers Primary School.

Most of my career has been spent in retail, predominantly with Tesco until I joined Poole High School in 2012. My

I feel very privileged and am really looking forward to becoming much more involved in the life of the school.

position there has given me a great insight into the operation of a school and I hope to combine this with my years of experience in the private sector to benefit the education of our children.

In my spare time which, as we know is a luxury with young children I enjoy running or triathlon. Luckily, the girls share the family interest in baking and gardening so many a weekend is spent in the kitchen or garden.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the coming weeks and months

Best wishes

David Newman





Lytchett Matravers

LIBRARY news

Let's start with a round-up of our various Christmas activities and competitions.

Our Christmas crafting sessions passed in a blur of sparkle and glitter as children created jumping Christmas characters and helped with our lovely book angel for the church 'Festival of Angels'.

Winners in our Christmas Reading Challenge were:

Charlie Gosling

Winner 0 – 5 years

Lauren Gosling

Winner 6 -12 years

Sophie Huggins

Runner-up 6 – 12 years

Congratulations to them and well done to everyone who took part.



During February half term we are teaming up with the **Dogs Trust** for an interactive session all about caring for dogs and how to stay safe around them. The session includes games, quizzes and props but please note there will be no actual dogs involved in the session. Time and date is **Friday 16th February 3.30pm – 5pm**. This is a free session but places need to be booked in advance please.



Harry Potter Book Night Party

Friday 2nd February

5.30pm-6.30pm

Yes, its back – so join us for a night of magical wizarding fun and games!!

Suitable for children aged 7 – 12 years and children are encouraged (though it is not compulsory) to come dressed as their favourite Harry Potter character. After the children have entered the library via Platform 9 ¾ they will go through the sorting ceremony before taking part in Harry Potter themed games. It really is terrific fun. This is a free event but there are limited places available so the recommendation would be to book as soon as possible.

Parents please note that we will have books available for children to

borrow on all the current curriculum topics for the new term.

Happy New Year

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





SCHOOL NEWS...

Christmas Celebrations!

The children had a great time at school with the run up to Christmas! We would like to say thank you for all of your support with the school Christmas Fayre. It was a great success and we hope you all enjoyed yourselves!

The last few weeks at school were jam packed with Christmas performances, Christmas lunch, the annual trip to the Pantomime and finally class Christmas Parties! A great time was had by all!

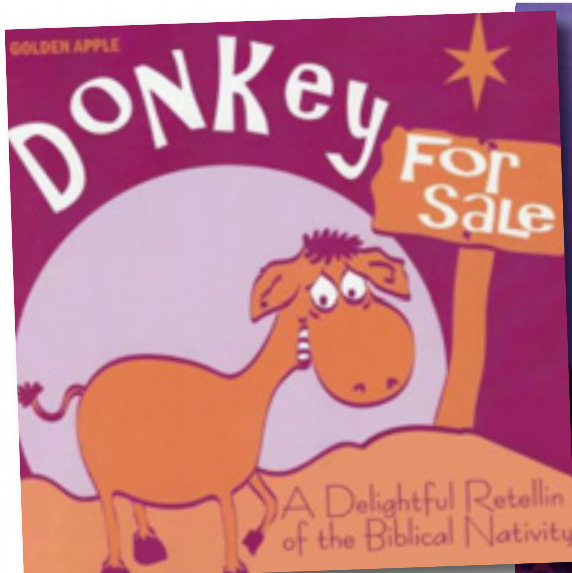


WOW! What a performance!

The children in Reception and Year 1 have worked so hard in preparing for the show and loved learning all the new songs, which they sang beautifully. They loved performing to you all and showing off their brilliant acting and reading talents. A huge thank you for the amazing costumes provided, they really made the

Nativity come alive. We are so very proud of the children, as it is not an easy task to perform in front of so many people and yet they made it look easy - at only 4/5 years old!

Many thanks once again.
Year1 and the Reception Team



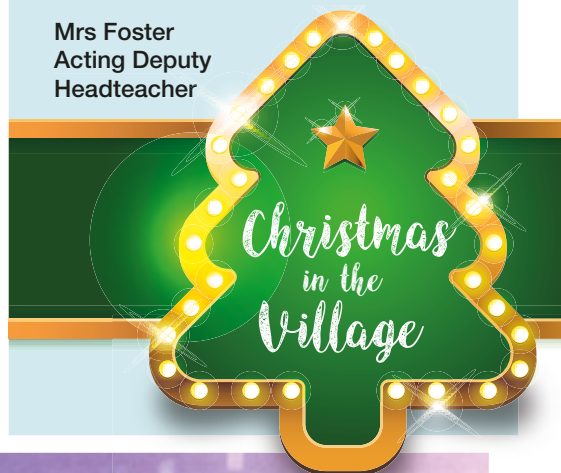
Christmas in the Village!

On Tuesday 5th December, at 5pm, Lytchett Matravers had its first turning on of the Christmas Tree lights outside Tesco store. It was so lovely to see so many of the community there, especially lots of families from our school.

The choir sang so beautifully and I hope lots of you enjoyed a mince pie! The children's stars were displayed proudly on the Christmas Tree for all to see!

This is the first time this event has been organised and we hope that it will continue to grow year on year. A special thanks to those at Tesco, Paula, Reverend Stephen Partridge and St Mary's Church, the local Council, Sir Christopher and Lady Clare Lees for turning on the lights, LMPS school choir and all of the children and families who came to join us from school. It was a great event and hopefully one which will become a village tradition.

Mrs Foster
Acting Deputy
Headteacher





SCHOOL NEWS...

Making Maths Fun

On Monday 27th November, Mrs Foster and four children from Year 5 and 6 took part in a maths workshop.

This exciting day was at **Bearwood Primary School** and was aimed at children who are keen mathematicians.

The children had an enjoyable and rewarding day working with one of the UK's leading maths tutors, Pete Hall. His motto is '**Making Maths fun!**' and I am sure the children would agree! They took part in range of maths challenges, covering different areas of maths, with a couple of the group from LMPS winning stickers for completing tasks quickly!

Mrs Foster
Maths subject lead



Parent MAIL!

We are very excited to announce that this academic year, we have saved **£2366.65**, by using Parentmail, rather than sending out paper copies of letters/correspondence.

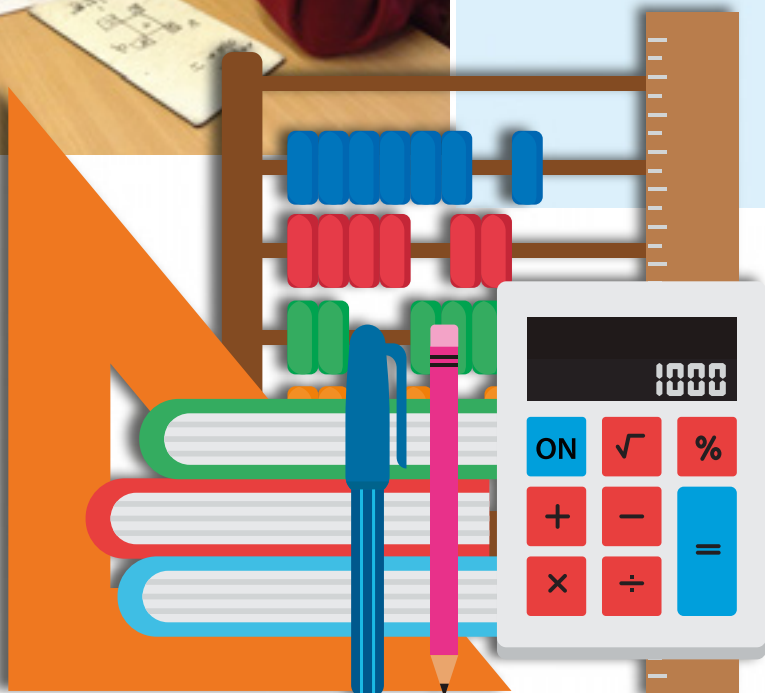
100%
of families receive SMS

99%
of families receive emails

99%
of families have a Parentmail account.

74%
of families are using the mobile app.

This is amazing! Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions about Parentmail, please contact the School Office.





Eco SCHOOLnews



Finally.....it is near completion.

Just take a look at our fantastic Eco greenhouse!

A massive thank you to Mr White who has worked very hard and given up so much of his time to help the Eco team achieve their goal. **The Eco Team** have also been very determined in preparing and threading all the collected bottles to create our brilliant **Eco greenhouse**. The children are very excited to see it finally taking shape and nearing competition.

It has been a huge project and has taken quite some time to achieve but we are so nearly there. We do however need just a little bit more help....

We are in desperate need of 2 pieces of plastic 1m x 2.8m each to complete the roof and also a few more bottles to complete the far side and door. With the Christmas festivities just around the corner, it would be great if any empty 2L lemonade/coke bottles could be donated to complete our Eco greenhouse project. Many thanks in advance for your help and support.

Switch Off Fortnight

The Eco team have also engaged the whole school in **Switch Off Fortnight**. Over the last two weeks **the Eco team** have been helping the school become more energy efficient. We have made sure lights, computers, monitors and machines are switched off when not in use. We have also been learning how to save energy and how energy is wasted. **The Eco team** have challenged everyone at LMPS in a **Switch Off Fortnight** competition, whereby all the children, along with their teachers have hunted around the school for hidden energy facts. Lots of information was

found and the children have learned many useful facts to help them to become more energy efficient.

Coming soon...

RSPB

We have an exciting New Year planned for **Eco** at LMPS. Kicking off the New Year, we are working in partnership with the RSPB outreach service to bring '**Giving Nature a Home**' into our school. The RSPB will be coming into to all year groups to help children understand more about nature and natural habitats. These sessions are closely linked to the curriculum topics the children will be studying at the time throughout all of next year. We are looking forward to reporting the outcome of these sessions in the coming months.

Race Farm Solar Visit

The Eco team are also in for a treat in March, when we are planning a visit to the solar farm in Lytchett Matravers. This is a very exciting opportunity for the children to learn more about the benefits of solar power.

We are all looking forward to 2018 which will be a very busy year for **the Eco team**, but lots of fun! Many thanks for your continuing support with all things Eco.

Mrs McCabe and the Eco Team





SCHOOL NEWS...

Year 2 Extravaganza!

Thank you so much to everyone who came to watch and join in with our Year 2 Christmas Extravaganza, we were completely overwhelmed with the number of audience members!

The children have loved learning new songs and practising them daily. Mrs Murray and I are so proud of each and every single one of them. We hope you had a fantastic Christmas with your families, which were full of fun and laughter!

Miss Barker.



Year 5 Star Gazing Evening

Year 5 children, parents and staff all gathered on the evening of Thursday 23rd November to gaze at our fascinating solar system. The sky was a little cloudy but this didn't spoil our evening, as we used a superb star gazing app called- Skyview!

Some children shared some of the great work they had done about Space in Science and Topic. We heard: Neil Armstrong's diary entry after he landed on the moon;

letters to Bleep-Bloop explaining night and day; a demonstration of the earth and moon orbiting the sun.

The children's fantastic moon phases projects, created an exciting buzz as everyone was blown away by the amazing work done by parents and children.

The evening came to a warming end, whilst a cup of hot chocolate and a biscuit was enjoyed by all!

By Phoebe, Buzzard Class





SCHOOL NEWS...

A Pudding for the Chimney Sweep - The Y6 Christmas Production

On Thursday, December 14th, Year 6 performed a heart-warming musical about a young chimney sweep in Victorian England. The story also featured townspeople, a rich Victorian family, factory workers, orphans in a pie shop and three nasty villains. The hall was transformed into a Victorian village

with stunning stage sets including a Victorian fireplace and a large sign for Mrs Perkins' Pie Shop. The acting, singing and dancing was incredible. The music for the performance had been arranged by Mrs Lympany who comes to LMPS every week to lead a singing assembly. She worked very hard

arranging dances, solos and duets for the children and her efforts were rewarded with a spectacular performance. We are very lucky to have Mrs Lympany and very grateful for all she does for our school. A Pudding for the Chimney Sweep was a wonderful way to end the term and to start the Christmas holidays. The Year 6 staff are very proud of their creative and talented pupils!

The Year 6 Team.



Victorian Exhibition 20th November

What a fantastic evening! Mr Burton, Mrs Hancock and Mrs Foster are so proud of the Year 6! The children organised an event that was fun, informative and showed off all of their hard work from the last term.

Some of the children made traditional Victorian dishes from bread pudding, fruit tarts, sponge cake, mince pies and barley water. They proudly displayed their wares and encouraged tastings as they explained their recipes. Other children demonstrated how to build a suspension bridge and urged the visitors to try and make one better than Brunel's Clifton Suspension Bridge!

All of the term's art work was beautifully displayed and the pupils showed their

parents how to make a stencil print in the style of William Morris.

In another corner of hall, visitors were able to make a 'thaumatrope' or Victorian optical illusion - a spinning disc involving two pictures that appear to merge into one. Parents could try some tenpin bowling or build their own ball in a cup. The evening concluded with a performance by each class of a drama about life in a Victorian workhouse. Like everything else, the plays were written, produced and acted by the children. What talented and creative pupils we have and they should all be congratulated for such an amazing exhibition!

The Year 6 Team.





SPORTS news...

Reindeer Run!

A big congratulations to Sebastian Richards, in Swan Class, for taking part in the Reindeer Run at Moors Valley Country Park. The event is organised with the RNLI and helps raise money to save lives at sea. At LMPS we really value the importance of keeping active and having a healthy lifestyle. There are so great many benefits to running and Sebastian ran really well. What a fantastic achievement, we are all very proud of you!

Mrs Foster – Acting Deputy Headteacher



LMPS Swimming Gala Success

On Friday 24th November, a team of 16 children from Years 5 and 6 went to Queen Elizabeth's school in Wimborne to compete at the year's first swimming gala festival. Despite tough competition from Allenbourn Middle School, Ferndown Middle School and St Michael's Middle School, the LMPS team held their own and overall managed to place a very respectable second.

The afternoon consisted of relay races, including mixed boys and girls and mixed Year 5 and 6 events. Highlights included the Year 5 girls winning the freestyle race, the Year 6 girls placing second in their freestyle race, and the Year 6 mixed team coming second in the breaststroke race.

The event was a great introduction into how a swimming gala is conducted, and the expectations that are held of the competitors. The team showed fantastic spirit by cheering each other on, and overall they demonstrated great sportsmanship.

A huge thanks is owed to the parents and family members who made our attendance at the event possible, and to Mr Noyce and Miss Winkworth for accompanying the team.

We look forward to seeing what our students can achieve in the next swimming gala!

Miss Meacher – PE subject lead



Super Swimmer!

Everyone at LMPS are extremely proud of Willow White, in Woodpecker Class. Willow took part in the Lions Swimathon at the Purbeck sports centre Wareham. Willow is part of a team known as 'Captain Shaun's treasure's, the team was set up in 2015 to raise funds for The Brain Tumour Charity.

In Willow's usual caring and positive manner, she was one of the first to say she would swim to raise money. People watching were overwhelmed with pride, watching the team in action, but especially as they watched Willow putting in length after length. The team raised over £2200, which is just amazing.

**Mrs Foster
Acting Deputy Headteacher**





SCHOOL NEWS...

*To the Pupils and Teachers
of Lytchett Matravers Primary
School,*

I would like to thank you very much for the collection made by you for this year's **Poppy Appeal**. Together, you raised **£176.44**, a truly great effort by everyone.

This money, put together with money collected all over the country, will go towards helping hundreds of soldiers, sailors and airmen, who have been injured while serving in wars, some recent and some as far back as World War 2.

The Poppy has been sold in November every year for almost 100 years, in remembrance of all those who died in all wars and I thank you again for buying so many and making a fantastic donations.

Thank you all,

Margaret Arnold,
Poppy Appeal Organiser - Poole



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

February
2018

Month commences
Thursday 1st February



Monday 22 January 2018

Time: 13.15 - 15.30

Event: **Year 3 Swimming**

Venue: The Junction, Broadstone

Monday 29 January 2018

Time: 13.15 - 15.30

Event: **Year 3 Swimming**

Venue: The Junction, Broadstone

Monday 5 February 2018

Time: 13.15 - 15.30

Event: **Year 3 Swimming**

Venue: The Junction, Broadstone

Thursday 8 February 2018

Time: All day

Event: **Year 4 Egyptian Drama Day**

Venue: Main Hall

Friday 9 February 2018

Time: 15.30

Event: **Half term commences**

Venue: LMPS

Monday 19 February 2018

Time: 09.00

Event: **Spring term commences**

Venue: LMPS

Monday 19 February 2018

Time: 13.15 - 15.30

Event: **Year 3 Swimming**

Venue: The Junction, Broadstone

Tuesday 20 February

Time: 9.00 - 13.00

Event: **Year 4 Poole Harbour Boat Trip**

Venue: Poole Harbour

Monday 26 February 2018

Time: 13.15 - 15.30

Event: **Year 3 Swimming**

Venue: The Junction, Broadstone

For all calendar dates and
information go to:

[http://www.lmps.dorset.org/
calendar.asp](http://www.lmps.dorset.org/calendar.asp)

**Don't
FORGET**

2018 INSED Dates

The following dates have
been set for the 2018-19
Teacher Training days. School
will be closed to children on
these days.

Thank you.

Mon 3rd September 2018

Tues 4th September 2018

