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LYTCHETT MATRAVERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

# ROUNDABOUT

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018

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## A word from the Headteacher

Dear Parent

Welcome to the next edition of Roundabout and a **Merry Christmas** to all of you. As I write this I have just finished watching the Nativity play by the **Year 1 and Reception children** and I could not be any prouder of them. They have all grown up so much over the last term and it is magical to see them stand up on stage and perform at such a young age.

Christmas is obviously a special time in schools and in all of our events we try to keep that sense of community which is a timeless message for

the children. It is always heartening to see that in a world which seems to get crazier every day, our children understand what it means to be kind, caring and compassionate to those around them.

It has also been fantastic to catch up with so many of you at our recent events. The staff, and indeed the children, always appreciate the support that we receive from parents and it is such a vital component to the successful running of any school. So thank you, and we will look forward to working with you all again in 2019. In the meantime, as always, if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's education or welfare then please do get in touch.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

Kind Regards

*Simon France*

Head Teacher



## Christmas Remembrance Tree

This year we have again been lucky enough to make decorations for the Christmas tree in St Mary's Church in the village. We decided upon a theme of 'Remembrance' to mark the Centenary, by asking all children within the school with parents within the Military to come and make poppy decorations.

The children had a wonderful time making the poppies as well as being able to talk with one another about the roles that their parents are in, with many children sharing stories. On Friday 30th November, Miss Barker and Mrs Blake took the decorations along to the church and hung them upon the tree at the front of the Church!

Thank you to each and every child who came and made the decorations - we think you will agree that they make the Christmas tree look absolutely beautiful.

Miss Barker and Mrs Blake.



# kids the junction

## KS2 Choir Spreading Christmas Cheer

The KS2 choir have been out and about singing Christmas songs – we performed at the school fayre, singing under the Christmas tree, which was lovely. Last week, the choir also sang in somewhat wetter circumstances at the switching on of the Christmas lights at Tesco.

They performed brilliantly, singing classics like *Rudolph and Mary Had a Baby*, complete with their own choreography! This week saw a return visit to **Castle Farm Care Home** where older members of the choir sang to the residents and spread a bit of Christmas cheer. They performed songs including *Away in a Manger, Rudolph, Silent Night, The Twelve Days of Christmas* and a new one called *Love Shone Down*. The residents were able to join in with some of the songs which was really lovely.

We will be returning to **Castle Farm** in the New Year with younger members of the choir.



# Music

## Roundabout – Music November/December 2018

It has been an extremely busy term in music at Lytchett Matravers Primary School. We have had performances during our assemblies from some of our string players, playing on their violins and cellos, showing the rest of the school just what they can do and hopefully inspiring more children to take up an instrument.

The orchestra, KS2 Choir and some of our brass players performed in a small Christmas Concert to the rest of the school on Tuesday. They performed pieces including *We Wish You a Merry Christmas, Deck the Halls* and *Winter Wonderland*, finishing with a huge group performance of the *Twelve Days of Christmas*. Well done to all performers.

The children have all been working hard in lessons too, learning new skills and consolidating existing ones. This has been especially apparent in Year 6, where they have worked very hard to perform an extract from “*In the Hall of the Mountain King*” by Grieg. The resulting performances were incredible and showed how well the groups had listened to each other.

Lastly, we ran a competition to write some lyrics to the *Songbird Sonatina* by Harriet. The winning entry was Phoebe in Year 6! Well done Phoebe! We will look at singing those words to Harriet’s melody next term.



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

H A M W I C  T R U S T  
EDUCATION

Dear Parents, Carers and Local Community of Lytchett Matravers Primary School,

I am delighted to welcome pupils, staff and the community to the Hamwic Education Trust. The school, along with Upton Junior School and Upton Infant School, is the first to join us from Dorset.

We are committed to a community approach to education with schools, supported by Hamwic, working together in local partnerships.

Have a lovely Christmas and New Year,

Regards

*Robert Farmer*

**Chief Executive Officer  
Hamwic Education Trust**



# LIBRARY NEWS



**Looking back at the year** we are delighted that every class visited the library at least once and that yet again children from the Lytchett Matravers Primary School performed extremely well in the Summer Reading Challenge with over 250 taking part.

Our children's Christmas competition this year is a colouring competition. Collect a penguin colouring picture and entry form from the library counter and return your completed entry by Friday 21st December 2018. Only one entry per child please and entries will be judged in two age groups, **5 years and under** and **6 – 12 years**, by members of the 'Friends of Lytchett Library'. Thank you to the 'Friends' for providing the prizes.

**New Year Fun and Games**  
Friday 4th January, 3.30pm-4.30pm.

Start off 2019 with our fun activity session of seasonal crafts and games suitable for ages 4 – 11 years. Places must be booked in advance please.

**Jigsaw Friday**  
Friday 28th December, 2pm-7pm.  
Come along and help us complete a festive jigsaw. Suitable for all ages.

Something to look out for in the new year is our 'Maths for Parents' session.

Would you like to feel confident about helping your children with maths? **Rosemary Russell** is a firm believer that maths can be accessible and enjoyable for all. Come along and learn how to make maths a part of everyday life, and give your children a 'can do' attitude to numbers! This is a free event on Friday 11th January, 10am – 11am but **places must be booked with the library in advance, please.**



**Yes, it's back again** our very popular **Harry Potter Book Night Party.** Friday 8th February, 5.30pm-6.30pm.

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.



**Christmas/New Year opening hours:** The library will close at 1pm on Monday 24th December and re-open on Thursday 27th December. We will also be closed on Tuesday 1st January.



A Very Merry Christmas to everyone from **Babs, Clair and Susan**

Thank you for your friendship and support throughout the year.



# SCHOOL NEWS...

## Student Voice

The Student Voice have been very busy over the past couple of weeks – helping Mrs Gould organise Anti-Bullying week, Odd Socks Day and Children in Need.

### Odd Socks Day!

On Monday 12th November you may have spotted something unusual hanging up around school- lots of Odd Socks.

**Odd Sock Day** was designed to be fun! It's was an opportunity for all of us to celebrate our individuality and express ourselves. There was no need to wear or buy expensive costumes. All we had to do to take part is wear odd socks to school. All the children and teachers really enjoyed coming into school wearing odd socks.

The Student Voice helped Mrs Gould with the whole school assembly where we told all the children about

**Odd Sock Day.** We also shared the message that it is important that we all appreciate each other's unique qualities and allow each other to be ourselves. The Student Voice were fantastic and Mrs Gould was very proud of how well they spoke up in front of the whole school.

### Anti-Bullying Week

Odd Sock Day was also the launch of the national **Anti-Bullying week**. This year the theme was '**Choose Respect**'. Throughout the week all the children did different lessons on the difficult issue of bullying and how it is important that we choose to respect the feelings, wishes and feelings of others. We all need to make the right choice and make sure that we all feel happy and safe in and out of school.

The children were also taking part in a competition organised by the **Student Voice** to design an anti-bullying poster. The Student Voice are going to choose the two best designs and those designs are going to be made into posters that you will see up around school very soon!

### Children in Need

Spots, spots and more spots! On Friday 16th November all the children were asked to wear non-uniform and something spotty in support of Children in Need. The children were asked to bring in a donation of 1p-£1

to put towards the fund raising event and there was a small prize for the best dressed pupils and teachers. The Student Voice had decided that it was important for us to support this brilliant cause and help to raise some money for those children who are not as lucky as we are. As ever we were over whelmed by the support from our pupils and parents. Thank you and we will let you know how much we raised as soon as we know.

### What next for the Student Voice?

After Christmas we are going to be looking at how we could improve our play times for everyone. We will be discussing and thinking about different activities that we could perhaps be going on during playtimes so that everyone has fun, gets moving and feels safe. Let us know if you have any great ideas!



## Pictures From Our, Children in Need Dress-Up Day





Dear parent or carer,

As part of the Armed Forces Covenant programme supported by the MOD, and on behalf of the Programme partners', **Dorset County Council** are taking forward this survey. We want to get a clear picture of the thoughts and opinions of life in Dorset for our Armed Forces, your families and the County's veteran population. This will ensure we are doing our best to adhere to our Covenant pledges to ensure the Armed Forces Community in Dorset are not put at disadvantage due to their service to our country.

**The Armed Forces Covenant Survey**, which will take just 5 minutes to complete, is completely anonymous and the information gathered will help us to deliver relevant and meaningful solutions to issues that are currently being faced by the Armed Forces Community in Dorset.

**Dorset County Council**

<https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=153693903937>



Dear Parents,

The rest of the Digital Leaders and I would like to invite you to a meeting with Dorset Police's Safer Schools Community Team on Wednesday 27th February 2019 at 9.15 to 10.15 in the hall.

The aim of this morning is to discuss and update yourselves with the latest information and advice regarding keeping us (your children) safe online.

Thank you and we hope you are able to come along.

*Katie*

(Year 5 - On behalf of the whole Digital Leaders E-Safety Team)





# SCHOOL NEWS...



## SusTrans Visit



On Thursday 22nd November, SusTrans (a nationwide charity) came to Lytchett Matravers Primary School to work with the Year 5 children. SusTrans visited the school in order to view Wareham Road outside our school, because this road is need of a lot of attention.

First of all, we all went in Buzzard classroom and talked about why some streets and roads are good, and others are not so good. We then looked further into what makes these streets good or bad. When sent back to our classrooms, we were split into groups and given printed images along with some post-it notes, which we were asked to write good and bad things about these images and how the streets make us feel.

Then, we thought about how different people may use the street and the particular needs they may have. People such as parents, elderly people, children and disabled people in wheelchairs. What makes streets good and bad for these people? Before the bell went for break,

we talked about how barriers can block ramps and drop curbs which can cause traffic jams and cause problems for disabled people.

After break, Osprey class went out onto Wareham Road to observe the traffic and look at the road itself. In our groups, we were given a sheet to make notes of thing that were good, things that were bad and things that we would like to see placed on Wareham Road. In our group, we said that we would like to see another zebra crossing, a lollipop lady and a cycle lane on the side of the road.

When we came in from the road, we were given a large A1 map where we could draw what we would like to see on the road in the future. This gave our group the opportunity to draw on the many things we wanted to see. Once we had finished, the maps were given to SusTrans to view and help decide what we're going to do to improve Wareham Road.

After school the same day, SusTrans went outside the school to speak to parents about what they thought could be improved. This was all helping SusTrans decide what they're going to do to improve the road. All in all, it was a great afternoon that was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. We can't wait till next January when they'll be coming back!

By Alexander

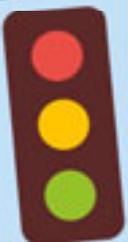
### Community Working Group for the School Crossing:

The first of the School Crossing meetings was held on November 22nd to look at many of the issues from across our community. This is being run by **Sustrans** as external facilitators and their objective was to guide the discussions and try to get the 'facts' from all of the participants; children, parents, carers and residents.

The next meeting will be held on **January 24th** and then a third on **March 28th** to focus on potential solution. As always, keep an eye on the LMPC website for updates and times.

In the meantime, we're looking for volunteers to help with activating the school crossing flashing warning lights in the mornings and afternoons.

Please contact the school office if you can help on **01202 622378**.





# SCHOOL NEWS...

## Emotion Coaching



**We have been very fortunate to be offered training and support from an Educational Psychologist for a pilot scheme titled 'Emotion Coaching.'**

### What is Emotion Coaching?

Emotion Coaching is based on the principle that nurturing and emotionally supportive relationships provide optimal contexts for the

promotion of children's outcomes and resilience.

Through recent research it has been shown that **Emotion Coached** children and young people:

- Achieve more academically in school
- Are more popular
- Have fewer behavioural problems
- Have fewer infectious illnesses
- Are more emotionally stable
- Are more resilient

**Emotion Coaching** uses moments of heightened emotion and resulting behaviour to guide and teach the child and young person about more effective responses. Through empathetic engagement, the child's emotional state is verbally acknowledged and validated, promoting a sense of security and feeling 'felt'. This activates changes in the child's neurological system and allows the child to calm down, physiologically and psychologically.

Throughout this academic year the training is going to be offered to all staff to enable them to consider how they approach and deal with the behaviours of individuals.

The training will be delivered by Clare Anderson, an **Educational Psychologist** working for Dorset County Council. She has worked for over 10 years with children with attachment difficulties, Looked after and adopted children and in residential care homes.

If you wish to find out any more about Emotion Coaching do please look on their website

**[www.emotioncoachinguk.com](http://www.emotioncoachinguk.com)**.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.



## Able Maths Day

On Monday 26th November some of our Year 5 children attended a maths workshop at **Bearwood Primary school**. The day, which focussed on challenging maths problems, was enjoyable and rewarding. "We did a lot of tricky maths and had a great day," commented DG. "I found the magic squares a challenge but I really

enjoyed solving them," said JG. All the children who attended gained a great deal of confidence and new strategies to help them solve maths problems.

**Mr Long**  
Mathematics Leader



## Back of the Net Bobby

A short story about bullying



One day, a long long time ago there was a school called **St Footy**. In that school was a boy called Bobby, he was a hard working blond haired AFC Bournemouth fan with a great first touch, but he was getting bullied by the evil school bully Martin, who was not so hard working with dirty black hair. He was in the bottom sets at **St Footy**, but he had lots of evil friends (AKA slaves).

Bobby woke up in the boy's dormitory at 6:00am to go to the field and practice, but when he got there Martin and his slaves were there,  
**"MARTIN, ME AND MY FRIENDS VS YOU AND YOURS!"** shouted Bobby  
**"NO YOUR TOO BAD!"** shouted Martin angrily.  
**"PROVE IT!"** Bobby exclaimed with tension in the air.  
**"OK,"** Martin walked towards Bobby **"YOU FAT SO AND SO!"** said Martin.

The Game kicked off, the ball came to Bobby just how he'd practised but Martin headers it out the way, and dribbles past 4. Shouts and scores 1-0 Martin wins Bobby storms off. **"NOOOOOOOOO!"** he shouts.

Bobby misses football practice in division and calls his mum, but he hangs up before she can pick up the phone. **"Why is he bullying me why me?"** questioned Bobby to himself.

**"Come on guys lets go to CR7 class."** said Bobby.

The next day a rematch happens. Bobby rainbow flicks it over Martins head. **GOAL**. He does it again! **GOAL 2-0** Bobby wins the match. He is never bullied again.

**BY BILLY**

## Early Years

This year we have a real focus on improving children's physical development, which comprises of two main areas - Moving & Handling and Self & Health Care.

Since the children have started here at LMPS, we have been really encouraging the children to develop their Self & Health Care skills in a number of different ways.

One of the most recent has been the encouragement of the children cutting their own food when eating their hot school meals. The children have loved 'having a go' and using a knife and fork to cut up their food independently. By doing this the children have gained a sense of self-confidence and have, in turn, also been developing their hand strength and their hand to eye coordination.

Whilst this may seem like a basic activity to focus on - it is essential for the children to build strength in their hands and develop other physical development skills in order to be able to hold a pencil and write down words and numbers.

Another activity, which we have been practising, is encouraging the children to be able to dress and undress themselves independently. The children have been making us so proud by managing to now take on and off most items of clothing - with just a little help sometimes needed with buttons and laces!

We will be continuing to focus on the development of the children's Physical Development throughout the year and would like to ask for your support in this by encouraging the children to dress themselves independently at home and practise cutting their food. They gain a real sense of achievement and we love seeing their faces when they can do it!

Thank you for all of your continued support, we hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and even better New Year!

See you in 2019!

**The Reception Team.**



# SCHOOL NEWS...

**Sent:** 25 October 2018

**Subject:** THANK YOU!

Hello!

This is a HUGE Thank you for your contributions to **Poole Foodbank** over the harvest period. Your generosity is incredible and we are very grateful for the support that you offer us in caring for our local Poole community.

For a number of reasons, demand on Foodbanks is increasing, and the stocks that we now hold will be distributed to those who are genuinely in need over the coming months.

It is true to say that **Poole Foodbank** would not exist without your practical support - so thank you for partnering with us.

A special Thank you also to those who came and helped us to sort and store food over the past few weeks - again - we could not have done it without you.

Have a happy half term leading up to Christmas!

**Gill**

This year, I wanted to do something before Christmas to help other people and so I decided to do a collection for Poole food bank. The food bank helps give food to people who can't afford to feed their family or themselves. Usually people only need their help for a short time. I spoke to Gill who runs the food bank and she told me the things that they really needed at this time of year (tinned meat, tinned veg, pot noodles). So I made some leaflets asking people to help and also talked to my neighbours. I arranged to collect from their houses over two days after school.

Within a week I had collected more than 260 items. I then delivered them on Friday to the Food Bank. They were extremely grateful and explained to me how many families would be helped by the donations.

I got to meet some of the amazing people behind the food bank. It helped some families in need but also helped me understand more about our local community.

**From Martha**





## Christmas Fayre 2018

**It was great to see so many happy faces at our Christmas Fayre this year- I don't think I have ever seen it so busy!**

The children looked like they were having fun playing the games set up by **Mrs Gould** and the student voice team. So many children went to see Father Christmas in the grotto and listen to his story – we were so lucky he had time to fit us in at his busiest time of the year. I would like to say a huge thank you to you all for supporting the Fayre, donating items and coming on the night. It really does give a community feel to school which promotes a

positive and happy atmosphere. The Fayre can't be run without the support of the **PTEC team** who did a great job as always, thank you! If you would like to join the **PTEC team**, we are a friendly, welcoming team who are always open to new members. Please look out on **Parentmail** for any future meetings and events. It would be great to see you.

This year, the Fayre raised **£1310.08!** Well done everyone! On behalf of the **PTEC team**, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

**Jacqui Reid**



## Advent Assembly!

**Reverend Partridge** came in this month to deliver a special Advent themed assembly. He shared a story called '**Get ready**'. This story was about how God spoke through the prophets: Micah, Hosea, Isaiah and Jeremiah that there was a very special person coming and people needed to get ready. The children really enjoyed acting out the parts and dressing up as prophets! He then linked the story to Advent and how we can remember Jesus as we get ready for Christmas.

We also sang a new song as **Reverend Partridge** played his guitar. The children are all looking forward to his next assembly in the New Year.

**Mrs Stokes**  
RE Leader

**Thursday 13th December saw the highlight of the school hot meal calendar; our annual, festive, hot school lunch.**

Two hundred and ninety two children had ordered a special festive menu and teachers and children sat down together with Christmas music playing to tuck in to some delicious food. There were even Christmas hats for everyone who ordered a hot dinner.

A big thank you to all of the dinner supervisors who helped serve our lunch and make it such an enjoyable lunchtime!



## Lighting up the Village

Dear all,

I would like to congratulate you all for another brilliant Christmas light up. We were extremely lucky with the weather as the rain stopped just for the time we needed and then started up again. Everything worked out well I thought. The tree looks good and whilst in the village today, a few people said how cheerful it looked in the dark of evening. The singing was really good. I was impressed that there was descant singing and Rudolph was sung in rounds. A lot of practice has obviously been going on to get such a splendid result. Thank you to **Nigel and all the Tesco staff** who once again have given of their time and put in the necessary effort to help achieve this wonderful outcome. Thank you **Stephen** for the sound system and your support throughout. It is good to have the reminder that there is a religious side to Christmas as well as the commercial side. Well done all.

*I would like to add my Seasons Greetings to you all. Thank you for being such a large part of the community LMPS.*

Councillor Meaden



## Tin Hats & Telegrams!

**2018 marks the centenary of the end of the Great War. After spending the last half term learning about the war in RE, history and English, Year 6 decided to make the Armistice the subject of their Christmas production.**

Tin Hats and Telegrams takes us back in time to meet some of the people caught up in the hardships of the war, including: villagers, soldiers, nurses and ambulance drivers. The play starts in 1914 as an English village remembers sending off their young lads to fight and we follow a group of soldiers into the trenches. Jack, a dreamy poet, is persuaded to write some verses for the trench newspaper, The Wipers Times. Meanwhile, his feisty sweetheart, Alice, learns to drive an ambulance at the Front.

Back home, the village fete is in full swing when a fateful telegram arrives. At a field hospital in

France, the nurses organise

Christmas trees for the wounded soldiers. At last the war ends, and the hardships are over. Back in the village, the community holds a celebratory party. The production packed a real emotional punch, with comic and tragic moments woven together by the amazing musical score - which was arranged by the legendary Mrs Lympany. Mrs Lympany put in a great deal of time and effort into teaching our singers and dancers and the result is nothing short of spectacular. She has coached brilliant performances and we are so thankful to her!

We had a fantastic time practising and performing the play - it is something we will never forget.





# SCHOOL NEWS...

## Victorian Exhibition!



On Monday, 19th November, Y6 invited family and friends to attend a world-class Victorian Exhibition. The children had planned, organised and arranged the whole programme of events, which highlighted their learning over the last term.

Stalls were set out that featured delicious treats from the Victorian era. Everything from Victoria Sponge, jam tarts, coconut ice, sausage rolls, and apple crumble with custard was on display and available to taste! The young chefs advertised their baking with colourful menus and posters and were on hand to explain the history of their dishes.

In other parts of the hall, inventions made by the children were on display alongside models of suspension bridges. Visitors were encouraged to design a bridge of their own to rival those made by Brunel! Victorian toys were arranged on tables and guests could try their hand at making a ball and cup. A pin-hole camera had also been built by the children and the science behind the images was explained by the children. In the art corner, children showed off all the work they had made during the term and taught the visitors how to make a print in the style of William Morris or a Victorian Christmas card.

The evening was rounded off by two dramas written and performed by the children about the plight of Victorian child workers. All in all, it was a fantastic evening and a real credit to the children. Everyone had a great time and we are very proud of them!

## Year 5 Star Gazing Evening

Year 5 children, parents and staff all gathered on the evening of Thursday 15th November to gaze at our fascinating solar system. The sky was not too clear, and there was a fine drizzle in the air, but thanks to our fantastic APP (Sky-view), this didn't spoil our evening!

Some children shared some of the great work they have been doing about **Space in Science**— demonstrating the order of the planets and how the planets orbit the sun. We also heard **Neil Armstrong's** diary entry written and read confidently by Sophie.



The children's fantastic **Phases of the Moon 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!

### Question?

Do you know the order of the planets from the sun?

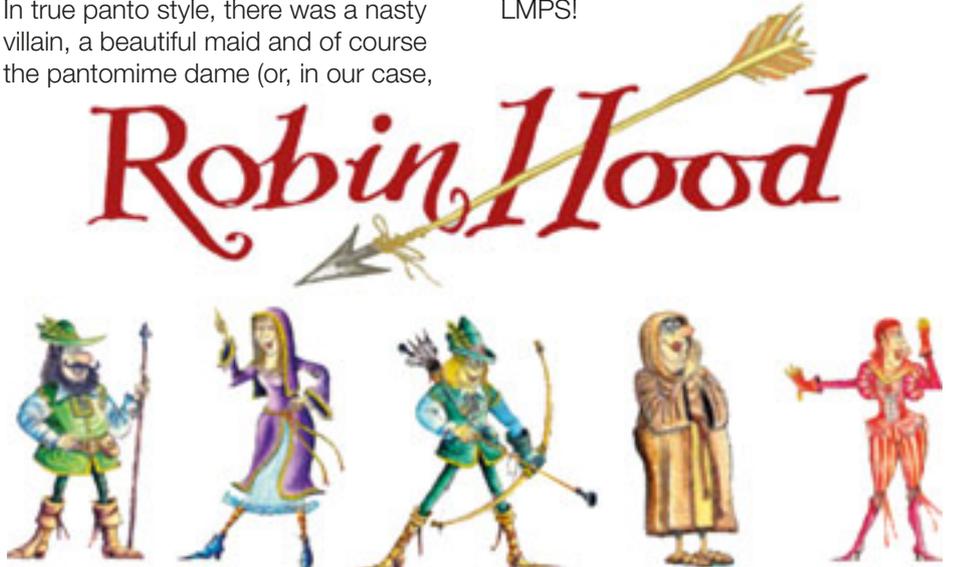
## Oh No It Isn't!

After two successful trips to Poole to see Dick Whittington, LMPS staff took their turn treading the boards at the end of term and performed **Robin Hood** to the children.

In true panto style, there was a nasty villain, a beautiful maid and of course the pantomime dame (or, in our case,

dames!). The staff revealed what a talented bunch they are and a great time was had by all.

Hopefully, this will be the start of an enjoyable Christmas tradition here at LMPS!





## Eco Club: Ready for Winter

What a productive term we have had! Year 4 have transformed the courtyard into a colourful and peaceful space for all to enjoy and have kept the weeds at bay and filled the flower beds with bulbs. We can't wait to see what will grow in the spring.

Our older students have been busy clearing the school fields of fallen apples and bagging them up for the school to take home for their pets to nibble on. Any apples that were too bruised have been added to our compost heap. Next September we plan to use our wonderful apple harvest as a source for freshly pressed apple juice at playtimes and hope that the small fee per drink will source our seed, bulb and plant needs for the following spring and summer.

This half of term has had the Eco team reviewing the work needed to complete our greenhouse. We have started by working hard to clear the accumulated weeds and we have ensured that the

paving slabs have been put down evenly to provide a solid and firm floor. We now have a good collection of bottles (but are always happy to receive more!) which we will start to add to the walls of the greenhouse when we come back in the new year. Our challenge is to have a greenhouse up and in use by February half-term ready for us to begin growing our own seedlings in the spring. (The Eco team are always grateful for any unwanted seeds for fruit, vegetables or flowers).

Year 6 inspired our staff this term with their wonderful idea of creating plastic bricks, where unrecyclable plastic was added to a plastic bottle to create a brick which could be used for construction. Who knows, perhaps we can make enough bricks to add an extension to our Eco Greenhouse!? Keep filling those bottles, teachers!

**As we prepare for the Holiday season, the Eco team would like to leave you with a festive Eco challenge.**

Can you make a Festive decoration using one or more of the following recycled materials?

1. Corks
2. Paper
3. Glass jars
4. Plastic cups or bottles
5. Paper towel or loo rolls

Have a wonderful, safe and green Christmas everybody!

**Love from your Eco Team**



## Year 4 DT Money Containers Sewing Project.

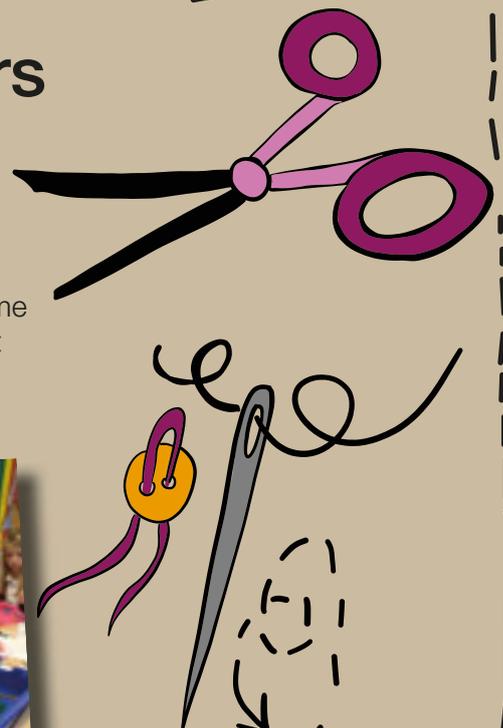
In Year 4 we have been busy doing our DT project on making 'Money Containers'. We started by looking at a range of different money containers, investigating their different features and identifying how they might have been made. Next, we designed and planned how we would make them.

*Finally, we had lots of fun sewing our containers.*

We used running stitch, backstitch and blanket stitch. We

were all very proud of our end products. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to come in and help us during the day- it was really appreciated.

**Year 4 Team**





# SPORTS news...

## Cross Country

This Autumn, some children were very lucky to attend a series of cross country races. Mr Noyce, Mrs. Markham and Mrs. Winkworth kindly accompanied us to these races. They not only accompanied us, they cheered us on enthusiastically.

We would run our races, then get handed a ticket with our place on. It would feel very rewarding when you beat your previous place. You would then hand your ticket to Mrs. Markham and she would add up our scores to give us the total. The girls and boys got low totals (which was amazing!).

The people who took part were, Yr5 Girls- Matilda, Myla, Jasmin, Naomi and Lorena. Yr5 Boys- Sebastian, Fletcher, Leo, Davie, Billy and Ben. Yr6 Girls- Martha, Teagan-maria, Jessica,

Maddie, Charlotte and Rebekka. Yr6 Boys- Owain and Noah.

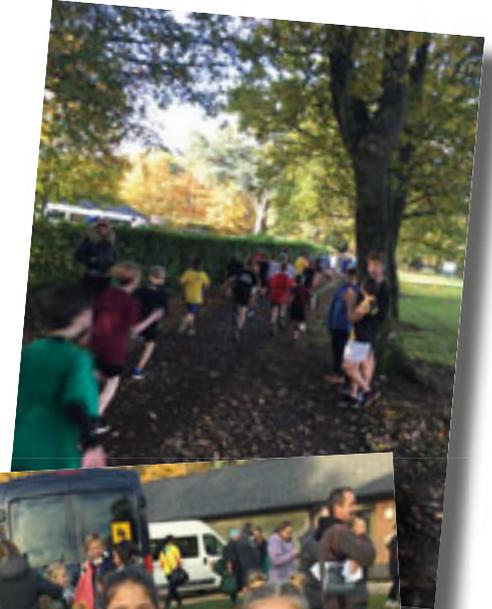
Teagan-maria told me, "It was really fun and a good experience!" Another runner, Jessica quoted, "I love it because it helps me improve my speed."

Owain said, "It was really good fun, apart from the mud!"

Maddie told me, "I loved the Ferndown run because it was my best one."

And there you have it, keen runners achieving their goals.

By Martha.



Sent: 18 October 2018  
Subject: Willow and Phoebe

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to let you know how proud you should be of two of your students. On Saturday 13th October a swim marathon took place at 'The Purbeck sports centre', I have a team to raise money for 'The Brain Tumour Charity' led by my eight year old little son who was diagnosed with a tumour at just 4 years old. **Willow** (4th time doing the event) and **Phoebe Griffiths** were both great team players throughout and a pleasure to swim with. **Willow** deals amazingly with her diabetes and just carries on, we are truly grateful. The team raised over £1800, which is just fantastic and brings my little boys total since diagnosis to over £10 000.

Please can you congratulate **Willow** and **Phoebe** on taking part and thank them on our behalf for the contribution they have made.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Alison Colvin





## High 5 Netball Squad

**This half term, our Year 5/6 LMPS Netball Team have begun their league matches, against schools across Poole, Bournemouth and Dorset. They will have 6 League matches to play in total.**

The team has worked extremely hard and all children were outstanding sportspersons in both matches played to date. The attacking and defensive play was excellent across the court. We were all very impressed. So far, they have played against Manorside Primary School, winning 14-0 and Longfleet Primary School, winning 7-1.

I am always so proud of our children here at Lytchett Matravers Primary, but since being back from Maternity leave, I continue to be overwhelmed by the level of play, support, sportsmanship and care shown by our dedicated team.

I would like to say a special thank you to Mr Noyce and Mrs McKenzie for giving up their time to work with our children and

support Netball Club. Without these adults, our children would not be able to shine and experience opportunities like these. We are very lucky to have such dedicated staff, as well as children.

Every child who attends Netball Club will have had the opportunity to compete against another school by the end of the year. Wish us luck for our future matches!

A final thank you goes to you, our parents, for supporting us at matches, transporting them to fixtures and by allowing your children to attend Netball Club every Tuesday. We now have over 30 children attending Netball Club, every Tuesday afterschool and the level of skill we are beginning to see is exceptional. Thank you for your continued support.

Kindest regards,

**Laura Dominey**  
Deputy Headteacher





# SCHOOL NEWS...

## PERMANENT SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

Urgently required for  
**Lytchett Matravers  
Primary School**  
Hourly pay: £8.50

Contact the Safer Travel Team on:  
**tel: 07747 180741** or  
**email: roadsafety@dorsetcc.gov.uk**  
to register your interest.

### Website information:

<https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/roadsafety/SCP>



**Dorset County Council**



## Free School Meals

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

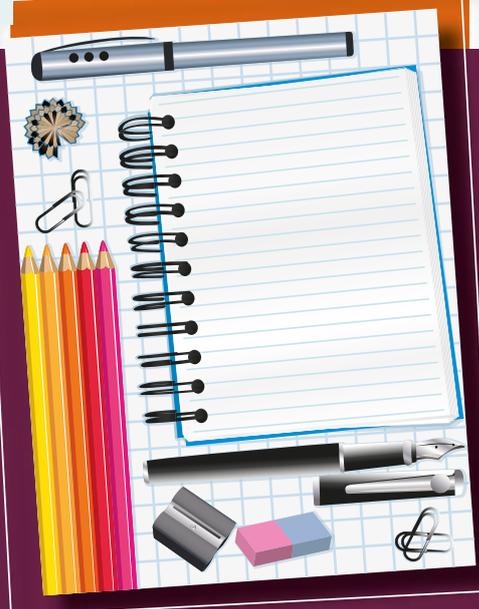
You will be asked your name, date of birth, national insurance number and your child's name, date of birth and address.

If you have any problems, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Robbins 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



January  
**2019**

Month commences  
Tuesday 1 January

Monday 7 January 2019

Time: 09.00

Event: **Spring Term (first half) begins**

Venue: LMPS

Monday 7 January 2019

Time: 08.50 - 09.00

Event: **Daily SODA begins**

Venue: Classrooms, LMPS

Wednesday 9 January 2019

Time: 13.30 - 15.30

Event: **Forest Schools**

Venue: LMPS

Wednesday 9 January 2019

Time: 17.30 - 19.00

Event: **Full Governors Meeting**

Venue: Room 15, LMPS

Thursday 10 January 2019

Time: 15.30 - 16.30

Event: **Key Stage 2 Choir**

Venue: LMPS

Monday 14 January 2019

Time: 13.00 - 15.30

Event: **Year 3 Swimming 1/10**

Venue: The Junction, Broadstone

Tuesday 15 January 2019

Time: 09.00 - 15.30

Event: **Martin Luther King Day**

Venue: LMPS

Tuesday 15 January 2019

Time: 15.30 - 16.20

Event: **Year 5/6 Netball**

Venue: LMPS

Wednesday 16 January 2019

Time: 13.00 - 15.30

Event: **Year 4 Musicianship Programme (Brass) 1/10**

Venue: LMPS

Wednesday 16 January 2019

Time: 13.30 - 15.30

Event: **Forest Schools**

Venue: LMPS

Thursday 17 January 2019

Time: 15.30 - 16.30

Event: **Key Stage 2 Choir**

Venue: LMPS

Monday 21 January 2019

Time: 13.00 - 15.30

Event: **Year 3 Swimming 2/10**

Venue: The Junction, Broadstone

Tuesday 22 January 2019

Time: 15.30 - 16.20

Event: **Year 5/6 Netball**

Venue: LMPS

Tuesday 22 January 2019

Time: 13.30 - 15.30

Event: **Netball League Fixture (away) LMPS v HPJS**

Venue: Hamworthy Park Jr School

Wednesday 23 January 2019

Time: 13.00 - 15.30

Event: **Year 4 Musicianship Programme (Brass) 2/10**

Venue: LMPS

Wednesday 23 January 2019

Time: 13.30 - 15.30

Event: **Forest Schools**

Venue: LMPS

Thursday 24 January 2019

Time: 13.00 - 16.30

Event: **Yr 5/6 East Dorset Swimming Gala (invite only)**

Venue: Canford

Thursday 24 January 2019

Time: 13.00 - 15.30

Event: **Traffic Workshop with Yr 5 Children and Community**

Venue: LMPS

Monday 28 January 2019

Time: 13.00 - 15.30

Event: **Year 3 Swimming 3/10**

Venue: The Junction, Broadstone

Tuesday 29 January 2019

Time: 15.00 - 16.45

Event: **Netball League Fixture - LMPS Vs Allenbourne A & B Teams - HOME**

Venue: LMPS Playgrounds - BOTH KS1 & KS2

Tuesday 29 January 2019

Time: 15.30 - 16.20

Event: **Year 5/6 Netball**

Venue: LMPS

Wednesday 30 January 2019

Time: 13.30 - 15.30

Event: **Forest Schools**

Venue: LMPS

Wednesday 30 January 2019

Time: 13.00 - 15.30

Event: **Year 4 Musicianship Programme (Brass) 3/10**

Venue: LMPS

Thursday 31 January 2019

Time: 15.00 - 16.30

Event: **Netball League Fixture - LMPS Vs Hillbourne Primary School - AWAY**

Venue: Hillbourne Primary School

Thursday 31 January 2019

Time: 15.30 - 16.30

Event: **Key Stage 2 Choir**

Venue: LMPS

For all calendar dates and info go to:

<http://www.lmps-dorset.org/calendar.asp>