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A word from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome to another issue of Roundabout. The new academic year has started positively although I don't think I can ever remember a start to the year which has seen quite so much rain. We have had a lot of playtimes, clubs and fixtures that have been affected by the weather so hopefully we can turn a corner quickly before the winter really sets in.

The last academic year saw our results improve across all areas which was really pleasing to see. It is always good to see the things you are working on are having

an effect, however, as always, there is still a lot to do as we move into the future. This year the school will focus on improving the children's reading even further and we will be having a real drive on ensuring that pupils are heard reading more frequently both at home and school. I am sure that this is something that everyone will be able to support and we will look forward to working with you on this. Additionally we will be trying to improve our Curriculum even further to make it as stimulating as possible for all pupils.

I hope that you enjoy the rest of this edition of Roundabout and as



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

Best Wishes

Simon France

Head Teacher



Harvest Festival

As part of our Harvest Festival celebration, the children were all asked to bring in an item of food that we could then donate to our local food bank. As you can see from the photo our children and parents did not let us down. We were very proud and amazed by how much food was brought in.

Thank you
Pupil Voice





kids the junction

Music

Another busy year has started in music at LMPS. Once again we have a very large number of pupils learning to play musical instruments. Setting up the lessons is always something of a challenge, so thank you to all the parents for your patience and support while we have ironed out some of the wrinkles! Most instrumental lessons are now full, but if your child is interested in learning to play, please contact the office or Miss Wells for a form and your child can be put on the relevant waiting list.

Class music lessons are as lively as ever and it is just wonderful to see the children embracing all that music has to offer. Year 5 have been exploring leitmotifs, using triple time and the pentatonic scale to represent a Greek God or Goddess – ask them to tell you all about it! Year 4 have been looking at how weather can be represented through music, with a focus on dynamics – particularly relevant at this time of year with the range of weather we have seen! Year 3 have been taking part in the Musicianship Programme – please see the separate article. Year 2 have been singing songs and creating music based on the Great Fire of London. Ask them to tell you about what pitch is!

On a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, the school is alive with the sound of singing as KS1 and KS2 choirs run. There are engagements being lined up already for both choirs, giving them the opportunity

to go and sing in the community, which is fantastic. Both choirs are currently full, but, again, if your child is interested in joining, please let Miss Wells (KS2), Miss Barker (KS1) or the office know and the child can be put on the waiting list.

Year 3 Musicianship Programme

As parents of Year 3 children are probably aware, they are currently taking part in the Musicianship Programme, run by Dorset Music Service and funded by the Arts Council. The children are learning to play the violin – not the easiest of instruments to get to grips with, but they are listening really well and showing great enthusiasm. At the moment, the children are learning how to hold the instrument and bow, which is harder than it looks! They have played some pieces on open strings, including Shotgun by George Ezra, which they really enjoyed. If they want to have a go on that at home, the notes are AAAA, DDDD, AAAA, GGGG – all open strings.

Encouraging your child to practise their instrument when they bring it home will make a huge difference to the progress they make and the enjoyment they can get out of playing their violin.

At the end of the programme, the Year 3 children will put on a concert to parents and friends in the school hall. It will be on Wednesday 4th December. A letter will go home nearer the time confirming the start time.



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.



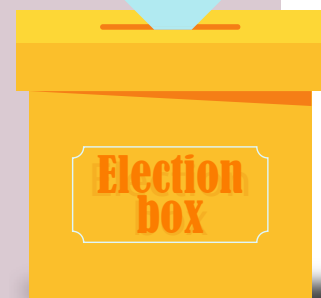
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pupil's voice



Democracy in Action

Congratulations to the children who have been elected to represent their class for Pupil Voice for this year. The children were all very excited to collect their Pupil Voice badges which hopefully they will wear with pride. They are all looking forward to making a difference at Lytchett Matravers Primary School. We have already held our first meeting: where we discussed the role of Pupil Voice, how we are going to ensure that we are a 'Rights Respecting' School and also shared some ideas of what we would like to achieve this year. The children would like to help launch and organise some fund raising events, for Children in Need, JDRF the Type 1 diabetes charity, Julia's House and Child of Hope. More information about these events will follow.



Welcome to Miss Smith

Q: Why did you want to become a teacher?

A: I wanted to become a teacher because I have always liked helping children to learn new things and working alongside children.

Q: Where did you train?

A: I studied Primary Education for three years at The University of Winchester.

Q: What made you decide to come to LMPS to teach?

A: I decided to come and teach at LMPS because I heard it was a lovely and welcoming school!

Q: Are your class good?

A: Yes! Puffins are a very hard

working class! We went on the boat trip together last week and have had lots of fun making our Roman shield formations this term!

Q: What makes you happy?

A: I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I like to play netball every week and also bake cakes every now and then!

Q: What are your five most favourite things?

A: Chocolate, things that have polka dots, travelling to new countries, the beach, koalas!





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Our Super Stars!

All the children in both Honeybee and Ladybird Class have made a fantastic start to LMPS! Staff from across the school have commented on how quickly the children were independently coming in to school and putting away their belongings. We are so proud!

The children have been learning our routines and enjoying playing in the classrooms and outside areas. They have been learning about sounds to help them with their reading and writing and looking at numbers and counting. The children are loving being explorers and taking part in lots of different activities.

We are sure the children will continue to shine bright like the stars they are, as they continue through their school journey.

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

The EYFS team.



EYFS Parents meeting Reading & Maths

On Tuesday 8th October we had a parents' meeting, looking at how we teach early reading and mathematics in school.

Early reading and mathematics are so important, it is here we can inspire a love of books and mathematics; creating lifelong learners.

Miss Barker, our Early Reading and Phonics lead, and Mr Long our Mathematics lead, spoke to parents about how we approach these areas in school. The parents then joined their children in the classroom to have a go first hand at some of the activities the children take part in during school.

We are so impressed with the amount of reading and sharing of books that is happening and being recorded in the children's reading

records. Thank you for all your support, it is wonderful to work together in the children's learning journeys.

Please look on the children's class pages on our school website for copies of the powerpoints and booklets from the meeting. <https://www.lmps-dorset.org> There are also copies of these in the Reception cloakroom.

On the school website class pages, you will also find video clips, showing you how to say the sounds we teach in phonics and the rhymes the children learn to help write the sounds! If you need any further support or have any questions, please see your child's class teacher. We are always happy to help.



LIBRARY news



Hi Everyone

We are Babs, Clair and Susan, staff at the local village library and the school very kindly invites us to submit articles for your school newsletters.

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

- Children have access to a great range of books for all ages.
- Homework help, either in our information books or online services.
- Books on all the curriculum topics for the coming year.
- Two regular clubs – Chatterbooks and Code Club.
- Themed activity sessions during holiday periods.
- Plus it is all FREE!!

Reading is such an important part of education and sharing books and stories 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.

Please do try to make a visit to the library part of your regular school routine.



LATEST NEWS!

Summer Reading Challenge update: Just over 200 children signed up with us for the challenge with 96% of them completing and receiving their medal and certificate. This year we also had the most children ever taking in the 'extra challenge' after they had completed the first challenge. A big well done to everyone.



Recycling Collection Point: 'Ward Waste Initiative' is a scheme that has been set up by Dorset Councillor **Alex Brenton** with the aim of reducing the amount of rubbish sent to landfill. As part of this initiative there is now a recycling collection point in the library entrance hall.

A limited number of items can be dropped off at the library throughout the month and a more extensive range can be brought to the library on the 1st Saturday of each month from 10am-11am. Drop off at any time: Crisp packets, milk bottle tops and dried up/broken pens and hard plastics. A full list of all that can be brought along to recycle is available from the library.

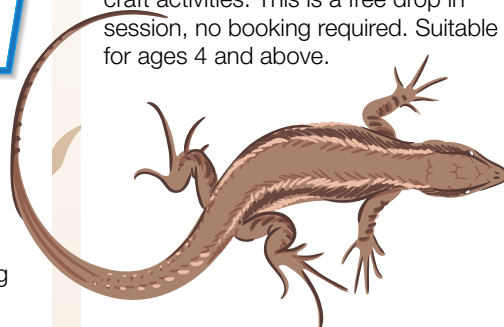
Can you help to keep it out of land and benefit good causes?

It was with great sadness that we decided to say goodbye to 'Steggy' the dinosaur who had been on display in our children's area for several years. In his place we now have 'Olly' the octopus. This fun and colourful character with a book in each tentacle was created by Babs and he has been given a big thumbs up by the children.

Activity Session:

During half term week we have an exciting event that will interest the naturalists out there.

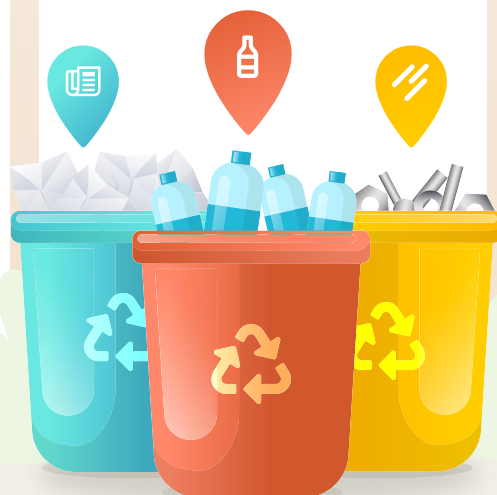
On Friday 1st November, 3pm-4pm the Urban Heaths Partnership will be running a 'Discover Dorset Reptiles' event. This will include a talk about our heathland reptiles plus games and craft activities. This is a free drop in session, no booking required. Suitable for ages 4 and above.



Looking further ahead we will be running a **Christmas Crafting morning** on Monday 23rd December, 10am – 12pm. Drop-in session – no booking required.

Even further ahead is our **Harry Potter Party** on the 7th February – this very popular event always books up really quickly so book early to avoid disappointment. Ages 7 and over.

Babs, Clair and Susan – Your Library Staff





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Workshops for Behaviours that Challenge Us

Come and meet our friendly team and learn more about managing your child's challenging behaviour

If you are a parent or carer of a child aged between 2 and 12 and you are keen to:

- understand more about your child's behaviour
- learn more about positive parenting and how you can apply it to your family

Come along to one of our Challenging Behaviour Workshops. You can bring a friend or family member with you, or someone who is working with your child.

Monday 11th November

Location: Christchurch

Time: 10am to 12.30

Monday 2nd December

Location: Blandford

Time: 10am to 12.30

Places are limited and must be booked. Please contact us by e-mail, giving your name, your child's name, child's date of birth and your preferred workshop at: dorsetparentingproject@actionforchildren.org.uk

If you have difficulties e-mailing us, please text "workshop" with your name to 07889 604216 and we will contact you to help

Reading into Writing

We have started a new writing process here at LMPS, **Reading into Writing**, where we are providing the children with a range of writing opportunities- from guided and shared writing, to independent extended writing opportunities-all based around a specific text or film.

The children will experience writing for a range of purposes - both fiction and non-fiction whilst also focussing on the relevant writing skills objectives for their year group. Writing tasks are often linked to various texts, sometimes to the whole class reading texts, films or topics-enabling children to write for a range of audiences.

This **Reading into Writing** journey encourages the children

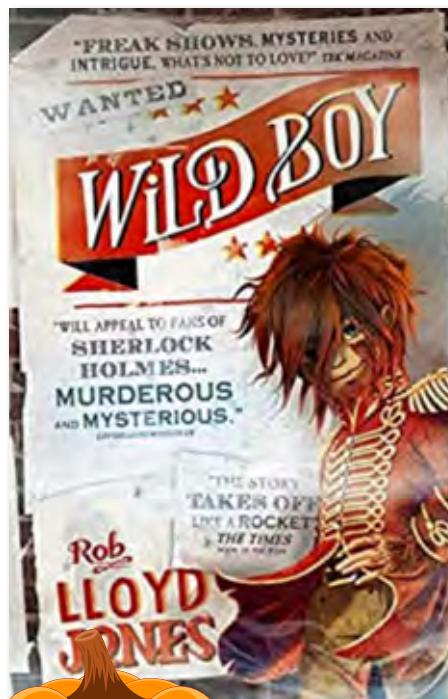
to experience a whole text, where they can fully immerse themselves in the text to demonstrate concrete understanding.

From **Year 1**, the children are encouraged to be independent when writing an extended piece of writing. Children are also encouraged to self-edit and up-level their writing.

We have an exciting '**Wonderful (Wonderful) Wall of Writing**' (Magically inspired as a play on words from Harry Potter), where children who produce an inspiring piece of writing can share and celebrate their writing master piece with the school!

All the **Reading into Writing** texts/Films used from Year 1-6 in the Autumn term are available to view on the English page on the school website.

Mrs L Shotliff
English Leader





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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

2019

October marks Black History Month, the annual commemoration of the history, achievements and contributions of black people in the UK. For the whole month until October 31, events celebrating African and Caribbean cultures and histories will take place up and down the country. Here at LMPS, we believe it is essential for the children to look at famous black personalities, who have made a significant contribution to British and world history. Each year group study a different personality, from sporting

heroes to political figures, who have fought for equal rights.

We had a whole school celebration assembly, where children from each class shared their learning about their significant personality. We feel that this is an invaluable experience for all the children, as it not only highlights the struggles and tribulations faced by the black personalities, but also the achievements and justice that these remarkable people have accomplished.

Mrs L Shottliff & Mrs C Hancock

“ Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. ”

Nelson Mandela





SCHOOL NEWS...

Our Victorian Drama Day with the Treehouse Theatre

On the 8th of October, we had an amazing experience; a Victorian Drama day with the Treehouse Theatre. It all began when we walked into school; the costumes were great, you could tell who the rich Victorians were and who were the poor Victorians. There were jackets and top hat, silk dresses and bonnets. Other children had coal on their faces and were dressed as chimney sweeps. There were flat caps and mop hats, aprons and waistcoats. Everyone looked the part!

In the hall, we were split into four different groups. Each group told a different story about Victorian child workers: factory workers, miners, chimney sweeps, domestic servants, pick-pockets and school children. It is almost unbelievable that children as young as four were forced to work in terrible conditions, but many poor parents felt they had to no choice

but to send them out to earn money for food. Sometimes children were beaten at the end of the day as they grew tired and couldn't work fast enough. Other times children were injured and even killed in the factories, mines and chimneys. Fortunately, there good men and women who fought to change the laws and stop child labour. Lord Shaftesbury was a famous reformer who visited the places children work and wrote reports for Parliament. He helped to change the laws and established schools for poor children. We learnt so much during our drama day but we also had great fun!

Shared write - Year 6



Year Five's Greek Drama Day

On Wednesday the 16th of October we did our Greek drama day with Treehouse Theatre, where we did a play in a day! This which was so much fun!

Firstly, we all walked silently into the hall, everyone greeted Ben and he talked us through the routine and our groups! Group one (Creation according to Zeus) started to work with Ben, meanwhile, all the other groups did some Greek activities in the classroom.

We were given our own cue cards with our quotes which we had to learn and rehearse.

Then, we switched over to group two (Ancient Olympic Games) so group one had their go with the Greek tasks back in the classroom. Group three (Alcibiades in Athens) and group 4 (Greek theatre) then got to work with Ben.

After we had rehearsed our lines and scenes, it was then SHOW time! We all went into the hall and started our play. It was very funny and entertaining. We all did really well considering we didn't have a long time to practise. We really enjoyed it!

Shared write - by Buzzard class



SPORTS news...

Bronze Ambassador Training

On Monday 7th October, 10 students from Year 5 attended the **Sports Leader Training** at Poole High School.

The **Bronze Ambassadors**, who were chosen by Miss West and Mr Noyce, took part in a series of workshops to develop their understanding of the roles and responsibilities they will now have as **Bronze Ambassadors**.

All of the sessions helped the students develop ideas about how they will improve **PE and School Sport for Lytchett Matravers Primary School**. They have demonstrated a great passion for sport or physical activity.

Coming soon....an exciting new project by the **Bronze Ambassadors**!

Miss West
KS2 PE Leader



Bronze Ambassadors 2019



Year 5 Swimming

Year 5 are attending swimming this term. We have started really well, with some of us moving groups! We have been really excited to get back in the pool and further our swimming skills, working towards the national curriculum standards.

Miss West, Mrs Shotliff and Mr Noyce are very proud of how we have represented the school while being off site at the local leisure centre.

Miss West
KS2 PE Leader





SPORTS news...

Perspire to Inspire!

'Some of our teachers grabbed their trainers to run '**Glow in the Park**' recently and then used their running stories to inspire the children!'



Twenty Two Go Cross Country At Canford School

Twenty two excited children went to the first cross country event of the season at Canford School. As a pleasant change from last year's events, we were basking in sunshine and enjoying the wonderful surroundings.

The children were nervous but really excited about the challenge. For many of them, it was their first experience of Cross Country. Mr Noyce and I were proud to see the effort they gave to their runs and their positions

were unimportant. The big smiles on their faces as they crossed the line said it all.

Our second event was last Thursday at Sandbanks. A contrast in weather with a strong wind, threat of rain and the challenge of sand to run on. Again, the children gave their best and although it was a tough run they were all happy and proud of their achievements. Our next event is on November 7th at Baiter Park.

Mrs Markham
LMPS Running Coach





NOVEMBER/DECEMBER DIARY DATES 2019

Monday 4 November 2019

Time: 09.00 - 15.30

Event: **2nd half of Autumn Term 2019 begins**

Venue: LMPS

4 - 11 November 2019

Time: 10.15 - 10.30 daily

Event: **Remembrance Poppies being sold**

Venue: LMPS Studio

Tuesday 5 November 2019

Time: 13.00 - 15.15

Event: **Year 5 Swimming**

Venue: The Junction, Broadstone

Tuesday 5 November 2019

Time: 13.00 - 15.00

Event: **Year 6 Height & Weight check by school nurse**

Venue: LMPS

Wednesday 6 November 2019

Time: 13.30 - 15.30

Event: **Forest Schools**

Venue: LMPS

Thursday 7 November 2019

Time: 09.00 - 10.00

Event: **Reception Class Photo**

Venue: LMPS

Thursday 7 November 2019

Time: 15.30 - 16.30

Event: **Key Stage 2 Choir**

Venue: LMPS

Thursday 7 November 2019

Time: 14.30 - 15.30

Event: **Cross Country Fixture**

Venue: Baiter Park, Poole

Friday 8 November 2019

Time: All Day

Event: **EYFS Vision Screening**

Venue: LMPS Music Studio

Monday 11 November 2019

Time: 14.30 - 15.30

Event: **Yr 1 Remembrance Day Stay & Play**

Venue: LMPS Classrooms

Tuesday 12 November 2019

Time: 13.00 - 15.15

Event: **Year 5 Swimming**

Venue: The Junction, Broadstone

Wednesday 13 November 2019

Time: 13.30 - 15.30

Event: **Forest Schools**

Venue: LMPS

Thursday 14 November 2019

Time: 15.30 - 16.30

Event: **Leeson House Parents Meeting**

Venue: Swan Classroom

Friday 15 November 2019

Time: All Day

Event: **Children in Need 2019**

Venue: LMPS

Monday 18 November 2019

Time: 18.30 - 19.30

Event: **Year 6 Victorian Evening**

Venue: LMPS Main Hall

Tuesday 19 November 2019

Time: 13.00 - 15.15

Event: **Year 5 Swimming**

Venue: The Junction, Broadstone

Wednesday 20 November 2019

Time: 13.30 - 15.30

Event: **Forest Schools**

Venue: LMPS

Thursday 21 November 2019

Time: 15.30 - 16.30

Event: **Key Stage 2 Choir**

Venue: LMPS Main Hall

Monday 25 Nov - 2 Dec 2019

Time: 15.00 - 15.30

Event: **Book Fair**

Venue: LMPS

Tuesday 26 November 2019

Time: 13.00 - 15.15

Event: **Year 5 Swimming**

Venue: The Junction, Broadstone

Tuesday 26 November 2019

Time: 15.30 - 17.00

Event: **Netball, LMPS v Longfleet**

Venue: Away at Longfleet

Wednesday 27 November 2019

Time: 13.00 - 15.30

Event: **Forest Schools**

Venue: LMPS

Thursday 28 November 2019

Time: 15.30 - 16.30

Event: **Key Stage 2 Choir**

Venue: LMPS Main Hall

Friday 29 November 2019

Time: 15.30 - 18.00

Event: **PTEC Christmas Fayre**

Venue: LMPS

Monday 2 December 2019

Time: 14.30 - 15.45

Event: **Netball, LMPS v HPJS 1st Team (match will begin at 15.00)**

Venue: LMPS

Monday 2 December 2019

Time: 16.00 - 17.00

Event: **Yr4 & Yr5/6 Netball League Matches. Home v Hillbourne 1st Teams**

Venue: LMPS

Wednesday 4 December 2019

Time: 13.00 - 15.30

Event: **Forest Schools**

Venue: LMPS

Wednesday 4 December 2019

Time: 13.30 - 15.00

Event: **Musicianship Concert Year 3**

Venue: LMPS Main Hall

Thursday 5 December 2019

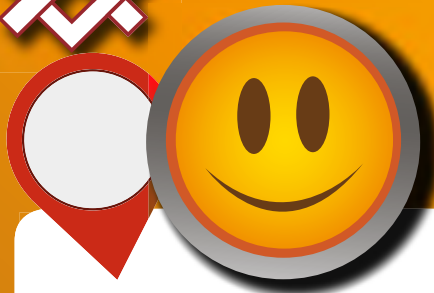
Time: 15.30 - 16.30

Event: **Key Stage 2 Choir**

Venue: LMPS Main Hall



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER DIARY DATES 2019



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Thursday 5 December 2019

Time: 17.00 - 18.00

Event: **Christmas Tree Switch On**

Venue: Lytchett Tesco Metro

Thursday 5 December 2019

Time: 14.30 - 15.30

Event: **Cross Country Fixture**

Venue: Ferndown Upper School

Friday 6 December 2019

Time: 09.30 - 10.30

Event: **Reception/Yr 1 Nativity**

Venue: Main Hall (Reception Parents)

Friday 6 December 2019

Time: 14.30 - 15.30

Event: **Reception/Yr 1 Nativity**

Venue: Main Hall (Year 1 Parents)

9 - 13 December 2019

Time: All Day

Event: **Whole School Assessment Week**

Venue: LMPS

Tuesday 10 December 2019

Time: 15.00 - 17.00

Event: **Yr4 Netball League Match - Away v HPJS 2nd Team**

Venue: Hamworthy Park Junior School

Tuesday 10 December 2019

Time: 15.30 - 16.30

Event: **KS2 Choir sings at Castle Farm**

Venue: Castle Farm Care Home

Wednesday 11 - 13 December 2019

Time: All Day

Event: **Year 4 Leeson House Trip**

Venue: Leeson House, Swanage

Wednesday 11 December 2019

Time: 13.30 - 15.30

Event: **Forest Schools**

Venue: LMPS

Wednesday 11 December 2019

Time: All Day

Event: **Whole School Flu Vaccinations**

Venue: LMPS School Hall

Monday 16 December 2019

Time: 0900 - 12.30

Event: **Yr R/1/3 Jack & the Beanstalk Pantomime**

Venue: Lighthouse, Poole

Monday 16 December 2019

Time: 14.00 - 15.30

Event: **Yr1 & Yr3 Christmas Parties**

Venue: LMPS

Monday 16 December 2019

Time: 14.30 - 15.20

Event: **Reception Christmas Stay and Play**

Venue: Reception Classrooms

Tuesday 17 December 2019

Time: 12.00 - 13.30

Event: **Chartwell Christmas Lunch**

Venue: LMPS

Wednesday 18 December 2019

Time: 09.00 - 12.30

Event: **Yr2, 4,5 & 6 Jack & the Beanstalk Pantomime**

Venue: Lighthouse, Poole

Wednesday 18 December 2019

Time: 14.00 - 15.30

Event: **Yr2, Yr4, Yr5 and Yr6 Christmas Parties**

Venue: LMPS

Thursday 19 December 2019

Time: 18.30 - 19.30

Event: **Yr6 Christmas Production to Parents**

Venue: LMPS

Friday 20 December 2019

Time: 15.30

Event: **School Closes for Christmas Holidays**

Venue: LMPS

For all calendar dates and info go to:
<http://www.lmps.dorset.org/calendar.asp>

**DON'T
FORGET**

2020 INSED Dates

The following dates have been set for the 2019 **Teacher Training days**. School will be closed to children on these days.

Mon 6th Jan 2020

Mon 1st June 2020

Mon 20th July 2020

