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A word from the Headteacher

Dear Parents.

Welcome to the first issue of Roundabout for 2016 and before writing this piece for this edition. I came across the very first Roundabout section I wrote which was almost exactly eight years ago, in January 2008 shortly after I had joined the school. It doesn't feel like that long ago but there have certainly been a lot of changes over that time and I am clearly getting old. I tell the children I had long golden flowing hair when I started!!

As always when you read through the next few pages you will see how busy the school is again and in particular how well our sports teams have been doing. Both our netball and swimming teams have done really well in local competitions and indeed we understand that several of our swimmers are going on to the County final, so well done to



Jacy Partridge, Poppy Szydowski, Paul Stephens, Frank Godfrey, Callum Taylor and Joe Vujicic. We are now hoping that the football and rugby teams can replicate their success. Once again I have exceeded my word count so I had better sign off but as always please remember that my door is always open if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's education or welfare.

Kind Regards

Simon France

Head Teacher

Congratulations!

To this month's Merit winners

Billy King
Milly Morton
Aidan Dick
Fearn-maia White
Fletcher Murray
Darcy Preece
Morgan Jones
Sebastian Richards
Evie-Mae Jarvis
Leah Wood
Ruby-Mae Trim
Teagan-maria White
Isobel Watts
Sophia More
Benjamin Lawrence
Phoebe Griffiths
Abigail Murray

Bailey Oldhams
Finlay O'Hara
Noah King
Harriet Walker
Kaitlyn Flippance
Oliver Clinch
Mollie Gregg
James Harrington
Amelia More
Jessica Singleton
Kai Bullen
Katherine Crickmore
Bailey Odhams
Ella Davies
Ruby Hector
Alfie Bosanquet
Ella Russell

Rebekka Neill
Chloe Flippance
Harriet Tomlinson-Mynors
Isabelle Maidment
Jack Gray
Lily May Burke
Sapphire Stanton
Alex Dawe
Mia case
Michaela Smith
Alyssia Woods
Holly Evans
Scarlett Tanner
Savannah King
Alexander Richards
Shaya Bellows
Sophie Meade

Lily Cobb
Maisie Dennes
Ella Dennes
Saba Badenhorst
Leo Barker
Lily D'Arcy-Wykes
Archie Martin
Myah Denmark
Keira Allcock
Eva Riddell
Louise Thomas
Evie Goble
Larna Yates
Samuel Tomlinson-Mynors
Bella Gordon-Nelson



kids the junction

student voice

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Student Voice are very proud of the fund-raising work that we do, as a school, to help others. We are always so grateful for the generous donations that the families at our school give. The classes have voted and the Student Voice are pleased to say that the charities we would like to support this term are: Julia's House and Cancer Research UK. *Harriet Tomlinson-Mynors (Year 3) and Joe Vujicic (Year 5)* would like to tell us about why they are such fantastic charities to support.

Julia's House:

Julia's House is the only children's hospice charity in Dorset. It helps children with life-limiting illnesses from newborn to the age of 18. Julia's House was opened in March 2006 and has grown to have 70 nurses and carers. Julia's House is caring for around 100 children. They rely on public funding and fund-raising for over 95% of the money it needs to run the service. (By Harriet T-M)

Cancer Research:

Cancer Research UK is a cancer research charity whose aim is to reduce the number of deaths from cancer. It tries to find more information about prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer. They fund scientists, doctors and nurses in part of their effort to beat cancer sooner. Cancer Research UK's work is almost completely funded by the public, whether it's events or community fund-raising. Over 40,000 people have become volunteers! (By Joe)

The Student Voice have gathered fund-raising ideas 'with a difference' from the classes. We can't wait to share the winning ideas with you soon.

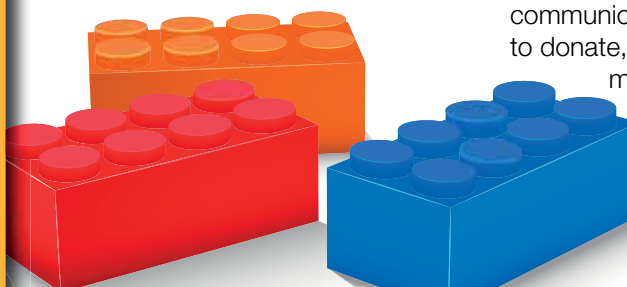
Thank you for your support, as always
The Student Voice



LEGO®

Request

The ELSA team (Mrs Talbot & Mrs Farwell), are sending out a request for any spare Lego that you may be able to donate to the school. We are in the process of investigating 'Lego Therapy', to help children learn to communicate better. If you have any to donate, please drop it off in the main school office. Thank you in advance!



Music

Exciting times are ahead for the music department. We have begun work to re-organise the music studio in preparation to make our new practise room which we are hoping will be constructed in the very near future. This is partially thanks to the generous donations at our Christmas Concert where we raised £203.31.

The Junior and Senior Choirs and the Orchestra have now started

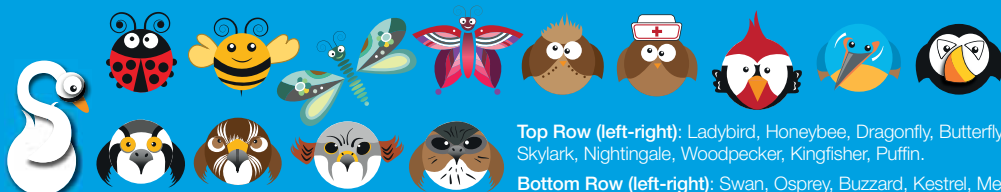
work towards our Summer Show 'The Boy with the Dress', to be performed in June. We will be learning the melodies of ABBA but the words will be a little unexpected!

We would like to thank the families of our musicians for their ongoing support and patience with us.

After re-organising our Christmas Concerts were a great success and we are very proud of how well the children performed.



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

Being a Governor at LMPS

Dear Parents / Guardians

You will recently have received notification that parent governor elections are shortly to be held at the school. Any parent considering offering to serve may be interested to learn a little more about what is involved.

The governing body at LMPS comprises 12 members: three parents and the staff governor are elected, whilst others are appointed or co-opted, either by the local authority or by the governing body. Although some governors are put in place by parents or staff, it is not intended that they should be there solely to carry out the wishes of any individuals, nor is it their role to deal with specific problems or concerns. The governing body has a policy in place for dealing with such matters.

Governors thus collectively provide a broad range of appropriate skills and experiences in order to support effective school planning and decision making. ***Every governor, however, has the wellbeing and success of the pupils and the school as their central concern.***

You can meet the governors and get an overview of how the governing body operates by referring to the

Community / Governors section of the school website at www.lmps.org. All governors share responsibility for the strategic role, setting long-term aims for the school and agreeing policies and plans for improvement. The governing body provides both support and challenge to the school and is accountable for decisions made. It is important to note, however, that governors **do not** have any involvement in the day to day management of the school, the responsibility for which lies with the head teacher. The full governing body meet 6 times a year, each half-term, from 5.30 – 7.30pm.

In addition, governors are able to contribute according to their individual strengths and interests through membership of one of the 3 sub-committees. For example, as my background is in education I serve on the Curriculum Committee and am the Special Educational Needs link governor. Some governors are more drawn to financial or premises management and sit on the Premises, Finance and Marketing Committee. Those with a particular interest in links with parents and the community serve on a third committee which has such a focus. The sub-committees meet 4 times a year, at times suited to the members.

However, whilst what I have described above is the framework for governance at LMPS, the work of the school is really brought to life through visiting the school, meeting the pupils, staff and parents, and becoming involved in the wider life of the school. I have been a governor at LMPS for 2½ years now and find it most interesting, rewarding... and enjoyable! Seeing the children thriving, safe and well-looked after; watching them as they happily learn, play, perform and compete, keeps us grounded and helps to ensure that the schools provision is the best that it possibly can be.

So if you are interested in joining the governors and would like to know more, governors will be available for prospective parent governors to talk during parent's evenings in February. Wednesday 10th February, we will be in the main school office and studio from 4.30-5.30, Thursday 11th February, we will be there between 4.00 and 5.00pm. Alternatively, you can contact us through the main school office. . It is also worth mentioning that we have all been new to the role at some point so support will be available from fellow governors and training is offered by Dorset County Council Governor Services.

We look forward to hearing from you

Marion Sammons

Co-opted Governor





Lytchett Matravers

VILLAGE LIBRARY news

We know it seems like a long time ago now, but, we would like to thank all the children who created some fantastic Christmas cards for our competition. Well done to the winners **Imogen, Gracie, Poppy and Ella**.

The start of 2016 is looking particularly busy. So far we have enjoyed a visit from the Lytchett Beavers Group and held an Arts Award Ceremony to present certificates to those children who achieved their Arts Award 'Discover' back in the summer. We will again be offering the chance to take part in Arts Award during this summer. More details will be available nearer the time.

Upcoming events and activities:

**'A Night of Spells'
Harry Potter Party :**
Friday 5th February
5.30pm-6.30pm.

The event is suitable for ages 7 – 11 and children are encouraged (though not compulsory) to come dressed as their favourite Harry Potter character (with a prize for the best costume). There will be fun and games all with a Harry Potter theme and the evening will start with the Sorting Ceremony after children have entered the library via Platform 9 ¾!! This is a free event and there are a few places still available but you will need to get in quick.

National Libraries Day
6th February:

This has become a very important day for libraries

and throughout the week leading up to the 6th we are running a range of events to promote our library. Do show support for your local library by making a visit sometime during the week. or Come along to our POP-UP READING GROUP on Tuesday 2nd February 2.30pm – 3.15pm. Join with other readers to talk about books you have enjoyed, or not, and if you are not a member of a Reading Group find out from others what is so good about being in one. We are hoping to set up another Library Reading Group and this would be a great opportunity to put your name down to join after hearing all about it.

- Coffee and Cake with Friends: Our lovely Friends Group will be providing coffee and cake on Saturday 6th February from 10am to celebrate National Libraries Day and promote their group. Call in for a hot drink and warm welcome.

- Gruffalo Storytime Session: Our Saturday session for families on the 6th at 10.30am will be a Gruffalo Special. Children can create their favourite Gruffalo story character and then use these to help us tell that much loved Gruffalo story.

There are also 2 competitions for children running in the lead up to National Libraries Day – so pop in and take part.

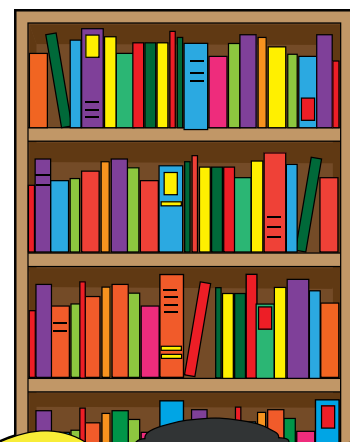
During **half term week** there are two events for children.

Awesome Animation - Learn how to create your own short film. Session times: 2pm-4pm for ages 7-11 years and 4.30pm-6.30pm for ages 12 and above.

Saturday 13th February. Quirky Crafts! – Session for ages 7 – 12 with an exciting and different range of crafts to try. Thursday 18th February 2pm – 4pm.

Both of these sessions are free but places are limited and need to be booked in advance. Speak to library staff for more information or to book a place or phone the library on 01202 621281.

Babs, Clair and Susan
Your Library Staff





SCHOOL NEWS...



Visit by Police to Year Six

On Wednesday 13th January, Year 6 had a visit from two community police officers who are based in Wareham. Their names were John and Philip. Year 6 had prepared questions beforehand to ask them for part of their interview topic.

We asked them open questions about their training and the best and worst parts of their jobs. The worst part of their job was the paperwork and dealing with accidents. The best part of their job was coming to talk to people like us!

Phillip and John wanted to become police because they wanted to help people. They also showed us their equipment like their stab vests, radios and boots. We learned so much about the police and there are lots of children in our classes who want to join the police when they grow up!

Kaitlyn Flippance and Katie Townley,
Kestrel Class



The Cyberbullying Workshop

On Friday 15th January, Year 6 had a visit from PC Rachael. She came to talk to us about cyber bullying.

Rachael showed us a video of Jessie; the video was about how she was bullied at school and now the people who bullied her are now her fans. We were then asked about the benefits of mobile phones, games, tablets, email and social networking. There are lots of benefits but you must be careful to stay safe on line. We then watched another video of a boy named Joe.

Joe was the victim of cyber-bullying. His friends turned against him

because he answered questions in class. They started spreading rumours about him and sent mean text messages. They also set up a web page which made fun of him. The bullying got worse and worse and Joe was very upset. Finally he left a video message which told how he felt. His mum went to the school and the police were called. They arrested the bullies. PC Rachael told us that if you are being bullied you need to tell an adult. She also said that if you bully someone on line it will give you a criminal record and could affect the rest of your life. You can be arrested from the age of 10.

We really enjoyed having PC Rachael come in and we learnt a lot about cyber bullying.

To see more of school policy on this subject, go to <http://Impsdorset.org/council.asp> and find **SSCT Parents Esafety Newsletter Spring 2016**

*By Jacy Partridge
Merlin Class*





SCHOOL news...

High 5 Netballers Get their Head in the Game!

On Tuesday 19th January, our Year 5/6 LMPS Netball Teams played friendly matches against Upton Junior School.

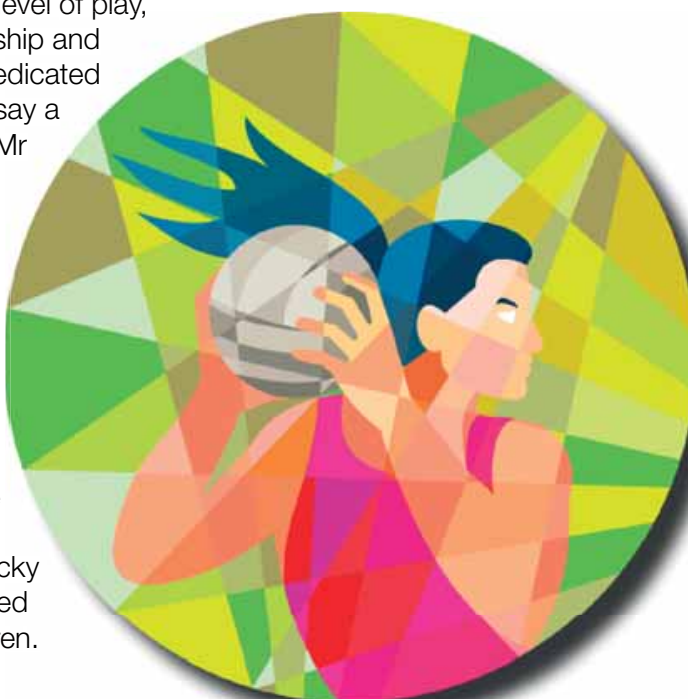
Both LMPS Teams (A and B), were of equal talent and skill. The teams worked extremely hard and were outstanding sportspersons in all areas. Our Lytchett A team began by scoring 2 goals in the first quarter, 3 in the second, another 3 in the third and a final 3 in the last quarter! ***They won their game by a superb 11-0!*** The attacking and defensive play was excellent across the court. Mr France was very impressed. At the same time, our Lytchett B team also began their match well, scoring a fabulous 3 goals in the initial quarter, 4 in the second, 2 more in the third and 3 in the final quarter! ***Their teamwork, communication and play was outstanding, winning 12-0!***

I am always so proud of our children here at Lytchett Matravers Primary, but on Tuesday, I was overwhelmed by the level of play, support, sports-manship and care shown by our dedicated team. I would like to say a special thank you to Mr Noyce, Miss Horlock, Mrs Foster 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.

Next, we have the up and coming friendly tournament on 4th February, followed by the ***East Dorset High 5 Tournament*** on Wednesday 2nd March at Allenbourn Middle School. This is the Level 2 qualifier for the ***Dorset School Games Finals*** on 21st March 2016. We also plan on arranging some more friendly matches for the other children who attend Netball Club and did not get the chance to play this time. Wish us luck for our future matches!

A final thank you goes to you, our parents, for supporting us at matches and by allowing your children to attend Netball Club on a Tuesday. We now have over 40 children attending Netball Club, every Tuesday after school and the level of skill we are beginning to see is exceptional. Thank you for your continued support.

Laura Dominey
Deputy Headteacher



Eco Team News

The Eco Team have been working hard in planning their new allotment for this year.

After our success last year with our salad and potatoes, we hope to create an even better harvest this year. We also would like to create a wild life garden by planting in our old bath tubs in our allotment, making it into a lovely place to study nature and insects. We are looking forward to when our planting can begin but in the meantime we are all busy preparing the soil and keeping things tidy.

Greenhouse Update

Many thanks for the 2L bottles you have sent in, they are very much appreciated. We do however, still need lots more so please keep them coming in. Thank you.

Food Waste Bins

Our food waste bins in our playgrounds are now in full use. It has taken a bit of practise to remember to separate our waste but we are now into the good habit. In the long term, this will have a great impact on the cost of refuse collections made from our school, so well done everybody and keep up the good work! Thank you for your continuing support with all things Eco.

Mr McCabe
and the Eco Team



SCHOOL NEWS...

Super Swimmers Finish Third!

On the 22nd January, 15 Year 5 and 6 pupils went to a Swimming Gala at Canford Leisure centre.

The children performed superbly and the quality of swimming was fantastic. All the races were hotly contested with all our children building on our points tally for the amazing final position of third.

On the way to the bronze position we beat other schools that have access to swimming pools weekly, this is a huge testament to the teams focus, determination and ability to get into the zone at exactly the right time. Many children finished in the top three with great effort in their races but a special mention must be made to Jacy (50m breaststroke), Poppy (50m Front Crawl) and the Year 5 Front Crawl relay team of Frank, Paul, Joe and Callum for finishing first and therefore qualifying for the **Dorset Swimming Finals** later on this term. It was highlighted by the organizer that this was our second time attending and the improvement from last year was clearly evident. The children were also highly

praised for their behaviour, sportsmanship and effort.

All the children should be extremely proud of their achievements as they represented the school very well. I think the team exceeded everyone's high expectations and I am so proud of them all.

The team were hugely supportive and were the reason our swimmers achieved such a brilliant result. A massive well done and congratulations goes out to all the children involved 1, 2, 3 LYTCHETT! Congratulations to:

Year 6 Girls

Keira Davis, Lucie Etches, Kaitlyn Flippance, Isabel Bartlett, Jacy Partridge, Lilly Dennett.

Year 6 Boys

Sami Richards.

Year 5 Girls

Poppy Szydlowski, Amy Hawkins, Sophie Nurser, Issy Richards .

Year 5 Boys

Paul Stevens, Frank Godfrey, Callum Taylor, Joe Vujicic .

Written by Mr Smith



Year 3 Swimming

Woodpecker and Kingfisher classes have started swimming this term. Both classes are really enjoying the opportunity to swim and are already making lots of progress as a result of their enthusiasm and hard work. It is fantastic to see children who were initially nervous about going into the water thoroughly enjoying it after only a few sessions. Meanwhile those children who were already confident are refining their existing skills and improving their abilities. We look forward to seeing some really amazing swimming by the end of term!



**Written by
Mr West
(Year 3
Class
Teacher)**

£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.





SCHOOL news...



New Opening for the L MPS School Bank

Thursdays 8:30am in the Studio.
First Wednesday of Each Month
at Lunchtime - RM 15

Firstly, I'd like to say a big thank you to all the team who have been managing the

L MPS School Bank branch brilliantly – you've been doing a great job!!! We have now been running for a while and, based on some parent feedback, we are changing the opening times of the bank to Thursday mornings at 8:30am in the Studio so that parents have a chance to come in and find out more about the school bank if they so wish. We will also continue to have an in-school opening time for those who can't make the early morning slot. This will be the first Wednesday of each month at lunchtime in room 15.

The other bit of exciting news is that we are planning the...

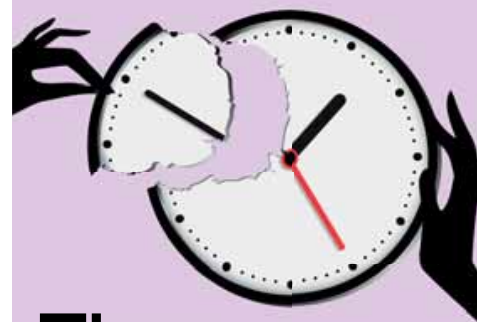
Year 5 L MPS School Bank Launch!!!

This will be a great opportunity for year 5 pupils to be able to open accounts and start saving along with the year 6 pupils. The launch will be taking place on Friday 26th February in the Studio – all parents are welcome to come and see what it is all about and can help their children to open an account. It would be fantastic if you could encourage them to start saving now for when they open their accounts. The accounts can be opened with £1 but if your child can come in with £10 already saved at the launch, they will receive a money box to take home that day. They will also be getting 3% interest on everything they save! Many thanks in advance for your support and please do get in touch if you have any questions:

natalie@carswell.eu

Natalie Carswell

Parent Governor and
mum to children in years
2, 3 and 5.



Time Keeping

How many of you have still managed to keep your New Year Resolutions? They certainly can be very hard to keep in these dreary January days.

For some of us, it is especially hard to get out of a warm bed in the mornings. No harm in staying under the duvet another 5 minutes, we might think...However, did you know? Being 5 minutes late every day adds up to three days of school lost every year.

Being late can embarrass and upset your child, disrupt the lesson for all the rest of the children in the class and affect achievement. 80% attendance over 4 years of school means one full school year lost.

Research published by the Government argues that there is a clear link between poor attendance in early education and lower academic achievement. Parents and carers have a responsibility to ensure that children receive a fulltime education. As a school we share your child's attendance data with you three times a year. The next occasion will be during the Spring Parents' Evenings On Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th February.



SCHOOL NEWS...

Dear Parents/Carers,

Lytchett Matravers Primary School would like to thank you for all of your kind donations and support for each of our recent events.

The Summer Fayre at the end of last academic year, raised	£1,290.31
The Autumn Discos raised	£340.31
The Christmas Fayre raised	£1,187.66
TOTAL:	£2,818.28

This term, we will be speaking with our school council about how to spend this money as a school to benefit all of the children in our care. Following the devolvement of the PTA last year, we have decided to put all of the funds raised towards the re-development of the large courtyard in the centre of the school. This enormous project is being led by Mrs Cotterill (Outdoor Leader) and she has worked extremely hard with children, staff and parents to design a wonderful outdoor learning environment for our children. We are hoping that work should commence in 2016...so watch this space!

We would also like to take this opportunity, once again, to thank all of the staff members, parents, grandparents and volunteers who gave up their time to support each of the above events. Without these wonderful people, these events would not happen. Welcome back to 2016, we hope you all have a wonderful and prosperous New Year!

Kind regards,

Laura Dominey
Deputy Headteacher

2016 INSED Dates

The following dates have been set for the 2015-16 Teacher Training days. School will be closed to children on these days.

Thank you.

Monday 6th June 2016
Wednesday 20th July 2016
Thursday 1st September 2016
Friday 2nd September 2016



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.





DIARY DATES

February 2016

Month commences
Monday 1st February



Mon 1 Feb 2016

Event: **Year 3 Swimming,**
Week 4 of 10

Time: 13.30 to 15.30

Venue: Broadstone Leisure Cen

Mon 8 Feb 2016

Event: **Year 4 Egyptian**
Theatre Day

Time: All Day

Venue: School Hall

Mon 8 Feb 2016

Event: **Year 3 Swimming,**
Week 5 of 10

Time: 13.30 to 15.30

Venue: Broadstone Leisure Cen

Tue 8 Feb 2016

Event: **Bournemouth Football Club -**
Respect Workshop - Y6

Time: 13.30 to 15.30

Venue: LMPS

Tue 9 Feb 2016

Event: **National Safer**
Internet Day

Time: All Day

Venue: LMPS

Tue 9 Feb 2016

Event: **Year 3 Visit to Stonehenge**

Time: All Day

Venue: Stonehenge

Wed 10 Feb 2016

Event: **Parent Evening 1**

Time: 16.00 to 19.00

Venue: LMPS

Thurs 11 Feb 2016

Event: **Bournemouth Football Club -**
Respect Workshop - Y5

Time: 13.30 to 15.30

Venue: LMPS

Thurs 11 Feb 2016

Event: **Parent Evening 2**

Time: 15.40 to 17.30

Venue: LMPS

Fri 12 Feb 2016

Event: **Term Ends**

Time: 15.30

Venue: LMPS

Mon 22 Feb 2016

Event: **Spring Term**
2nd Half Begins

Time: 09.00

Venue: LMPS

Mon 22 Feb 2016

Event: **Year 3 Swimming,**
Week 6 of 10

Time: 13.30 to 15.30

Venue: Broadstone Leisure Cen

Mon 22 Feb 2016

Event: **Year 4 RSPB Boat Trip**

Time: 13.30 to 15.30

Venue: Broadstone Leisure Cen

Mon 22 Feb 2016

Event: **Year 3 Swimming -**
Week 5 of 10

Time: 13.30 to 15.30

Venue: Broadstone Leisure Cen

Fri 26 Feb 2016

Event: **E-Safety Education Day**
with the SSCT

Time: 09.00 to 15.30

Venue: Classrooms & Main Hall

Fri 26 Feb 2016

Event: **School Bank Launch - Year 5**

Time: 15.00 to 15.30

Venue: Studio

Mon 29 Feb 2016

Event: **Year 3 Swimming -**
Week 6 of 10

Time: 13.00

Venue: Broadstone Leisure Cen

Mon 29 Feb 2016

Event: **Fair Trade Fortnight Begins**

Wed 02 Mar 2016

Event: **High 5 Netball Tournament -**
Invite only event

Time:

Venue:

Mon 07 Mar 2016

Event: **Year 3 Swimming - Week 7 of 10**

Time: 13.00 to 17.00

Venue: Allenbourne Middle School

Wed 09 Mar 2016

Event: **Full Governing Body**
Meeting 4

Time: 17.30

Venue: Room 15

Thu 10 Mar 2016

Event: **Year 4 Swimming Gala and**
Aquasplash (Qualifier for County
Final) - Invite Only

Time: TBC

Venue:

Fri 11 Mar 2016

Event: **Fair Trade Friday -**
Celebration Assembly

Time: 10.00

Venue: School Hall & Classrooms

Sun 13 Mar 2016

Event: **Fair Trade Fortnight Ends**

Mon 14 Mar 2016

Event: **Year 6 Visit to the Village**
Library for Shakespeare Week

Time: 10.00 to 12.30

Venue: Village Library

Mon 14 Mar 2016

Event: **Year 3 Swimming -**
Week 8 of 10

Time:

Venue: Broadstone Leisure Cen

Tue 15 Mar 2016

Event: **Life Education Bus -**
All Week!

Time: All Week

Venue: LMPS

Mon 21 Mar 2016

Year 3 Swimming - Week 9 of 10

Time:

Venue: Broadstone Leisure Cen

Thu 24 Mar 2016

SPRING TERM 2ND HALF ENDS