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A word from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

Welcome to the first edition of Roundabout for this academic year. We ended the previous year on something of a high by gaining very good results at the end of every Key Stage. I am sure that it will not have escaped your attention that nationally and across Dorset, many schools struggled to do as well as they might have expected with the new, and significantly tougher assessments. Thanks to the work of the children and staff at our school however, our results were significantly ahead of Dorset and the rest of the country in both attainment and progress. Whilst we are obviously pleased with this, we recognise that there is still a lot that we can continue to improve on and we will continue to focus

on the targets we have set across the course of this year. So far the children have settled down well into their new classes and it is always a pleasure to welcome them back into school after the Summer. I also hope that I get to catch up with as many of you as possible in our upcoming Parent's Evenings. Until then, as always, please do get in touch if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's education or welfare.

Kind Regards

Head Teacher



A request for the safety of our children

When it comes to our school there is no higher priority than the safety of your children whilst they are in our care. From experience we know that children and cars can be a dangerous combination. To try and minimise the risk to the children of LMPS as well as the children from the pre-school we ask you to not park in front of the school gates at either the beginning or the end of the school day. These gates must be kept clear in case emergency services need access.

The school minibus has been given special permission to wait there for children requiring transport after school.

Parents are again reminded that the school car park is not for use by parents dropping off or picking up at the start and end of the school day.

With so many cars negotiating the roads outside the school at these peak times we need to keep the area as clear as possible so please think of the safety of all the children before you park.





kids the junction

student
voice

Article 12:

“We have the right to have a say in matters affecting us”

Congratulations to the new Student Voice members who have been voted for by their classes. They cannot wait to get started on helping our school to be a safe and happy place. Look out for our latest news on the Student Voice page on our school website and on the main corridor display. Remember if you have any ideas, to pass these onto your class reps!

Mrs Murray

Rights Respecting & Every Child Matters Leader

Music

We are all pleased to say that all lessons are now in place and all children have their timetables. A huge thank you to Mrs Blake who worked tirelessly to make this happen; timetabling eight peripatetic teachers and over 100 private lessons! We do hope that your son or daughter is enjoying their lessons and is able to arrive to their slot

on time with instrument and music in hand. Also, please don't forget the practice, this really does accelerate their

development – a little every day is all it takes. Music practice will be rewarded.

Orchestra has also started in full swing; a delightful, conscientious group of children – a pleasure to work with! Ukulele has also started in lunch time sessions with Mrs Story and I believe there are beginner places if anyone is interested – please get in touch with Mrs Pratten. Junior Choir and Senior Choir will start during lunchtime slots first week after half term; we will be working towards our Christmas Concert taking place on **Tuesday 13th December.**

As always, please do get in touch with any queries or concerns.

Mrs Pratten
Music Leader



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

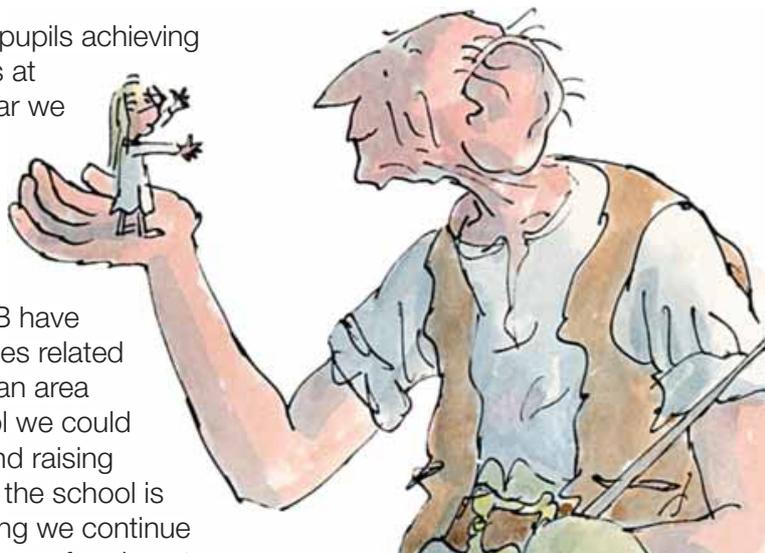
Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the start of another term at LMPS, I cannot believe we have reached the end of September already! The first full governing body (FGB) meeting of the year has taken place already, and as part of that we reflect on our experiences of the previous academic year. This time we looked back at successful school trips, a wonderful school play, and from an academic point of view some very good end of year results in our SAT's.

As governors we spend time within the first FGB meeting setting our priorities for the coming year. These are generally linked to the school's own identified targets as well as areas we feel important or beneficial to the school to progress

with. Despite the pupils achieving such good results at the end of last year we feel as a school it is important to never stop striving for the best possible.

Therefore the FGB have identified 3 priorities related to this. Writing is an area where as a school we could do even better, and raising standards across the school is on our list. Ensuring we continue to challenge pupils performing at a high level is important to ensure they enjoy their education, and also to recognise their achievements within the assessment system. Since the changes made to assessments it has been difficult to do this, but we are now hoping to be able to apply the principle of those working at 'Greater Depth' within our assessment terms in recognition of pupils at this level.



Not everything in a school is about the curriculum itself. We have a variety of buildings in need of ongoing management and maintenance, and the FGB (not to be confused with the BFG!) will this year continue to monitor schools progress with the planned building maintenance programme.

Finally, LMPS has been working towards becoming a Rights Respecting School as awarded by UNICEF. We are all hoping to see this academic year being the one where LMPS achieves the requirements for the award in recognition of all the hard work done by staff, the school council and pupils alike. We wish them luck and offer them our full support in doing so, with a special mention to Mrs Murray for leading this area with such passion!

There is little else to report from our governor's corner at this stage in term as it is still early days. We will continue to update you all about governor matters in future editions of 'Roundabout'.

Kind regards,
Kris Knudsen

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Lytchett Matravers

LIBRARY NEWS

THE BIG Friendly READ

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2016

As each new school year begins, here at the village library, we think it is a good time to remind parents and inform new parents of all that the library has to offer.

Access to great books for all ages, help with homework either in our range of information books or online services, regular clubs and activities and helpful staff on hand. Plus it is all **FREE!!** If your family are not library members then do pop in and sign up for library cards which will give you access to so much.

Well done to all the children who completed their Reading Challenge during the summer. Marley and Fraser Croft were the first two children to complete the challenge here at Lytchett. The certificates should be arriving in school later in the term. Congratulations to Sophie Gray and Ben Jones, pupils at the school, who both won prizes in our various competitions.

Two regular clubs for children started in September. Chatterbooks our book group for 7 – 11 year olds re-started again after its summer break.

This month we were looking at funny books and then created our own limericks.

This one is by Scarlett ...

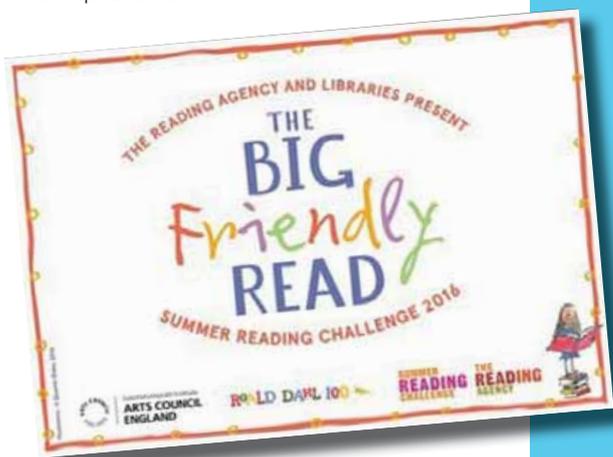
*There was once a black dog from Poole
Who grew incredibly tall
His name was 'Flash'
And he ran in a dash
And everyone thought he was cool!!*



Code Club started in September. This club is a fun and exciting way for children to discover computer coding and the club meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. Our first meeting went really well and children coded a rock band that played a variety of instruments and sent a rocket ship around the earth! We are pleased to welcome Norman to our library team. Norman is our Code Club volunteer and will be assisting library staff to run the sessions (plus he knows a lot about computers which is a great help!).



Babs, Clair and Susan –
Your Library Staff



During half term week join us for swashbuckling fun at our pirate themed activity session. This is on Tuesday 25th October between 3-4pm. This is a free session suitable for ages 4 – 11 years but places must be booked in advance please.





SCHOOL NEWS...

New Receptionists!!

Well done to the Reception children who have almost completed their first full half term in school. The children have settled well and have become independent very quickly, with most children now putting their own belongings away in the morning. They are quickly learning routines, attending assemblies, staying for hot lunches and are already learning their first 3 sounds. The children have already made new friends from different pre-schools and have enjoyed playtimes with the older children. They have been writing names,

counting, reading and ordering numbers and having lots of fun inside and outside of the classroom. They have made an amazing start to their time at Lytchett and we are very proud of them.

The Reception Team



Hi De Hi...Meet our Play Leaders!

Look out for their bright yellow jumpers if you need a helping hand. As a Rights Respecting School, we know how important it is for all children to be safe and have fun at playtime. "Articles 19 and 31 of the CRC: We have the right to be safe and play and rest."

Mrs Murray

Rights Respecting & Every Child Matters Leader





Meet the Teachers



by
**Molly Browne
& Amelia Sibley**

Dear Miss Meacher ,
We would like to welcome you to Lytchett Matravers Primary School. Miss Meacher teaches Year 4 Puffin class. She wears green & black glasses & is a very nice teacher!

Miss Meacher's favourite food is pizza & chocolate (but not together). She is a caring teacher & her favourite colour is green. She loves reading the Harry Potter series by J K Rowling. She is from Lancashire & that is why she has an accent.

Before she became a teacher, she was a cleaner at the vets. After that she went to Liverpool University and worked in Manchester at Ellenbrook Primary School.

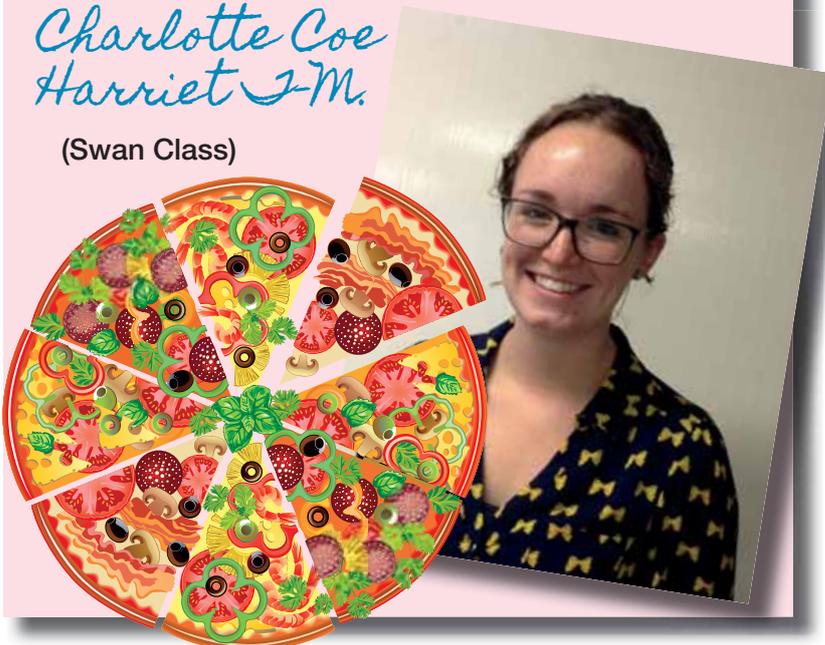
She loves working with children because she thinks they have brilliant ideas and every day is different.

We hope you like it here and stay with us for a very long time.

Yours sincerely,

*Charlotte Coe
Harriet J.M.*

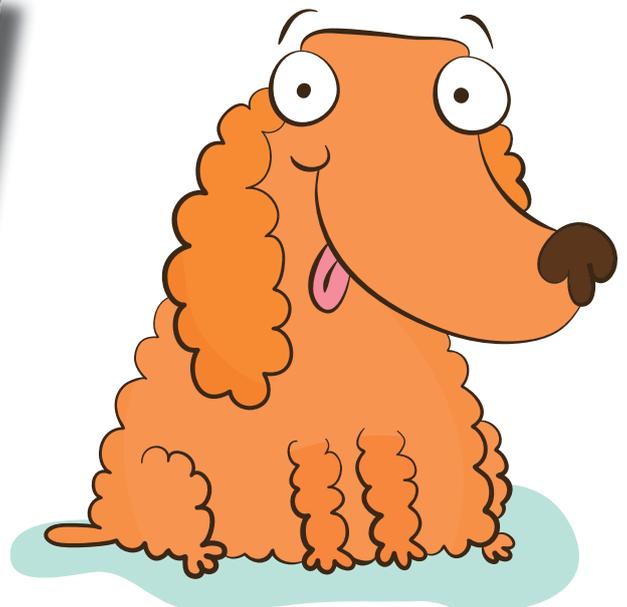
(Swan Class)



**We interviewed Y4's new TA, Mrs Porter
Here are some questions we asked her...**

- 1. How old are you?**
A. I am presently 35 years old.
- 2. What is your favourite colour?**
A. I like turquoise!
- 3. How long have you been teaching for?**
A. I have been teaching assistant for 4 years at another school.
- 4. What is your favourite school subject?**
A. I really like English!
- 5. Where do you come from?**
A. I come from Wimborne.
- 6. What is your favourite TV programme?**
A. The great British bake off!
- 7. Who is your favourite author?**
A. Roald Dahl
- 8. What is your favourite animal?**
A. I adore Cocker Spaniels!

We love our new Teaching Assistant, Mrs Porter is really kind and always helps us.





SCHOOL NEWS...

The children in Kingfisher Class have really enjoyed getting to know Mrs Odgers this term! Here are some of their quotes about her!

“ She is really nice, friendly and kind.

She is helpful, nice, happy and funny.

She teaches us new stuff and she is kind.

She is nice, kind and happy.

” Mrs Odgers always helps us when we are stuck.

We just know we are going to have a great year with Mrs Odgers
From Kingfisher Class



What the school would like to know about Mr Burton [teacher]

You think you know him
But do you?

Q. What would you be doing for a dream job?

A. Apart from teaching Merlin, obviously. I would be a professional tennis player – travelling the world and earning millions, lovely!

Q. What is your favorite sport?

A. I play volleyball regularly for a local team and enjoy cycling regularly. I also enjoy watching tennis, Formula 1 and Moto GP racing.

Q. How young are you?

A. Firstly, thank you for saying young. The answer is simple, not as young as I was!

Q. How many schools have you worked at?

A. I have been fortunate you work in quite a few over the years, teaching lots of ages of children (up to Year 8). I am really happy and excited to be part of Lytchett Matravers Primary School now though!

Q. What is the biggest school you have worked at?

A. It depends on what you mean by biggest but they have all be been about the same size as here.

Q. What is your favorite type of cycling?

A. I like all types of cycling, although if I had to choose it would be mountain biking.

Q. What is your dream class like?

A. Ask Merlin. We are all working hard to get there!

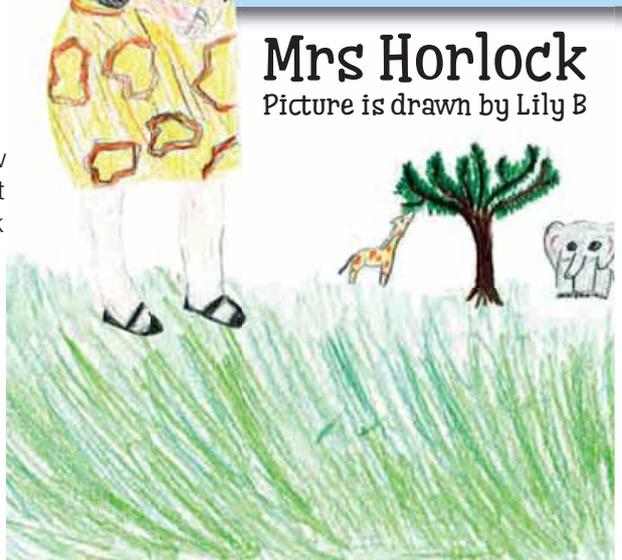
Q. What would you wear to a school fancy dress day?

A. I suppose that depends on the theme of the day – you'll have to wait and see...

Our new teacher Miss Horlock is a brilliant and amazing teacher who is really helpful and always looks after you if you are upset. She is a lovely teacher and is very clever. If someone is struggling in a lesson she will make sure they understand it by the end of the lesson. She also adores giraffes! Miss Horlock was a student here at LMPS when she was young! As she is a new teacher, she will be a benefit to our school. Miss Horlock loves sport and especially netball. She likes other sports as well but netball is her favourite. Miss Horlock is very good at sport as well!



Mrs Horlock
Picture is drawn by Lily B



Written by Ella,
Joshua GN
and Ruby





SCHOOL NEWS...



Gifted + Talented

Maths Day

WOW...What fantastic mathematicians we have at LMPS!!

On the 21st September I had the pleasure of taking a group of Year 5 and 6 brilliant mathematicians to a super Mathematics day at Bearwood Primary School. The day was filled with fantastic opportunities for our children to 'show off' their talents and to put their knowledge to the test. The children worked very hard solving a huge variety of problems and mental maths skills. Using their mathematical brains to the maximum, they worked out patterns of number and tested their logic reasoning skills to the full.



Just take a look at their amazing effort, all the children made me feel very proud of them.

Well done Samuel, Daniel, Joe, Isabella, Lily, George, Joshua and Lucas!

Also a huge thank you to Mrs Pryce for helping to support the children on the day; your support was greatly appreciated.

Keep up the brilliant maths work everyone!

Mrs McCabe
Acting Mathematics Leader



Extra-Curricular Clubs

Autumn Term 2016

(external clubs are highlighted in that days colour)

Lunchtime

After School

MONDAY

Ukulele Club

with Mrs Storey in the Studio, from – 12.10pm

Tag Rugby Club

Years 5 & 6 – Mr Noyce & Mrs Gould – Lunch in Osprey Class at 12.20pm, then onto the Field at 12:40 –1:05pm

Computing Club

To begin after October Half Term
Years 4, 5 and 6 with Mr West in Woodpecker Classroom from 12:20 –12:40pm.

Eco Club

This will begin in the Spring Term
With Mrs McCabe in Butterfly classroom –12.30 –1.00pm.

Kidz Academy

Years R-Yr6, from 3:30–4:30pm in the Studio.

Karate

5–6.00pm in the main school hall.

Football Club

Years 5 and 6 With Mr France & Mr Noyce on the school field, 3:30–4:30pm weekly from 12.09.16.

TUESDAY

Orchestra

By invitation only with Mrs Pratten in the Music Studio, from 12:10–12:40pm.

Junior Choir

Years 2 and 3 with Mrs Markham & Miss Waring in Skylark Classroom from 12:20–12.40pm.

Yr5/6 Netball Club

with Mrs Dominey & Mrs McKenzie on the Netball Court from 3:30-4:30pm, weekly from 27.09.16

WEDNESDAY

Listening Ear

For all children, with Mrs Farwell & Mrs Talbot in the Rainbow Room, from 12.20 - 1.15pm.

Homework Club

For all children in all years with Mrs Helm in Red Kite – 12:20 - 1:15pm.

Rugby

Years 1,2,3 – Mr Kevin Smith on the field from 12.30 - 1.00pm

Girls Football

Years 1,2,3 – Mrs Smith on the school field from 12.30 - 1.00pm.

Sailing Taster Sessions

Wednesday 5th October 4pm-6pm & Wednesday 12th October 4pm-6pm **For Years 5&6 only**. Please contact Mrs Cotterill for further information about this Outdoor Education club.

Climbing Taster Sessions NOVEMBER

For Years 3,4,5&6 only. Please contact Mrs Cotterill for further information about this Outdoor Education club.

Ballet Dance

Vivian Theatre School in the main school hall from 3:45-7:30pm various classes.

Forest Schools

Years 1-6, in the school grounds from 3:30-4:30pm.

THURSDAY

Senior Choir

To begin after October Half Term Years 4, 5 and 6 – Mrs Pratten in the Music Studio from 12:20-1:10pm (Lunch to be eaten in the Studio)

Arts & Crafts Club

Years R, 1 and 2 – Miss Barker in Honeybee Classroom from 12.30-1pm.

Scrabble Club

Years 4,5,6 with Mrs Wood in Greenfinch/Room 15 from 12.20-1pm.

Yr3/4 Netball Club

To begin after October Half Term with Miss Horlock & Miss Meacher on the Netball Court from 3:30-4:30pm.

Tennis Club

Years R to Yr6, on KS1 playground from 3.30-4.30pm, begins 8th September.

Dodgeball Club

Years 2,3,4,5 & 6, in the school hall from 5.00-6.00pm.

FRI DAY

Running Club

Years 4,5&6 – Mrs Murray around Lytchett Village from 12.30-1.00pm.

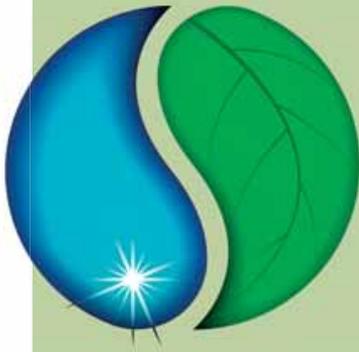
Newspaper Club - To begin after October Half Term Years 3,4,5,6 with Mrs Leigertwood in Dragonfly Class from 12.40 - 1.10pm

Drama Club – COMING SOON! Beginning Date TBC Years 6 with Mrs Hancock and Miss Coombs in the main school hall from 3.30-5.00pm.

Dance Club – COMING SOON! Beginning Date TBC Years 5 & 6 with Miss West, for the school production of 'XXXXXXXXXX' in the Studio, from 3.30-4.30pm.



SCHOOL NEWS...



Eco Team News

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

Our first job is to make sure our allotment is weed free and ready to go. We are also currently planning which vegetables and salads to grow to ensure a good harvest. We also hope and to continue our Grow Wild area to encourage wild-life to visit and for the children to engage in some insect spotting activities.

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

Looking forward to an exciting year for all things Eco.

**Mrs McCabe
and the Eco Team**

Cross Country Success

Thursday 15th September saw the first Poole and East Dorset Cross Country Competition of the year at Baiter Park in Poole. It was a perfect day for running and spectating! Mr Noyce and Mrs Murray were incredibly proud of the solid performances of all our runners. We had some particularly outstanding results; Will Goss came 2nd in the boys Years 5 and 6 race. In the girls' Year 5 and 6 race Alyssia Woods took 3rd place and Elexa Haslam was 5th. The rest of the team finished in strong positions; the benefits of running a marathon last term were clear to see!

We would like to say a massive thank you to parents who were able to help us transport the children on the day. We could not continue with these events without your help and the children really do enjoy these experiences.





SCHOOL NEWS...

A Star is Born!

Here at LMPS, we often state how proud we are of our children and Scott Rowles has made us prouder than ever with his amazing achievements!

Scott is a member of the Poole Cycle Speedway Club. He trains hard two nights per week and participates in competitions most weekends, which are held at various locations around the country. He is also part of the national squad for Poole, which sees him participating with other children aged 17 and under, it is very much a team effort.

Scott has an unbeaten record in every race to date having gained a maximum number of points. A recent weekend saw him win the final of the South and South West Youth and Junior championship 2016 in Eastbourne. Following this, Scott has gone on to become the British Champion! Scott smashed it again, winning all four qualifying rounds of the British Youth and Junior Cycle Speedway Championship in Ipswich. He then went on to win the final and claim the Under 8 title for 2016... he is a very happy boy; the team also won the overall championship for 2016, which was a fab team result.

Scott's dedication to the sport has not gone unnoticed, he was nominated to receive an award from Poole Sports Council for his achievements and attended a ceremony hosted by the mayor on 21st September 2016.

We are very excited about Scott's future and look forward to hearing about his further successes!

All at LMPS





SCHOOL NEWS...

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to let you know how impressed I am with one of your students.

In 2015 at the tender age of four, my little boy Shaun was diagnosed with a brain tumour. This obviously came as a great shock to me and the rest of his family, but thankfully Shaun is currently doing okay, the support of those around us has been invaluable. Since his diagnosis we have been fundraising for the brain tumour charity in many ways but Shaun's friends all wanted to show their support, so we enlisted a lane in the Wareham Lions Swimathon (as previously done in 2015 raising over £800 and winning the Endeavour Award), Willow was one of the first to volunteer for the second year in a row! Despite the majority of the team being Sandford students, she quickly integrated and took part in supporting all of the other children the team. Many people commented on how wonderful the team spirit was and how all the children worked together so fantastically. This year we raised around £1100 a figure that is still rising, to which all the children contributed fantastically but Willow shone out as raising one of highest amounts £200 approx. Shaun is currently well but faces many difficulties and he certainly takes a lot of strength from how much others show they care.

You should be extremely proud of Willow's conduct in the event and I send my heartfelt thanks to her.

Yours sincerely

Alison Colvin



Free School Meals

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

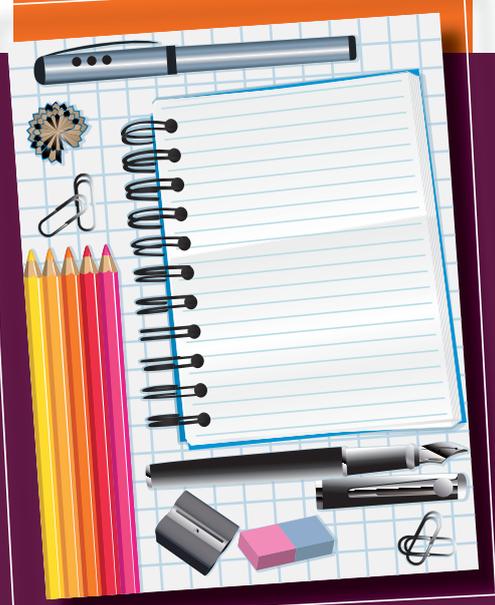
You will be asked your name, date of birth, national insurance number and your child's name, date of birth and address.

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

£100 Allowance

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

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





DIARY DATES

October
2016

Month Commences
Saturday 1st October



Fri 21 October 2016
Time: 15.30
Event: **Half Term Begins!**
Venue: LMPS

Mon 31 October 2016
Time: 9.00
Event: **Autumn Term Second Half Begins**
Venue: LMPS

Monday 31 October 2016
Time: 13.00 - 15.30
Event: **Year 5 Swimming. Week 6 of 10**
Venue: Broadstone Leisure Centre

Thurs 3 November 2016
Time: 15.00 - 16.30
Event: **Football Tournament - Yr6 - Invite Only Event**
Venue: TBA

Fri 4 November 2016
Time: 09.00 - 10.00
Event: **Reading & Mathematics Meeting for Reception Parents**
Venue: LMPS School Hall

Fri 4 November 2016
Time: 15.50 - 17.00
Event: **School Bank Launch**
Venue: LMPS

Fri 4 November 2016
Time: 09.00
Event: **Year 4 LEESON HOUSE - Day 1**
Venue: Leeson House

Mon 7 November 2016
Time: 13.00 - 15.30
Event: **Year 5 Swimming - Week 7 of 10**
Venue: Broadstone Leisure Centre

Tues 8 November 2016
Time: 09.00
Event: **Year 4 LEESON HOUSE - Day 2**
Venue: Leeson House

Tues 8 November 2016
Time: 13.45
Event: **Yr5/6 Football Match Vs Upton Juniors - Invite Only Event**
Venue: TBA

Wed 9 November 2016
Time: 09.30 - 12.20
Event: **Yr5 Football Fun Tournament - CHS**
Venue: School Field

Wed 9 November 2016
Time: 09.30 - 12.20
Event: **Year 4 LEESON HOUSE - Day 3 - Children return home today**
Venue: Contact office for information

Wed 9 November 2016
Time: 09.30 - 12.20
Event: **Year 5 Football Fun Tournament - Organised by Corfe Hills School**
Venue: LMPS School field

For all calendar dates and information go to:
<http://www.lmpsdsorset.org/calendar.asp>

2017 INSED Dates

The following dates have been set for the 2016-17 Teacher Training days. School will be closed to children on these days. Thank you.

Tuesday 3rd Jan 2017
Monday 5th June 2017
Friday 21st July 2017

