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SEPTEMBER 2015

A word from the Headteacher

Dear parents,

Welcome back to a new term and a new academic year. Maybe it is because I am getting older but they seem to be coming around quicker and quicker these days. It has been lovely to welcome all of the children back in to school and they look amazing in their new uniforms. It is always particularly lovely to welcome the new children in to our Reception year and I have to say that they have made a great start so far. I hope they have a happy and successful seven years with us and we will certainly be working hard to make this happen.



stand still now though, now is the time that we redouble our efforts to continue to drive towards the highest possible standards for all of our children.

Have a great term and as always please do not hesitate to contact me over any aspect of your child's education or welfare.

Before I close could I also thank everyone for all of the lovely comments we have been given about our Ofsted report. It is very much appreciated. We do not

Kind Regards

Simon France

Head Teacher

Car Parking:



Dear all,

Recently, there have been a number of incidents surrounding car parking at the beginning and end of the school day. We do understand how difficult this is and are working with the Full Governing Body and Local Council to improve this for our school and community. However, please can we ask the following;

- Our children are young and often too small to be visible in vehicle mirrors. Please look over your shoulders as you park and pull out to make sure it is safe.
 - Please remember that you can always park at the 'Rec' and walk to school.
 - Please show consideration and patience when parking. We would rather you were a few minutes early/late to collect your child by parking safely.
 - Please show consideration and patience to the local community and neighbours to our school.
 - Our school car park is **NOT** available for parents to park in.
- We are sure that you will agree that the safety of our children and families is of the utmost importance.
- Yours sincerely,
- Simon France**



kids the junction



Running to save lives

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was fantastic to get the new members of the Student Voice together for the first time this year- what a productive meeting we had!



The Student Voice members are voted for by their own classes to represent them on the Student Voice. It really is a special achievement to have been entrusted with this important role in the school.

At our first meeting, the Student Voice decided that as a Rights Respecting School, we could not ignore the crisis in Syria and that we wanted to help. Therefore, we have voted for our Autumn term fundraising proceeds to go to UNICEF to support their work in the Syrian crisis. The Student Voice also really wanted to support Mrs Bellows, who is running the Bournemouth marathon on behalf of the children's ward at Poole Hospital.

Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who made a contribution towards our nominated charities, by supporting our non-uniform day last Friday....we will publish the total amount raised once the pennies have been counted!

Next month we are looking forward to attending Dorset's Anti-Bullying conference and planning our campaigning for the year.

Please do visit our School Website page for regular updates!

I am running the Bournemouth Marathon on Sunday 4th October to raise money for the Poole Hospital Children's Ward, an extremely worthy cause that is close to my heart.

When our daughter, Shaya, was five weeks old she was extremely poorly with bronchiolitis and had to be rushed into resuscitation by ambulance (during which journey she stopped breathing) at Poole Hospital and then onto the high dependency unit on the Children's Ward where she was quickly placed onto a machine that breathed for her and was looked after so expertly and with such compassion. She made a full recovery thanks to the amazing staff and her own strength! She is now a healthy (slightly cheeky) five year old and we will always be eternally grateful to the Children's Ward for all they did for Shaya and all they do for all the children they look after in the local area. I am sure that many of you have had an experience where your

child / children have been looked after by the Children's Ward at Poole Hospital which is why I felt it was important to raise awareness and funds for this deserving cause.

If you feel you are able to make a donation (no matter how big or small), please visit my Just Giving page using the below web address or alternatively you can e-mail me on nicolabellows@icloud.com if you would like any further information or have any fundraising tips or ideas!

Thank you for reading

Nicola Bellows

<https://www.justgiving.com/Nicola-Bellows1>



Music

Music has got off to a flying start again this term with instrumental lessons and clubs already in full swing plus many exciting events to look forward to. Please see Mrs Blake if you have any queries regarding instrument lessons.

Clubs Orchestra is held on Tuesday lunchtimes and run by Mrs de Garis (woodwind teacher). There is a choir for years 4,5 and 6 run by Mrs Pratten which meets on Thursday after school and a choir for years 2 and 3 will be beginning after half term every Tuesday

lunchtime, run by Mrs Markham. For more information about any of these activities please speak to Mrs Pratten or Mrs Markham.

Events The main event we are working towards this term is our annual Christmas concert with the date and venue to be confirmed. We also have plans for another exciting production so watch this space!

With support and commitment from everyone involved in music at our school we are sure this will be another exciting year full of musical success and events.



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

Hi everyone,

Welcome to the new school year. I hope all your little ones (and the not so little ones) have settled in well. Normally our fabulous Chair of Governors, Kristine Knudsen, is the first to write in the 'Governors' section of Roundabout – but I've hijacked it as we have a very exciting new initiative for the pupils which I want to let you know about and hopefully a few of the parents can get involved with – but more about that later....

I've now been a governor for a year and it has been a really interesting time seeing what happens behind the school gates. I have learnt a lot and seen how dedicated and passionate our teachers are for their children and their success – which has also been highlighted by the recent Ofsted inspection – Well done to everyone.

This year I am continuing to be the link governor for English and have

taken on the role of Chair to the Personnel, Parents and Community Committee which I'm looking forward to. We recently met and have identified three main objectives for this year.

1. A new School website
2. Producing a parent survey for your feedback
3. How to involve parents more in the community of the school.

With the latter in mind – I'd like to introduce a new initiative (with the help of parents) in opening our very own school bank!

With help from HSBC we are setting up the LMPS School Bank, where the students in year 6 will have the opportunity to apply for and run a branch within the school – under supervision – and where children from year 6 can start saving up their pocket money into their very own bank account. (We intend to introduce year 5 once we have everything running smoothly.)

I'm really excited about this venture as not only does it encourage the children to save and have some financial independence, but it also brings a practical element to their maths lessons and how numbers relate to them personally.

There will be some letters home with some more information about how it's going to work and the children will have a special

assembly to introduce the concept.

We hope to launch the branch after October half term and will invite you to come to the opening, where you too can meet the HSBC staff and the student team members.

If you have a child in year 6, it would be fantastic if you could encourage them to start saving now for when they open their accounts. The

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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! I greatly believe that if you can get children to enjoy saving now, they will carry it through into later life. Many thanks in advance for your support and please do get in touch if you would like to be involved or have any questions: natalie@carswell.eu

Natalie Carswell

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



SCHOOL BANK

AUTUMN 2015
LMPS SCHOOL BANK

Coming soon!
We are about to have our very own school bank.

With help from HSBC, years 6 pupils will have the chance to use the LMPS School Bank to pay in their pocket money and start saving

Not only that – Pupils will have the opportunity to apply for and run the bank – including the position of School Bank Manager! We're really excited and hope you will encourage your children to be involved with this fantastic project.

Look out for letters home to find out how you can help.



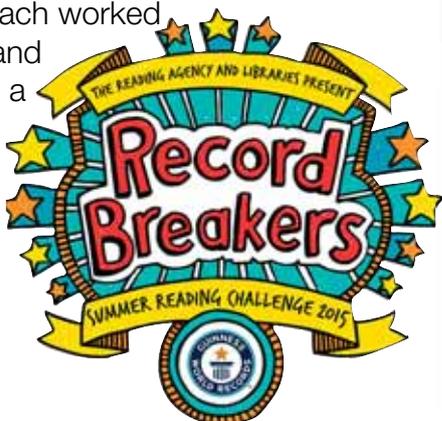



VILLAGE LIBRARY NEWS

As the new school year begins we think this is a good opportunity to remind parents and inform new parents of what the library can offer to enhance the love of reading and learning for your children.

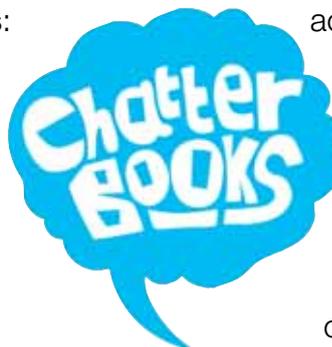
Walk through the library doors and you will find great books for all ages, help with homework either in our range of information books or our access to online reference sources and of course games, colouring and activities. Library staff are on hand to help with any questions or help children to find the book or information they need. Please support your local library and make a library visit part of your school routine.

Summer Reading Challenge: Once again we have increased the number of children completing the challenge. The total at present stands at 234 children and a big 'Well Done' to each of them. Certificates will be sent to school towards half term. All of our summer activities were very well attended and we would like to give special mention to the children who took part in and achieved their Arts Award 'Discover'. Fourteen children completed the award and they each worked very hard and completed a number of art related activities.



Chatterbooks:

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 13th October at 4pm and if your children enjoy reading and talking about books, chatting with friends, then they might like to join our Chatterbooks group. We meet on the second Tuesday of every month and chat about books, do quizzes and play games. Suitable for ages 7-11 years. We have a small number of places still available so why not come along and give it a try?



Children from Lytchett Primary include:

Molly Browne, Oliver Clinch, Samuel Cottman, Joseph Cobb, Amelia Evens, Holly Evans, Jessica Huggins, Jessica Selby, Lorena Selby and Sophie Nurser.

We also had great support from our four Reading Challenge Volunteers. The four young people brought great enthusiasm and energy when helping out with a wide range of events and

activities. We will be holding a special **'Volunteers Thank You Party'** at the start of October. One disappointing piece of news was that the World Record Attempt which took place at the start of the challenge failed by a small margin. Libraries across the country just failed to reach the target set by Guinness World Records. However, we can feel justly proud that everyone who came along to Lytchett Library certainly did all they could to aid the attempt.

Half Term 'Scrum Down Activity Session':

We know it seems early to be talking about half term but it won't be that long. See if you can tackle a session of stories, challenges and craft to celebrate the Rugby World Cup.

**Tuesday 27th October
3pm – 4pm.**

Suitable ages 5 – 11 years. Please book places in advance.

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





SCHOOL NEWS...

New Reception Children

Ladybird Class:



Honeybee Class:

Here is what the children have thought of their first few weeks at school!

Riley "I like playing outside with my best friend."

Lexie "I have enjoyed playing with my friends."



Ruby-Mae "I like cutting and sticking."

Ellison "I have enjoyed running around and jumping in PE on the red lines!"

Lucas "I like playing in the painting area."

Michael "I have enjoyed going to assembly."

Lily "I have enjoyed making new friends."

George "I like playing with Theo and the magnets."

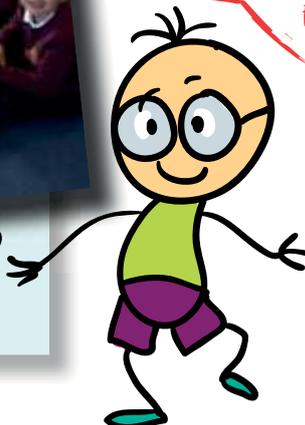
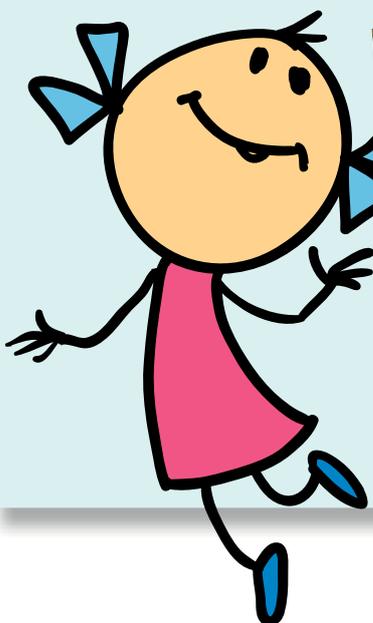
Theo "I like playing with George."

Archie "I like playing with the lego, I have made a house!"

Bella "I like playing on the computers."

Sabina "I like to play with the baby in the role play area."

Gypsie "I like to make mummy pictures."





new meet the teachers



"Miss Waring is a fabulous teacher because she is so kind."

"Miss Waring is a fun teacher."

"She is the best teacher ever!"

Miss Waring: Year 2



Miss Waring is a fabulous teacher because I really like doing Art and Maths with her."

"Thank you for being our teacher Miss Waring!"

"She is always ready to help us learn."

A+ for effort

Mrs Leigertwood: Year 1



Mr West: Year 3



"Mr West is the best!"

"The first few weeks at school were really good. You gave us fun homework"

Mrs Leigertwood is the best teacher – **Isabelle**

This class is the best – **Dylan**

"Mr West is amazing, He is not too strict and sometimes funny!"

"Mr West is very kind. He's the best teacher in the world!"

You make us laugh – **Ben**

I enjoy Dragonflies, it is the best and I love it

"Mr West is epic."

"Our teacher is a really good teacher."



I have enjoyed taking away in Maths – **Juno**

My teacher is fun – **Shaya**

Excellent Progress so far

Contributes to class discussion



SCHOOL NEWS...

Supporting the children and parents of LMPS



Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to introduce to you our new Pastoral Care Worker, Mrs Kate McGrail. Kate has joined our fantastic team this September and is always here for you our parents and your children. Pastoral Care is readily available for any child, parent or carer. If you feel that you would like to talk to someone about social or emotional issues either in or outside of school, please contact Kate. She will be happy to help!

You can find her details below.



Hello,

I'm Kate, the Pastoral Care Worker at Lytchett Matravers Primary School. I have been working in this school since September 2008.

I have over 16 years experience of working with children, including those with Special Educational Needs. I also work alongside parents, supporting them with their children, both at home and in school.

In school I work closely alongside all of the staff to help ensure that we get the very best for all of our children.

A Bit About Me.

I have experience of working with children in a wide range of areas, such as...

- General behaviour needs
- Anxiety
- Aspergers
- Autism (ASD)
- ADHD,
- Sensory Processing Disorders,
- Visual Impairment
- Downs syndrome

Some of my Qualifications:

- Social Care with Families and Children
- Counselling Children & Adolescents
- Special Needs Assistant
- Autism Awareness

The following drop in sessions and appointment times have been arranged for parents to pop in and meet with Kate. If you have any worries or concerns about your child and wish to make an appointment, telephone the school office on 01202 622378, or email Kate at kmcgrail@lmps-dorset.co.uk

Monday & Thursday 8:20-8:50am
(Parent Drop in Session)

Tuesday & Thursday 15:35-16:20pm
(By appointment only)

Friday 15:35-16:20pm
(Parent Drop in Session)

Home Learning Club

Are you struggling to get your children to do their Homework? Contact Kate and come along to Home Learning Club! Children may be referred by yourself or their class teachers if they need a little more help!

Wednesday 15:35-16:30pm (in Room 15)

Useful Websites for Parents

www.parentinfo.org
www.kidsmart.org.uk/mm
www.citizensadvice.org.uk
www.dorsetforyou.com/parentsupport
www.dorsetforyou.com/children-and-families/support

In my spare time I enjoy riding Blackjack, my horse, walking my dogs Juke and Jetson and spending time with my two girls (now aged 25 & 22!)





SCHOOL NEWS...



We would like to remind parents and carers that smoking is not permitted on school grounds at any time. Thank you.

No Dogs Please

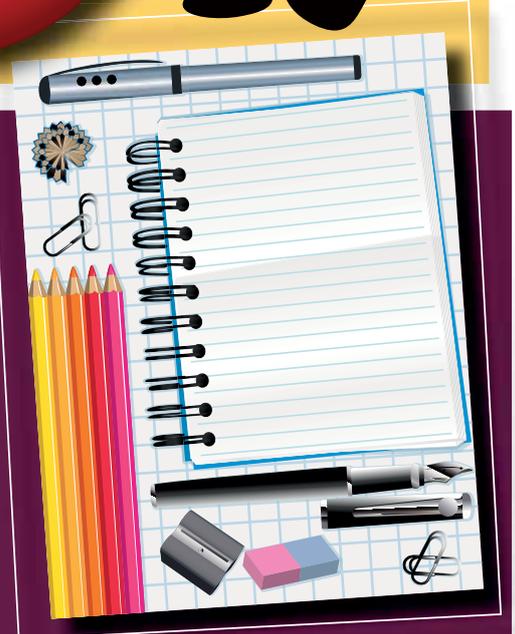
With the exception of *Assistance Dogs*, parents and carers are reminded that no dogs are allowed on school premises



£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...

Our Beautiful School

"Just thought I'd send you a photo of school from our house - not sure how many people realise how beautiful the setting is with Poole Harbour, The Purbecks and Corfe Castle in the background. It certainly looks very rural!"

Mrs Canning



2015-16 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 4th January 2016

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



October 2015

Month commences
Thursday 1st October

Fri 02 Oct 2015

Event: Black History Month Begins

Time: Assembly Launch
Venue: LMPS

Mon 05 Oct 2015

Event: Year 5 Swimming - Week 2 of 10

Time: 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Venue: Broadstone Leisure Cen

Tue 06 Oct 2015

Event: Individual School Photographs

Time: All Day
Venue: LMPS Studio

Wed 07 Oct 2015

Event: Yr6 Victorian Drama Day

Time: All Day
Venue: LMPS Hall

Thu 08 Oct 2015

Event: School Bank Assembly - YEARS 5 and 6

Time: 10.00am
Venue: LMPS Hall

Thu 08 Oct 2015

Event: Year 3 First Aid Workshop

Time: 10.30am
Venue: Classroom

Mon 12 Oct 2015

Event: Parent's Evening 1

Time: 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Venue: Yr 4,3,5 & 6 Studio
Yr R,1 & 2 Classroom

Tue 13 Oct 2015

Event: Parent's Evening 2

Time: 3.40pm – 5.30pm
Venue: Yr 4,3,5 & 6 Studio
Yr R,1 & 2 Classroom

Mon 12 Oct 2015

Event: Year 5 Swimming - Week 3 of 10

Time: 1.30 – 3.30pm
Venue: Broadstone Leisure Cen

Wed 14 Oct 2015

Event: World Mathematics Day

Time: All Day
Venue: Classrooms

Thu 15 Oct 2015

Event: World Science Day

Time: All Day
Venue: Classrooms

Thu 15 Oct 2015

Event: Year 4 First Aid Workshop

Time: 3.30pm
Venue: Classroom

Thu 15 Oct 2015

Event: Reception, Year 1 & 2 Autumn Term Disco

Time: 4.00pm – 5.00pm
Venue: School Hall (parents welcome to come and dress their children in the classrooms)

Thu 15 Oct 2015

Event: Years 3,4,5 & 6 - Autumn Disco

Time: 5.30pm – 6.30pm
Venue: School Hall

Fri 16 Oct 2015

Event: Year 2 Fire Service Visit - Burning of Houses!

Time: All Day
Venue: LMPS Playground

Mon 19 Oct 2015

Event: School Bank Interviews with Year 6

Time: 1.30pm - invite only
Venue: LMPS

Mon 19 Oct 2015

Event: Year 4 LEESON HOUSE - Day 1

Time: All Day
Venue: Leeson House

Mon 19 Oct 2015

Event: Year 5 Swimming - Week 4 of 10

Time: 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Venue: Broadstone Leisure Cen

Tue 20 Oct 2015

Event: Year 4 LEESON HOUSE - Day 2

Time: All Day
Venue: Leeson House

Wed 21 Oct 2015

Event: Year 4 LEESON HOUSE - Day 3 - Children return home today

Time: All Day
Venue: Leeson House

Wed 21 Oct 2015

Event: Year 5 First Aid Workshop

Time: 10.30am
Venue: Classrooms

Thu 22 Oct 2015

Event: Year 6 First Aid Workshop

Time: 10.30am
Venue: Class R

Fri 23 Oct 2015

Event: AUTUMN TERM 1ST HALF ENDS

Time: 3.30pm
Venue: LMPS