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## A word from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

Welcome to the first edition of Roundabout for 2017. I hope you all had a great Christmas and that the New Year brings you good things.

I would really like to begin by praising all of the children who have represented the School in sporting fixtures over the academic year so far. I am sure that you will have read the various reports in Roundabout about the competitions that we have taken part in but when you put it all together it becomes an impressive list of achievements. Beyond

this though, the children deserve a great deal praise for the way they have conducted themselves. They have been consistently well behaved and have always acted in a sporting manner. We are all very proud of you.

I would also like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make our recent Christmas Fair such a success. In this day and age, it would be impossible to put on events like this without the fantastic support that we received. We are in the process of planning the Spring and Summer events so please do come along to the next PTEC (PTA) meeting if you can spare some time to help.



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

Kind Regards

*Simon France*

Head Teacher

## URGENT & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Crossing Patrol

As you will know there is currently no Crossing Patrol person to help the children cross the road before and after school. The Dorset Road Safety Team has advertised for a crossing patrol and this is still vacant. If you are interested in this very worthwhile position please contact

**Mr. Rob Camp, at  
Dorset County  
Council 01305  
251000.**



We have had several complaints recently about careless driving along Wareham Road. So sadly we are forced to reiterate the following advice once again.

It should go without saying that everyone needs to drive within the speed limit and be aware of small children by the road near the School.

**May we also remind all parents that PARKING IN THE SCHOOL CAR PARK DURING DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES IS PROHIBITED. Increasingly some parents are parking without permission in the car park or behind the School Hall and then driving out at an unsafe speed – This is accident waiting to happen and must stop immediately.**

It has also been reported that parents are now parking BOTH sides of the 'south' gates, causing chaos on the main road and blocking the designated area for the school bus. This is dangerous and everyone needs to take more responsibility for keeping our children safe and respect the School Bus service as they have a difficult job to do.

The police have been contacted and will be 'dropping in', checking parking/driving hazards during these times in the near future

However busy or late anyone is it cannot be an excuse to take chances with children's safety!!



# kids THE JUNCTION

## student voice

more information for our Rights Respecting website page and we will be inviting some of our parents in to share more information with them.

As you may know, we are working hard as a school to receive the Level 1 Rights Respecting School Award following on from our Recognition of Commitment (ROC) award in 2015.

The Student Voice plays a fundamental role in any Rights Respecting School and we have decided that we would like to keep parents and our local community more informed about what we are doing as a school and what being a Rights Respecting School means to us. We are going to produce

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We have also planned an 'article hunt' to gather information about the articles we can see happening in our school and articles we would like to see more of. (The articles are from the Convention on the Rights for Children -CRC).

We are in the process of helping our school governors to update our Nutritional Standards policy and are very excited about sharing our work with you soon!

In other news, Miss Barker has been appointed our 'Every Child Matters Leader' following the appointment of Mrs Murray as 'Acting English Leader'. Miss Barker cannot wait to get started and is looking forward to working closely with the Student Voice to continue to support the fantastic work that they do.

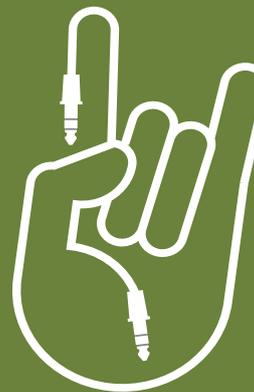
Exciting times ahead!

**The Student Voice and Mrs Murray**

## Music

As someone who has been involved in music from a young age, it is a huge pleasure to be working in a school where music is valued so highly. It is wonderful to see so many children learning to play such a wide range of musical instruments and to have access to the fantastic facilities at LMPS. I am looking forward to the many different musical activities your children will be a part of this term, both in lessons and out of school.

Orchestra and KS2 choir have started, with KS1 choir due to start this week. Rehearsals for the summer production, Happy Ever After, have begun – it promises to be a fun filled, toe-tapping production! If you have any questions about the music here at LMPS or if your child is interested in learning to play a musical instrument, please do let me know. I am looking forward to meeting you!



*Miss K Wells*

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.



Lytchett Matravers

# LIBRARY news

## Arts award

Although Christmas is now long gone can we just thank all the children who took part in our various competitions and well done to Samuel Stratman who won first prize in our Christmas decoration competition.

On Saturday 21st January we held our Arts Award Ceremony at the library to present certificates to those children who had successfully achieved their Arts Award 'Discover'. The children and their families were invited to the ceremony and we were also delighted to welcome local sculptor Judy Monk to present the certificates. During the summer these children attended Arts Award sessions on many different aspects of art including photography and design and produced folders of work for the award.

### Well done to:

Ruby Bown,  
Oscar Brown,  
Emily and James Harrington,  
Ruby Hector,  
Abigail and Benjamin Jones,  
Alexander King,  
Perséphone Matthews,  
Gemma Miller,  
Rebekka Neill  
and Freya and Jasmine Scott

All the children listed above are pupils at Lytchett Primary School. We will be running this scheme again this summer and more details will be available later in the year.

### Information Needed

We are at present updating all the information we hold here at the library on local clubs, groups and charities. If you run or are involved with such a group please do email or bring in any posters or information that we can hold here to help with enquiries.



*Judy Monk, local sculptor*

Email address is [lytchettmatraverslibrary@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:lytchettmatraverslibrary@dorsetcc.gov.uk)

Many thanks.  
**Babs, Clair and Susan**  
Your Library Staff



*Our award winning children with their certificates*



# GOVERNORS' CORNER

## What exactly do our staff do on INSED days? (In-Service Training Days).

I asked some parents this exact question and the responses ranged from "being trained on the mandatory things like safeguarding" to "I've never actually thought about it but it must be important." Perhaps you too wonder what we do, so hopefully this article will be of interest to you!

As you may know, one of the positions within the Governing Body is that of Staff Governor. I have the privilege of undertaking this role whilst Mrs Foster is on maternity leave. It is very important to our Governing Body, Senior Leadership Team and Staff Members that we keep up-to-date on current pedagogy, research and resources in order to ensure we are providing our children with the highest standard of education, within an exciting and creative curriculum. We actually have in-service training every week, which takes place every Wednesday after school; and can range from Mrs Helm sharing strategies or resources to support our children with special educational needs, to Mr France updating us on the current Government agenda, outside agencies visiting us to share ideas on teaching dance (this one was great fun!) and teachers sharing their best practice.

On Tuesday 4th January, whilst the children were enjoying the last day of their Christmas holidays, we met as a Staff for our INSED day to welcome a visiting speaker called Roy Leighton. Mr France has worked with Roy in the past,

however it was the first time I had the pleasure of hearing him speak.

Roy's passion for providing happy children with a creative curriculum that challenges their thinking and encourages autonomy over their own learning, alongside awareness of their own wellbeing, was clear to see. As a school, we believe that a creative and inspiring curriculum is key to enabling every child to reach their potential. Our teachers have clearly embraced many of Roy's educational strategies and began to implement them in their classrooms the very next day! In my, perhaps biased, opinion, this is one of the truly amazing things about the staff at LMPS; they will go over and above for our children, even if it means adding to their already demanding workload.

Roy's theories are based on research, coupled with years of experience. The model he introduced to our staff is called 'The Butterfly Model' and he showed us how, through 'The Learning Line,' we can help our children to understand what the process of learning is; in other words, their learning journey. The emphasis of success is put more on the child's journey, rather than their attainment. Put simply, we all start the process of learning not really knowing what to do. We then go down into the learning pit where we experience all sorts of thoughts and feelings, such as anxiety or stress. Children need to know that it might not be easy in the learning pit and we might have to make plenty of mistakes first, but if we know ourselves as learners and try hard, without giving up, we will reach our goal and this is a fantastic feeling! Once we have

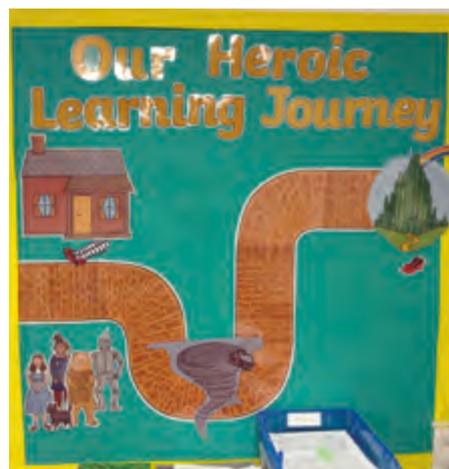
succeeded in our learning objective, we climb out of the pit! (The basic plot of any Disney film!) Only when we are happy to go through the, at times, difficult journey to achieve our goals, do we have a 'Growth Mindset'. Our job then as teachers is to provide a stimulating and safe environment, with challenges pitched at the right level for this to happen.

This is certainly not a new idea and we have always encouraged children to think about how they learn and to take independence over their own learning, but the learning line is a very effective visual reminder. The teachers and TAs have started introducing the 'Learning Line' into their classes in age-appropriate and highly creative ways. Some fantastic learning lines are appearing across all year groups with children beginning to take more responsibility for what their learning lines look like in different Year Groups.

We hope the children will soon be able to tell you more about their own learning journey as we continue to embrace and embed this further into our school. Please do speak to your child's class teacher if you would like more information on the 'Learning Line'.

You can also visit Roy's website page for more information  
<http://www.royleighton.com/the-butterfly-model.html>

**Jemma Murray**  
Acting Staff Governor





# ENGLISH @ LMPS

## Reading Book Recall!

Just a little reminder please to ask you to return any supplementary reading books that your child has finished with, as some of the colour-bands are looking quite empty at the moment.

Please encourage your child to only take a book when they have returned the previous one they borrowed. We know books are not kept intentionally but it is a costly business replacing books and we want as many children as possible to be able to take books home to read regularly.

Please have a search at home!

Many thanks,

**Mrs Murray**  
Acting English Leader

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very excited to introduce our new reading challenge 'LMPS Book Bingo,' which is a reading challenge for any child across the school, who wishes to take part, from Reception to Year 6.

It is a fact that children who read regularly get better at reading, but the aim behind LMPS Book Bingo is to simply inspire a love of reading, especially for those children who aren't always enthusiastic about picking up a book! It will also give the children the opportunity to read a wider range of books.

There are six fun challenges to complete to get a 'full house.' When your child has completed their challenge, they need to return their challenge sheet and any evidence they wish to provide to Mrs Murray. Evidence can be in the form of photos, or a simple list of the books they have read or anything else that this challenge inspires the children to create! There is no time limit attached, but it would be great to see some full-houses this term!

We will be creating a display of the completed challenges in our home-reading area, as well as updating our school website English page. We would love for the children to write some book reviews to add to our library too, so that other children can get ideas for books that they would like to read.

We would like to say a huge thank you to one of our parent helpers, Mrs Salmon, who is currently working with us to re-open the school library again, after some recent refurbishments. Each class will visit the library in the next few weeks and have the opportunity to borrow books from it again.

We hope that you are able to enjoy this challenge with your children and, as always, many thanks for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

*Mrs Gemma Murray*

Acting English Leader

## LMPS Book Bingo! Challenge Card 1



Name: ..... Class: .....

Complete all of these challenges for a full house! When you have a full house bring your card and evidence to Mrs Murray.

Date Begun:	Date Begun:	Date Begun:
Date Completed:	Date Completed:	Date Completed:
Read a book in an unusual place <i>(be creative!)</i>	Read a book from a library.	Read a book recommended by someone in your family.
Date Begun:	Date Begun:	Date Begun:
Date Completed:	Date Completed:	Date Completed:
Read a book with an animal character.	Read a non-fiction book.	Read a recipe.

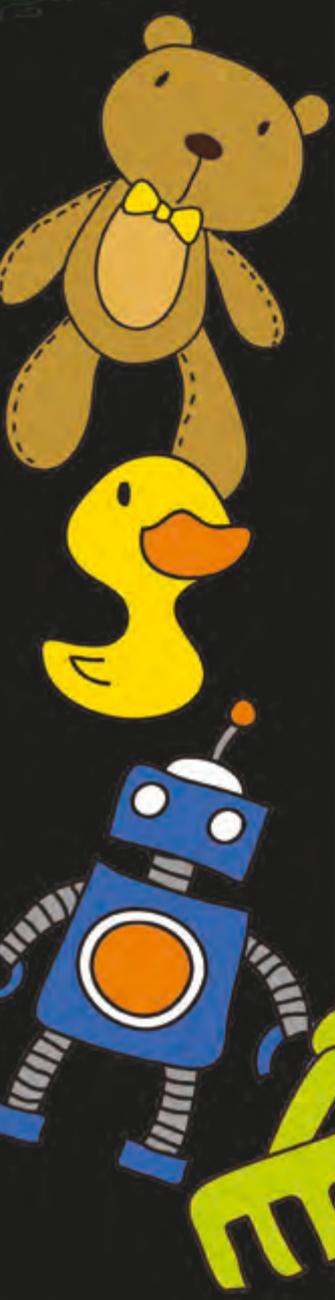


# LMps Reception needs YOU

The Reception team are looking to improve their outdoor learning space. To provide the children with as many opportunities for creative and independent learning, we are looking for a range of equipment. If you have any of these items and would like to donate them to school, we would be extremely grateful.

Old pots and pans	Plastic bowls
Pallets	Wooden spoons
Tricycles/pedal ride on toys	Dolls/dolls clothes/doll pushchairs
Scooters	Plastic funnels
Toy diggers/construction toys	Old hosing
Dressing up clothes (aged 4-6)	Plastic buckets and spades
Children's buckets and spades	Plastic moulds
Any spare soil	Large logs
An old microwave (working order not necessary)	Any large/small cushions
	Off cuts of astro turf

Thank you for your support,  
**Miss Reid, the Reception Team and the children**





# SCHOOL NEWS...

## Meet Miss Adeney

Hello my name is Miss Adeney and I am going to be working in Skylark class, alongside Mrs Murray and Miss Winkworth for the next 10 weeks. I am in my final year of Plymouth University studying to become a primary school teacher. I love inspiring children to learn and I am always looking for ways to make my lessons as creative as possible.

I am really looking forward to getting to know you and your children and being part of this wonderful school.



*LMPS has turned Miss Adeney into a witch already!*



*Miss Adeney*

## Miss King – The Interview

Miss King started in Buzzard Class in the last week before Christmas. Will, Lily and Millie asked her a few questions to find out some more information about their new teacher!

**Q1.** How old were you when you wanted to be a teacher?

**A** Year 11 and 15 years old

**Q2.** How old were you when you started to teach?

**A** 23 years old

**Q3.** What is your dream job if you were not a teacher?

**A** Vet

**Q4.** What is your favourite food?

**A** Avocado and Chinese not together

**Q5.** What is your favourite drink?

**A** Fruit Tea

**Q6.** What is your favourite colour?

**A** Green

**Q7.** What is your favourite sport?

**A** Football

**Q8.** What is your favourite football team?

**A** Tottenham

**Q9.** What is your favourite animal?

**A** Elephant

**Q10.** What is your favourite school that you have taught at?

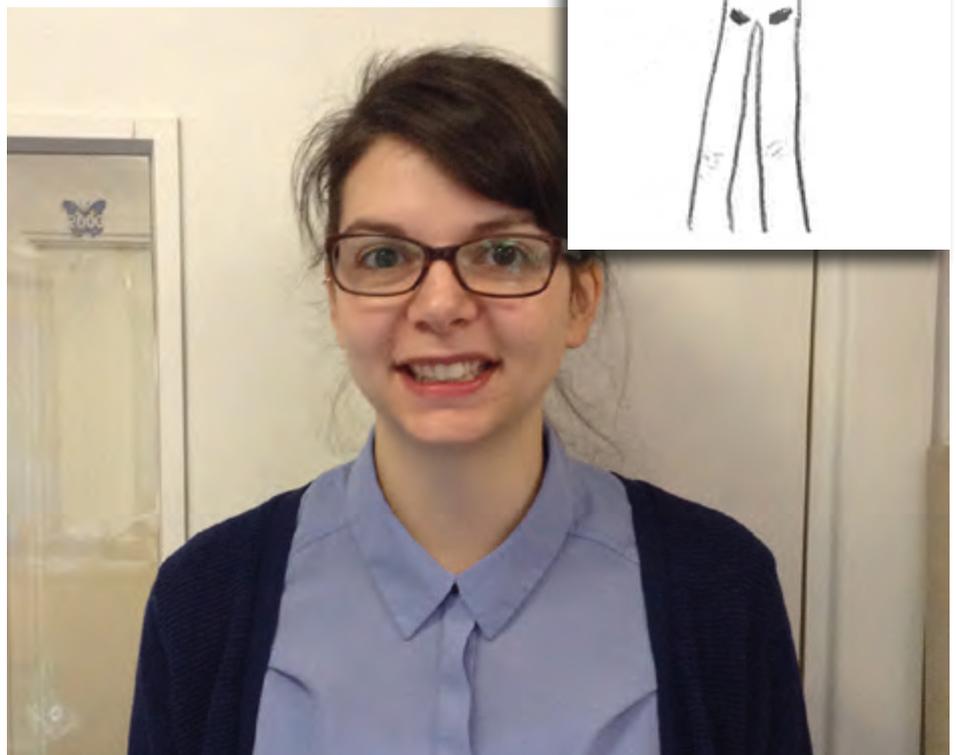
**A** This school!

**Q11.** How many schools have you taught at?

**A** Three, including this one.

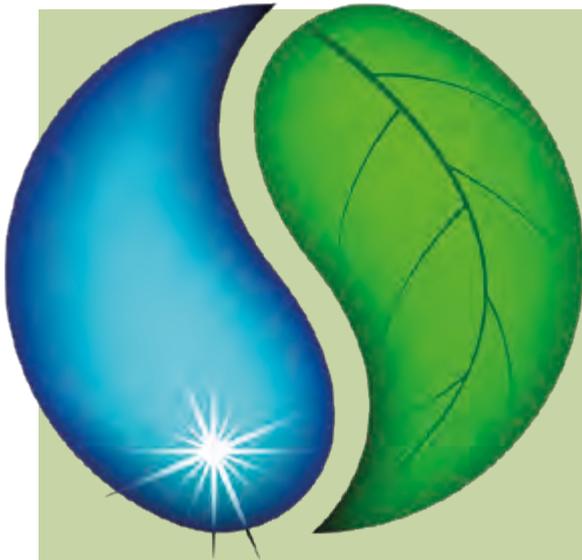
**Q12.** What is your favourite hair style?

**A** Messy Bun





# SCHOOL NEWS...



## Eco Team News

This month the Eco Team have been trying to save energy within the school. Since the installation of our solar panels, the children have been regularly monitoring to see all the energy saving we are making. We are also being far more conscientious in making sure our classroom lights and projector boards are switched off when not in use.

Eco Club is now in full swing, with the children designing and planning our allotment planting. Shortly we will be out planting our early vegetable seeds to go into our greenhouse. Waitrose and Eco Schools have very kindly donated vegetable seeds to us so we will be making full use of them!

Another focus for the Eco Team this year is to get 'Upcycling' and create new items from things we would otherwise throw away. More exciting news to come on this venture very shortly!

Thank you once again for your continuing support with all things Eco.

**Mrs McCabe and the Eco Team**

## Meet the Teacher Miss Wells

The children in Swan Class have interviewed Miss Wells to find out a little more information about our new specialist Music Teacher

### **How long have you been a teacher for?**

This is my 17th year in teaching – I feel very old now!

### **Have you taught before coming to this school?**

I have taught before, in two other schools. The first was a little village school in Gloucestershire, where I taught Year 4 in a mobile classroom that leaked when it rained. Next I taught in a large primary school in Oxfordshire, where I taught all the year groups during my time there, and most recently Year 6.

### **What's your favourite theme park ride?**

My favourite one is the Pirate Ship... I am a bit of a wimp and hate going upside down, so this one is great fun without being too scary

!

### **Did you learn an instrument when you were at school?**

I did; I learned to play the violin and later the viola. I then learned to play the flugelhorn and joined a brass band, playing for over 20 years. School is where my love of music really took off and I think you are very lucky here at LMPS that you have the opportunity to learn so many instruments.

### **What's your biggest fear?**

Spiders. They make my toes curl!

### **Were you naughty when you were younger?**

Of course not! Like all teachers, I have always been absolutely perfectly behaved (Just don't ask my sisters...)!





# SCHOOL NEWS...

## Stay Well This Winter

A message from the school nurse

Flu can be very unpleasant for children, and they can easily spread the illness to other more vulnerable family members or relatives, for whom the illness can be severe. To help protect your child and family, all children aged between two and seven are being offered the flu vaccine in the form of a quick, safe and pain-free nasal spray. If you wish for your child to have the flu vaccine, please await contact by the school nursing service, or contact your GP surgery.

### Food Safety

To help your family stay happy and healthy over the winter months, some simple steps can be taken at home to help prevent illness. Washing your hands while preparing food, keeping raw and cooked food separate and checking that all food is cooked thoroughly is the easiest way to keep your family safe.

The winter vomiting bug- or norovirus- is common in school children, and can spread very easily. Infection is normally mild and lasts for about three days-

but can also be severe. If your child is suffering with vomiting and diarrhoea, they must not attend school until 48 hours after the last symptoms. Instead, they should stay at home with plenty of fluids, bland food if hungry and should be given paracetamol if they have a temperature. The GP can't prescribe anything for norovirus, but do contact NHS 111 if you are concerned about your child's condition or if symptoms persist for more than three days. Washing hands frequently will help to stop the bug from spreading,

**If your child has bloody diarrhoea or is very unwell, please seek immediate advice from your GP or NHS 111.**

### Catch it. Bin it. Kill it.

If your child has a minor cough or cold, they should be well enough to attend school. However, if they have a raised temperature, shivers or drowsiness, they shouldn't be in school. Colds are caused by a virus, and as such, antibiotics won't help. Paracetamol is the best way to

help reduce a high temperature. If your child has more severe symptoms, you should ring NHS 111. By covering our mouths when sneezing or coughing, washing hands thoroughly and throwing away tissues, we can all help prevent the spread of coughs and colds.

### Rashes

If your child has a rash, it should be considered as the first sign of an illness, and they shouldn't go to school, until the rash has been checked by your GP or practice nurse. Please ring the practice in advance and do not allow your child to sit in the waiting room with a rash,



## Diarrhoea and vomiting in children

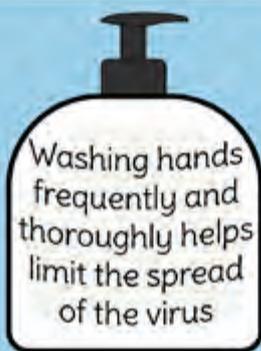
There's no specific cure for stomach bugs such as **Norovirus**. See tips to reduce the spread and treat symptoms

Keep kids home from school for



after symptoms have passed. This is enough time to let the virus run its course

If your child already has a serious illness, or symptoms last longer than a few days, contact your GP to seek advice  
**Visit [nhs.uk/norovirus](https://www.nhs.uk/norovirus)**



Washing hands frequently and thoroughly helps limit the spread of the virus

**25** different strains of Norovirus are known to affect humans.

They're the most common cause of stomach bugs in the UK

### Home Treatment



Paracetamol is useful for fever or aches and pains



Give kids plenty of water to stay hydrated and replace lost fluids



If your child feels like eating, give them bland foods



# SCHOOL NEWS...

## Whole School RE Curriculum Opportunities

The Reverend Partridge visited our school again to take a whole school assembly. The assembly was about a special baptism, Jesus' baptism.

Reverend Partridge asked some of the children to come out to the front to help him tell the story, they had to dress up and act out different parts

of the story. We answered a few questions and ended by taking the time to think of someone who was special to us. We are looking forward to Reverend Partridge's next visit!

**Mrs Stokes**  
RE Leader



### School Bank Launch to Year 5

On Friday 13th January, the LMPS School Bank staff we excited to provide all members of Year 5 with the opportunity to take advantage of the LMPS School Bank facilities.

After a successful marketing campaign, the School Bank staff were ready and waiting to guide the Year 5 children and their parents through the exciting first steps of opening a bank account. The children who opened their accounts are now ready to continue saving their money and reaching money saving goals.

Max Carswell (Cashier/Clerk) said, "It was very successful and many people can in. I enjoyed helping them open their accounts."

Lucy Haynes, who is this year's LMPS Bank Manager, described the launch as "very successful and we look forward to welcoming new and returning customers every Friday morning. It will be great to see you there!"

**Mr Paul Burton**  
Year 5/6 Year  
Leader



### Parent's E-Safety Information

During Parent's Evening 1 on Wednesday 8th February, we are lucky enough to have the Safe Schools & Communities Team (SSCT) in Puffin Classroom, delivering an E-Safety information for our parents from 6.00 – 7.00pm.

#### COME ALONG/DROP IN AND FIND OUT HOW TO KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE!

Our children have access to the Internet via school, friends, and libraries and even via mobile phones and games stations, so this information is important even if you may not have Internet access in the home.

There have been incidents recently highlighted by the media that have raised enquires from parents and carers, as to **HOW** they can protect their children whilst on the Internet. In response to this, the Safe Schools & Communities Team have put together information sessions for parents and carers.

Whilst we seek to protect our children it is important to keep the risk in perspective, as there are benefits to the use of the Internet. It is really a case of taking simple, sensible steps along with parental/ carer vigilance, to minimise the risk, and equip our children with the knowledge and skills to keep them safe from harm.

The Internet is a great tool ...but it does have a 'Dark Side' and the whole concept of this session is to raise your awareness so you can identify where threats and potential dangers can lie.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Because of the content of the information contained in the presentation, **NO YOUNG PEOPLE** are permitted to attend the session.



# SCHOOL NEWS...

## Launch of the 2017 LMPS Production!

In the Summer Term this year, LMPS's production will be **#happyeverafter** - a fairy tale with a modern twist that will feature some of our favourite Disney songs!

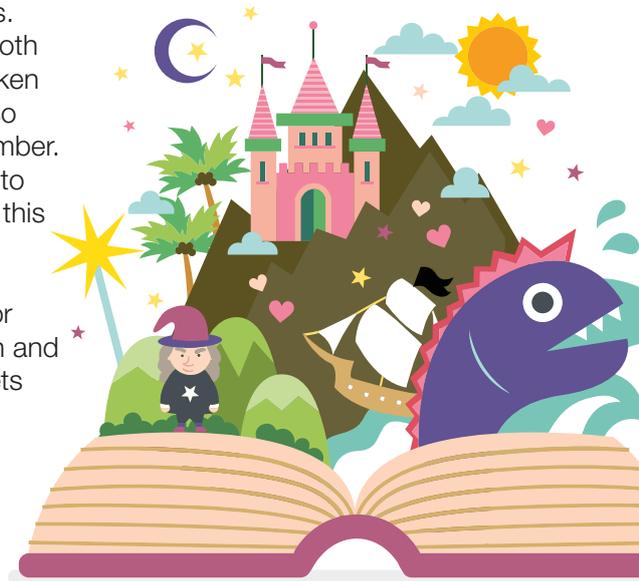
We are very excited about this production as we will be performing the musical on the stage in the **Gainsford Theatre at Lytchett Minster School**. The performance date will be Thursday, 22nd June, 2017 and there will be one matinee (afternoon) performance and one early evening show (times TBC).

This will be a major production involving over 100 children - actors,

dancers, singers and musicians. Auditions for the actors (from both Year 6 classes) have already taken place and the dancers have also started rehearsing their first number. Choir and Orchestra are about to begin practising their first song this week!

Keep checking our webpage for further updates and information and be on the look-out for our tweets **#happyeverafter!**

**Mrs Hancock**  
Drama Lead & LMPS  
Production Director



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# Extra-Curricular Clubs

## Spring Term 2017

(external clubs are highlighted in that days colour)

### Lunchtime

### After School

MON  
DAY

#### Ukulele Club

For Years 3,4,5 & 6 only 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

#### Football Club

Years 1,2,3 & 4 on the school field (2nd half of the field) with Mr Kevin Smith, from 12.30-1.00pm.

#### Computing Club - To begin again in Summer Term

Years 4, 5 and 6 with Mr West in Woodpecker Classroom from 12:20-12:40pm

**Eco Club** - With Mrs McCabe in Butterfly classroom -12.30-1.00pm.

#### Yr3/4 Netball Club

with Miss Horlock & Miss Meacher on the Netball Court from 3:30-4:30pm.

#### Kidz Academy

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

#### Football Club

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

#### Karate

5-6.00pm in the main school hall.

TUES  
DAY

#### Orchestra

By invitation only with Miss Wells in the Music Studio, from 12:10-12:40pm.

#### Key Stage 1 Choir:

Years 1 & 2 - Miss Waring in the Music Studio from 3:30-4.15pm.

#### Yr5/6 Netball Club

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

WED  
NES  
DAY

#### 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 - 1:00pm.

#### 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 Course/Team:

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

#### Climbing Club:

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.

THURS  
DAY

#### Arts & Crafts Club

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

#### Key Stage 2 Choir

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Miss Wells in the Music Studio from 3:30-4.30pm.

#### Tennis Club

Years R to Yr6, on KS1 playground from 3.30-4.30pm,

#### Dodgeball Club

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

FRI  
DAY

#### Running Club - Yr 4,5 & 6

with Mrs Murray, Mr West & Mrs McCabe around Lytchett Village from 12.20-12.40pm.

#### Running Club - Yr 2 & 3

with Mrs Murray on the school field from 12.45-1.05pm.

#### Newspaper Club

Years 3,4,5,6 with Mrs Leigertwood in Dragonfly Class from 12.40-1.10pm

#### Drama Club

Beginning Friday 13th January 2017. Years 6 with Mrs Hancock and Miss Coombs in the main school hall from 3.30-5.00pm.

#### Dance Club

Beginning Friday 20th January 2017. Years 5 & 6 with Miss West, for the school production of 'Happily Ever After' in the Studio, from 3.30-4.30pm.



# SPORTS news...

## High 5 Netball Pyramid Tournament 2017

On Tuesday 17th January, our Year 5/6 LMPS Netball Teams played a friendly tournament against our Pyramid schools. Both LMPS Teams (A and B), showed immense talent and skill. The teams worked extremely hard and



**Team A**

were outstanding sportspersons in all areas. Our Lytchett A team began by winning their first game by a superb 2-0 against Upton Juniors A-Team. The attacking and defensive play was excellent across the court. We were all very impressed. The A Team went on to win all of their matches, being undefeated across our Pyramid schools!

At the same time, our Lytchett B team also began their match well, scoring very early on, but being beaten at the end by their opponents, Upton Junior School. The B Team then went on to win their second and lose their third match, placing them in 3rd place overall for this mini-tournament.

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, sportsmanship and care shown by our dedicated team.

I would like to say a special thank you to Mr Noyce and Mrs McKenzie for giving up their time to work with our children and support Netball Club. Without these adults, our children would not be able to shine and experience opportunities like these. We are very lucky to have such dedicated staff, as well as children.

Next, we have the up and coming 'friendly tournament' on 2nd February, followed by the East Dorset High 5 Tournament on 2nd March, both at Allenbourn Middle School. This is the Level 2 qualifier for the Dorset School Games Finals and we are very much hoping to secure a place for the third year in a row.



**Team B**

Every child who attends Netball Club will have had the opportunity to compete in at least one of these tournaments. Wish us luck for our future matches!

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

**Laura Dominey**  
Deputy Headteacher

## Year 3 Begin Swimming Lessons!

This term Year 3 have started their swimming lessons as part of the Physical Education curriculum for Key Stage 2.

For our first session we were all very excited and couldn't wait to get into the pool! We met our new Swimming teacher, Dawn and practiced swimming across the width of the pool.

The second session focused on learning front crawl, where we practised how to turn our heads when taking a breath and how best to use our arms in the water.

We are really looking forward to learning each of the different swimming strokes and different types of jumps!

**Mrs Stokes**  
Year 3 Teacher





## Swimming Gala Success

On Wednesday 18th January, Mr Noyce, Miss Winkworth and I took a team of 16 enthusiastic and determined swimmers to Canford School to compete in the East Dorset Swimming Gala. Each team was comprised of 4 girls and 4 boys from Years 5 and 6. After arriving and settling on to the poolside, team Lytchett began their warm up and team talks to ensure we were all prepared for the many races ahead.

The races were completed in heats, Lytchett being in the second, which meant that we could watch some of the swimmers for each year group before our amazing swimmers could race themselves. Although it was useful to watch these races, it made many of our swimmers nervous, having to wait even longer for their races.

Lytchett competed exceptionally well against the other competitors and we did incredibly well in our heats, however we are currently unaware of where we came overall in each race as we did not have our own or the other team's times.

As the gala was running a little behind schedule our swimmers had to get changed, not knowing what the final result was, however eventually we learnt that Lytchett Matravets had come 3rd out of 9 with a total of 145 points! Lockyers School achieving 2nd, with 179

points, and St Michaels School coming 1st with 195 points.

Miss Winkworth, Mr Noyce and I left the pool feeling extremely proud of all of our swimmers, as well as having sore throats and hands from clapping and shouting encouragement from the poolside.

A big thank you to our drivers, supporters and parents for your support with transport and at the Gala. Additionally, we would like to say thank you to Danny who was our timekeeper for the event.

Finally, a very well deserved thank you to all of the swimmers, for your hard work, team work and determination to succeed, our school is incredibly proud of you all.

**Miss Horlock**  
Year 5 Class Teacher





# SCHOOL NEWS...

## Dear All

On Wednesday 25th January three members of Year 5 were excited to attend an Able Writers' Day at Bearwood Primary and Nursery School.

During this day, we met Roger Stevens, who is a poet, performer and musician. He was really funny, entertaining and helped us to improve our writing in lots of fun ways. We even have some new ideas for the rest of our class and the teachers!

"Best day ever, it was so much. Especially learning how to write a new type of poem." Ella.

"It was really fun because we got to meet an author, work with him and get our new books signed by him." Jack.

"Today was astounding. We enjoyed writing a poem called 15 Ways to Escape the School!"

All the children (and Mr Burton) had a great day and look forward to sharing our new ideas and learning with our classes and Year groups!



## Free School Meals

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

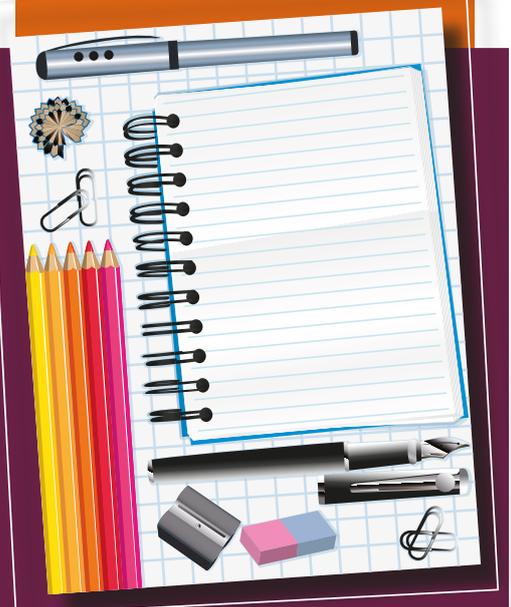
You will be asked your name, date of birth, national insurance number and your child's name, date of birth and address.

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

February  
**2017**

Month Commences  
Wednesday 1st February

Thursday 2 February 2017

Time: 14.00 - 16.15

Event: **Year 5 Netball Festival**

Venue: Allenbourn Middle School

Friday 3 February 2017

Time: 08.30 - 09.00

Event: **School Bank Open**

Venue: Studio, LMPS

Friday 3 February 2017

Time: 14.30 - 15.30

Event: **Year 5 Open Afternoon**

Venue: Main Hall, LMPS

Wednesday 11 January 2017

Time: 12.20 - 13.15

Event: **School Bank Marketing Team Meeting**

Venue: Room 15, LMPS

Monday 6 February 2017

Time: 09.00 - 16.00

Event: **E-safety Day, Yr R - Yr 6**

Venue: LMPS

Monday 6 February 2017

Time: 13.00 - 15.30

Event: **Yr 3 Swimming 4/10**

Venue: The Junction, Broadstone

Tuesday 7 February 2017

Time: 15.30 - 16.30

Event: **Yr 5/6 Netball Club**

Venue: KS2 Playground

Wednesday 8 February 2017

Time: 12.20 - 13.15

Event: **School Bank, Marketing Meeting**

Venue: Room 15, LMPS

Wednesday 8 February 2017

Time: 16.00 - 19.00

Event: **Parents Evening 1**

Venue: LMPS

Wednesday 8 February 2017

Time: 17.50 - 18.55

Event: **Parents E-safety Workshop**

Venue: Puffin Classroom

Thursday 9 February 2017

Time: 15.40 - 17.30

Event: **Parents Evening 2**

Venue: LMPS

Friday 10 February 2017

Time: 15.30

Event: **Spring Term 1st Half Ends**

Venue: LMPS

Monday 20 February 2017

Time: 09.00

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

Venue: LMPS

Monday 20 February 2017

Time: 13.00 - 15.30

Event: **Yr 3 Swimming 5/10**

Venue: The Junction, Broadstone

Tuesday 21 February 2017

Time: 15.30 - 16.30

Event: **Yr 5/6 Netball Club**

Venue: KS2 Playground

Wednesday 22 February 2017

Time: 12.20 - 13.15

Event: **School Bank, Marketing Meeting**

Venue: Room 15, LMPS

Thursday 23 February 2017

Time: 12.00 - 16.00

Event: **Poole Tag Rugby Tournament**

Venue: Poole High School

Friday 24 February 2017

Time: 08.30 - 09.00

Event: **School Bank Open**

Venue: The Studio, LMPS

Friday 24 February 2017

Time: 09.00 - 12.30

Event: **Year 4 Boat Trip**

Venue: Poole

Monday 27 February 2017

Time: 13.00 - 15.30

Event: **Year 3 Swimming 6/10**

Venue: The Junction, Broadstone

Tuesday 28 February 2017

Time: 15.30 - 16.30

Event: **Yr 5/6 Netball Club**

Venue: KS2 Playground



For all calendar dates and information go to:

<http://www.lytchetmatraversprimary.org.uk/calendar/>

## 2017 INSED Dates

The following dates have been set for the 2017 Teacher Training days. School will be closed to children on these days. Thank you.

**Monday 5th June 2017**

**Friday 21st July 2017**

