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A word from the Headteacher

## Dear Parent

Welcome to another issue of Roundabout and the school year is now well underway. It is also clear from the last few days that the weather is very definitely taking a turn for the worse. As such we will soon be re-issuing our Winter Weather Guidance and although we always try our very best to remain open, it is important that everyone knows how the message will get out to parents if we are forced to close. It is never an easy decision to close the school and we know it is
inconvenient for working parents, but at the end of the day we will always put the safety of the children ahead of other considerations.
By the time you get to read this we will have made the transition to becoming an Academy and working with the Hamwic Trust. Although we never envisaged becoming an Academy, it became clear that we could not let our ideological misgivings get in the way of providing the best possible education for our children. Working with Hamwic over recent weeks has been an extremely positive experience and we are looking forward to a long and fruitful relationship with them. Well that is my word-count reached


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.

# Academy status rings the changes 

## The future holds many changes and challenges for

 staff and pupils at LMPS
#### Abstract

As you know, Lytchett Matravers Primary School is considering a major change to its educational and financial structure by converting to academy status with the Hamwic Trust. While details are still being finalised and have to be approved by the Governing Body, the intention is to sign a new lease for the school with the Hamwic Trust for 125 years, starting November 1st, 2018.


This is a long-term initiative for the school. Academy status is intended to bring greater financial

stability and allow the school's management to plan further forward than today. Currently we fund very much from year to year and, while the school has successfully run within budget year on year, it has often been uncertain. Each year we are required to budget not just for the next year, but also produce 3 -year and 5-year projections. These projections always show the school operating at a significant loss. In practice, the school's management team must carefully plan each item of costs and ensure such projected losses do not materialise.

The annual budget for the year April 2018 to March 2019 has been set with Dorset County Council as usual. However, following the change to academy status with the Hamwic Trust, this will also mean we will be setting a revised budget. This will start on November 1st, 2018 and run through to August 31st, 2019. From that point forward, the budget year will match the school year.

Around $80 \%$ of the school's costs are teaching and support


Lytchett

staffing costs and this will be maintained under academy status. However, many ancillary services will in future be provided by the Hamwic Trust, instead of from Dorset County Council.

The sharing of services is a key feature of the change in status. The Upton schools are also planning a similar change and also intend to join the Hamwic Trust. This will allow the group of schools in the Trust to share educational best practices, provide opportunities for bulk contracts and purchases for all the schools. The school management team will expand on these opportunities as the plan details are finalised.

The school will continue to be the village school and moving to academy status will cement the school in the fabric of the village for many years to come.

If you have any questions about the conversion of our school to academy status, you are more than welcome to contact a member of the governing body.


Finance Governor


## Hit the Road or...



Weymouth, Portland, Purbeck and Poole will be transformed into a giant game from 3 October to 14 November this Autumn as thousands of residents compete to see if their school, community or business can walk, run or cycle the furthest. Beat the Street is a free, fun challenge where people are rewarded with points and prizes for exploring their area on foot or bicycle.

Dozens of special sensors called 'Beat Boxes' will appear across the area. Players tap the Beat Boxes with cards and fobs to track their journey and earn points for themselves and their team - the more Beat Boxes people swipe the more points they earn.

LMPS, other schools and community groups across the area will be competing against each other to see if they can travel the furthest, climb the leaderboards and win hundreds of pounds worth of prizes. Families are encouraged to play for their local school while the wider community can create their own teams by visiting https://beatthestreet.me/dorset.

Beat the Street is being delivered by Intelligent Health and is funded by The National Lottery through Sport England and Public Health Dorset. LPMS have a team for each area, feel free to join our team and help us Beat the Street!

> More information: https:// beatthestreet.me/dorset

## Welcome Mrs Lawrence

We would like to welcome Mrs Lawrence to the LMPS team. The children have been really enjoying getting to know her and here are some of the comments they have made;

## International

## Dot Day

On September the 15th LMPS learnt about International Dot Day.

During assembly Mrs Lambert explained how International Dot Day had started with a teacher, Terry Shay, who read the book 'The Dot' by Peter H. Reynolds on the 15th of September 2009 to his class to inspire them to be more creative.

Since then classes around the world have continued to read the book on this day each year and explored the story's themes of bravery, creativity and self-expression. Children are encouraged to use the idea of a dot and to see how they could make it individual to them. Our Year 4 classes decided to accept the challenge and created their very own 'floating dots!'


## Child of Hope

On the 24th of August in Molden Village Hall, Mia-Rose and I (Amy) decided to raise money for the 'Child of Hope' charity by putting together some stalls. We organised:
A lucky dip
A raffle
Face Painting
Guess the number of sweets in a jar
Catch a duck
Cotton Candy
Splat the Rat
Flower Making
And of course... Teas and Cakes! All of our effort raised $£ 380$ for our chosen charity.

Everyone at LMPS is very proud of

## Our First Day at School

Ladybirds and Honeybees had an amazing first day at school and have settled into school life really well. There were lots of new toys, equipment and areas to explore as well as learning the school routines! Although it was very hard saying


Well done Ladybirds and Honeybees - we are so proud of you all!

Miss Barker and Mrs Lawrence EYFS Class Teachers

our two pupils for raising so much money for such a worthy cause. What a great note to begin this year! Well done girls!

## EYFS Reading \& Maths

## Parents Meeting

On Monday 1st October, the new Reception parents attended a maths and reading information event. The meeting informed parents on how maths and reading are taught in Reception. Parents also had an opportunity to ask questions and they received information on how they can support learning in maths and reading.

After the meeting, the parents went to the Reception classrooms to explore some maths and reading activities with their children. Thank you to all who attended the meeting - it was heartwarming to see so many old and new faces there.

At LMPS we believe a strong partnership between Teachers and Parents is paramount to a child's education, therefore we are always keen to share with you exactly how we teach your children and how you can help them at home.

Copies of the hand-outs are available on the Parents noticeboard outside the reception classrooms.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further.

Best wishes,
Miss Barker
(RWInc. Leader) \&
Mr Long
(Mathematics Leader)

## Able Writer's Day

On Tuesday the 2nd of October, four Y6 pupils attended an Able Writer's Day at Bearwood Primary School with Mrs Hancock. The children spent an enjoyable and rewarding day working with one of the UK's leading children's poets, Kate Williams.

She took the children outside into a wooded area where they spent time thinking, listening and feeling the changes that autumn brings. Upon returning to the classroom, Ms Williams encouraged the children to examine leaves and other items and then to write about them.

Poems were written about forests, leaves, and fireworks and the children were able to read their work out loud for all to enjoy. Please find below a poem about Leaves by Sophie in Kestrel Class and a poem about a forest by Molly in Merlin class.

## Autumn Leaves

The vibrant leaves go
Swaying and drifting through the dark sky
Whistling carelessly in the silence
The wild leaves go
Zooming and spiralling in the gusty wind
Dancing and darting through the storm

## Recipe for a Mysterious Forest

## Mix together:

A jug full of shadows
A spoonful of eerie sounds
A bowl of padding paws on leaves
A jar of full moon

## Stir in:

Mice and deer scampering across the forest floor.

Decorate with a sprinkle of stars a midnight.

Leave to set at the witching hour. Warning: May contain werewolves!
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## Emotion Coaching :-

As a school we have been very fortunate to be offered training and support from an Educational Psychologist for a pilot scheme titled 'Emotion Coaching.'

## What is Emotion Coaching?

Emotion Coaching is based on the principle that nurturing and emotionally supportive relationships provide optimal contexts for the promotion of children's outcomes and resilience.

## How does Emotion Coaching work?

Emotion Coaching uses moments of heightened emotion and resulting behaviour to guide and teach the child and young person about more effective responses. Through empathetic engagement, the child's emotional state is verbally acknowledged and validated, promoting a sense of security and feeling 'felt'. This activates changes in the child's neurological system and allows the child to calm down, physiologically and psychologically.

We are very much looking forward to sharing more details of the project with you once our training is underway. In the meantime if you are interested in finding our more about Emotion Coaching please visit their website www.emotioncoachinguk.com

## Heather Helm

SENCo \& Inclusion Leader


## LMPS School Car Park

We cannot stress enough how important it is for parents not to drive into the school car park, unless they have been given an LMPS Parking Permit for special consideration.

We have over 430+ children on role and our school car park is exceptionally busy during the morning and afternoon school drop off and pick up times.

There have been a number of incidents reported already and we are still in the very early stages of the school year.

Cars have been reported to the school office,
by photograph and via number plate identification.

Please be aware.
Moving forward any car without an LMPS Parking permit on display will be questioned.

Thank you for your continued support with this matter.

LMPS Team


## Meet our Bronze Ambassadors!

The Bronze Ambassadors have worked really hard at sharing their vision across the school. As Bronze Ambassadors the children feel it is their duty to share their love for sports and fitness through encouraging others, supporting all children in all sports and helping the children and staff to run excellent sporting events.

The children feel it is important to be a role model to others by not only striving for their best in sport but also across the whole curriculum. With this the children are exemplar with their behaviour, attitudes to learning and to each other!

The children have voiced their aims in the next column;

## Mrs Lawrence

P.E. Leader

## "I love to help people with sports!"

"I am not the best at sport but I am the most enthusiastic!"
"I am really good at organising and I can help run sport events."
"We look forward to seeing you around the schoo!!"



A big congratulations to all Year 4 pupils who recently attended Leeson House on their first residential visit.

The children were all amazing!
On Monday 8th October, everyone arrived with their bags, big smiles and nervous Mummies and Daddies in tow. As always there was a real air of anticipation as the children boarded the coach, turned to wave at the adults they were leaving behind and began their adventure.

Our first activities at Leeson House involved a round of Team Building activities. It was very refreshing to notice how the children encouraged each other to tackle these tricky tasks together.
There were some great conversations, team hugs and all round support seen by our staff. Working together, all teams found that they could be successful. These are skills that go way beyond the grounds of Leeson House and are the seed for some very important Life Skills.


It was great to see how well the children worked in new surroundings, all of them were keen and enthusiastic to become involved in the activities. The children were eagerly anticipating the news of who was sharing rooms, I am certain that no-one was disappointed! Let me assure you, all of them were very eager to make their own beds!


Our first day was rounded off by a night walk. The children listened attentively to the Leeson House staff, as they taught us about the constellations. The children settled well in their new bedrooms and without too much persuasion, snuggled down to a good night's sleep. It is always very satisfying for the staff involved, to see children, who may have been a little apprehensive before their visit, achieve this goal. We were very fortunate this year to be able to celebrate two birthdays during our stay with the usual birthday cakes, candles and singing!

The second day of our visit involved a walk along the Priests Way and coastal path, this gave the children a great
opportunity to enjoy the spectacular landscapes that surround us here in Dorset and to learn about our local history and folk-law. Under crystal clear blue skies with beautifully warm sunshine, we were able to enjoy the wonders of the coastline at it's very best.

The Leeson House staff are great at capturing the children's imaginations with tales of smugglers and ship-wrecks. I am certain that most children were spurred on to complete their walk in record - time by Mr France keeping a watchful eye at the rear of the group! Our return to Leeson House revealed some rather tired children, however they were all happy to spend their money in the gift shop! (As always, the time taken to settle down to sleep on night two was far less than night one.)

I feel very strongly that residential trips such as this one provide our pupils with the very best broad and balanced education that is sometimes difficult to achieve in the constraints of the classroom.
It's a real pleasure to watch ALL children over the space of just three days become more confident, independent and resourceful.

None of this would be possible without the support of our staff,

A huge thank you to
MR FRANCE
MRS LAMBERT
MRS SHARMAN
MISS HAMMETT
MRS HELM
MR NOYCE

## By Mrs Dunn

Year 4 Class Teacher \& Science Leader
A HUGE thank you to Mrs Dunn for
working so hard to complete all of the
paperwork, risk assessments and for
leading the fantastic Educational Visit.


# 馥 school news.... Ancient Greek Drama Day 

On Tuesday 9th October 2018, Treehouse Theatres came to LMPS to work with Year 5. Everyone came dressed as Greeks and it was so exciting!

First, we went to the hall and met Ben from Treehouse Theatres. Ben was funny and could sing and play guitar really well. He told us what we would be doing that day. Then we were divided into 4 groups.

Group 1 stayed in the hall. Since I was group 2, I went back to the
classroom. We all did Greek word searches and crosswords. I found them both quite tricky.

After that, it was our turn to rehearse. A few minutes later, we made our way to the hall. Our act was all about the Ancient Olympic games in Greece. I was a Chariot Racer 1, Joseph was my horse and we were from Argos. We had to deliberately come last! About five minutes later, I was told how to use the whip and what I had to say. Soon after, it was lunch.


After lunch, it was the performance! Ben taught us three songs to sing at the end of act 1,2 and 4 . We went through the Greek alphabet and how we still use some of it today. Then, he had told us that the performance will soon begin. The performance was incredible,

## Victorian Drama Day!

On Monday, 8th October LMPS was invaded by chimney sweeps, house maids, beggar children, rich ladies dressed in silk and flat-capped cheeky lads as the hall was transformed into a Victorian school room, coal mine, factory, mill, hospital and the estate of Lord Shaftesbury.

The Tree House Theatre Company brilliantly involved all of Year 6 and their teachers in re-creating life for children during the Victorian Times. During the morning, the classes were divided into
four groups and each group learnt their lines and practised their roles. After lunch, the classes came together and performed a drama which made the audience laugh, gasp and brought some tears to a few eyes.

The central theme of the drama was to show how reformers such as Lord Shaftesbury and Dr Barnado worked to change the laws in Great Britain which allowed children to work in terrible jobs in unsafe conditions.


everyone did a splendid job. An hour later, the play had finished.

Before long it was home time. The day had gone so quickly and I had an amazing time. My highlight of the day was the performance. It was very funny and I liked every minute of it.

By Sophie, Buzzard Class


Before the laws were changed children as young as six were working in factories for up to twelve hours a day with little or no breaks and a pittance for wages. Young boys were sent up chimneys even when a law was passed because the cost of a chimney brush was more than the fine for using a boy.

Children who worked in mines faced daily dangers as did children who had to work on the streets for unscrupulous masters. Fortunately, brave men and women like Shaftesbury fought for the rights of children to go to school and not to have to work in terrible conditions. It was a great day of drama which helped Year 6 to appreciate their rights to be safe and to receive an education!

## Cross Country

## The Poole and East Dorset

 Schools Cross Country League is now underway following an exciting meet at Baiter Park. Seventeen children from Years 5 and 6 took part in the races which was the first of four taking place this term. The weather was blustery and wet but the children's excitement wasn't dampened by the weather. They all ran their best and competed brilliantly against many other schools with three of our girls featuring in the top twenty of the Under 11s girls race. We are all looking forward to the next meet at Canford School in November.
## Mrs Markham

LMPS Running Coach


## Year 5 Swimming


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Urgently required for Lytchett Matravers Primary School Hourly pay: £8.50

Contact the Safer Travel Team on: tel: 07747180741 or email: roadsafety@dorsetcc.gov.uk to register your interest.

## Website information:

https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/ roadsafety/SCP

## Dorset County Council



To make an application for Free School Meals (FSM), please ring 01305251000.

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 Robbins 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.


Thursday 1 November 2018
Time: 15.30-16.30
Event: Key Stage 2 Choir
Venue: Studio, LMPS

Monday 5 November 2018
Time: 13.00-15.30
Event: Year 5 Swimming Venue: The Junction, Broadstone

Tuesday 6 November 2018
Time: 15.00-17.00
Event: Netball League Fixture - LMPS Vs Manorside Academy - AWAY

Venue: Evering Avenue

Wednesday 7 November 2018
Time: 13.30-15.30
Event: Forest Schools
Venue: LMPS

Thursday 8 November 2018
Time: 14.30-15.30
Event: Cross Country League-Race 2 Venue: Canford School, Wimborne

Thursday 8 November 2018
Time: 15.30-16.30
Event: Key Stage 2 Choir
Venue: Studio, LMPS

Monday 12 November 2018
Time: 13.30-15.30
Event: Year 5 Swimming
Venue: The Junction, Broadstone

Monday 12 November 2018
Time: 09.00
Event: Odd Socks Day (wear odd socks to launch anti bullying week)
Venue: LMPS

Tuesday 13 November 2018
Time: 15.30-16.20
Event: Year 5/6 Netball
Venue: LMPS

Wednesday 14 November 2018
Time: 13.30-15.30
Event: Forest Schools
Venue: LMPS

Wednesday 14 November 2018
Time: 17.30-19.00
Event: FGB Meeting 2
Venue: Room 15, LMPS

Thursday 15 November 2018
Time: 15.30-16.30
Event: Key Stage 2 Choir
Venue: Studio, LMPS

Friday 16 November 2018
Time: 09.00-15.30
Event: Children in Need Day
Venue: LMPS

Monday 19 November 2018
Time: 13.30-15.30
Event: Year 5 Swimming
Venue: The Junction, Broadstone

Monday 19 November 2018
Time: 18.30-19.30
Event: Year 6 Victorian Exhibition
Venue: LMPS

Tuesday 20 November 2018
Time: 15.45-17.00
Event: Netball League Fixture LMPS Vs Ocean Academy - HOMEI
Venue: Key Stage 2 Playground, LMPS

Wednesday 21 November 2018
Time: 13.30-15.30
Event: Forest Schools
Venue: LMPS

Thursday 22 November 2018
Time: 15.00-17.00
Event: Cross Country League - Race
3 - rearranged
Venue: Sandbanks, Poole

Thursday 22 November 2018
Time: 15.30-16.30
Event: Key Stage 2 Choir
Venue: Studio, LMPS

Monday 26 November 2018
Time: 13.30-15.30
Event: Year 5 Swimming
Venue: The Junction, Broadstone

Tuesday 27 November 2018
Time: 15.15-17.00
Event: Netball League Fixture LMPS Vs Allenbourne A \& B Teams - HOME

Venue: LMPS Playgrounds - BOTH KS1 \& KS2

Wednesday 28 November 2018
Time: 13.30-15.30
Event: Forest Schools
Venue: LMPS

Thursday 29 November 2018
Time: 15.30-16.30
Event: Key Stage 2 Choir
Venue: Studio, LMPS

Friday 30 November 2018
Time: 15.45-18.00
Event: PTEC Christmas Fayre
Venue: LMPS

For all callendar dates and information go to:
http://www.lmpsdorset.org/ calendar.asp

