LYTCHETT MATRAVERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

ROUNDABOUT

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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.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2018

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.

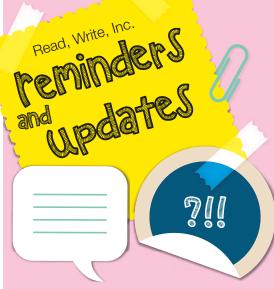
Well that is my word-count reached

for another month but as always please do get in touch if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's education or welfare.

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Simon France

Head Teacher



The children have had a great start to the year in their new Read, Write, Inc. groups and have enjoyed meeting their new teachers in their new teaching spaces!

We are very excited to introduce the new 'Bookbag Books' which are available for your children to bring home and return as frequently as they wish. The books are full of lovely pictures and stories which coincide with the *Read*, *Write*, *Inc*. book colour bands, so that your child will be still be able to read and follow other stories.

As well as reading the paper books and 'Bookbag Books', there are many ways in which you can help your child to read, such as;

- playing word games
- speaking in 'Fred Talk'
- reading other material such as magazines.

The new Reception children have also made a fantastic start already with learning their initial sounds and learning how to form the letters!

Please remember to return your child's RWInc books to school.

As always if you have any queries regarding *Read*, *Write*, *Inc*. please do not hesitate to contact me.









Congratulations to the children who have been elected to represent their class for Pupil Voice for this year.

The children are all excited and looking forward to making a difference at Lytchett Matravers Primary School. We have already held our first meeting: where we discussed what the role of Student voice is and Mrs Gould handed out our Student Voice badges. We also shared some ideas of what we would like to achieve this year. The children would like to help launch Anti Bullying week, organise some fund raising events and look at how we use our playgrounds to make it fair for everyone.

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Music

Roundabout - Music **Sept / Oct 2018**

Term has started with a bang, or loud noises at least, in the Studio where all year groups have been having fun listening to and creating their own music. Year 6, for example, have been looking at Beethoven's 5th Symphony and composing their own motifs based on his famous " dah dah dah dummmm" motif. Their ideas have been fantastic and very effective. In Year 2 children have been learning songs connected with their topic, *The* Great Fire of London. They've also accompanied the songs with various instruments and body percussion.

Orchestra have been busy rehearsing a new piece by a very local composer... one of our own pupils! Harriet, who plays piano and cello, wrote a lovely piece called "Songbird Sonatina" which was arranged for Orchestra by Mrs de Garis and which we are hoping will be ready for a performance to the rest of the school in the next few weeks. Well done

It has been wonderful to have such large numbers of children wanting to learn new instruments or sing in the KS2 Choir - there are now waiting lists for choir and for tuition on some instruments, but if your child is interested in learning or singing then please let me know.

Miss Wells Music Leader

Click on the icon to go to that class's dedicated web page





















Academy status rings the changes

The future holds many changes and challenges for staff and pupils at LMPS

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



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.

Alf Bush Finance Governor

Lytchett Matravers

LIBRARY news



Hi Everyone

We are Babs, Clair and Susan, staff at the local village library and the school very kindly invites us to submit articles for your school newsletters.

With this being the first for this school year we think it is a good time to inform new parents and remind existing ones of all that the library has to offer.

- Children have access to a great range of books for all ages.
- Homework help, either in our information books or online services.
- Books on all the curriculum topics for the coming year.
- Two regular clubs Chatterbooks and Code Club.
- Themed activity sessions during holiday periods.
- Plus it is all FREE!!

Reading is such an important part of education and sharing books and stories with your child is a real treat. The library is open after school on Monday, Tuesday and Friday plus Saturday morning. Sign up now if you are not a member and help support the future of your local library. Please do try to make a visit to the library part of your regular school routine.



Our Library Gets Lively session on Saturday 27th October promises to be rather spooky! With stories and crafts to celebrate Halloween – 10.30am-11am – no need to book.

The Summer
Reading Challenge
has been packed
away for another
year but before
we close the
lid completely a
big well done to each
and every child who completed their
Challenge. Certificates should be
arriving in school later in the term.
Congratulations also to the four lucky
winners of our various competitions;
pictures of the winners receiving their
prizes are on display at the library.

We have two special half term events taking place:

- Discover 'The Ozobots', clever little colour coding robots on Tuesday 23rd October, 3pm-4pm. Come and have a go – it's great fun. Ages 5 – 11 years.
- Come and Learn to Knit or Crochet, for complete beginners or improvers, Thursday 25th October, 10.30am-11.30am. All materials will be provided. Age 7 and above.

This is also open to children and parents to come along together and take part.

Places must be booked in advance for both of these events. One of our recent Chatterbooks sessions was all about the *Judy Moody* series of books and work done by the children during the session was submitted to the publishers for a competition entry. We are delighted to say they we were one of the winners and a complete set of the *Judy Moody* books has been received as our prize. These have been added to library stock and are now available for everyone

to borrow.

If any families wish to register to take part in the Beat the Street game then we still have cards available at the library. Walk, cycle or run around Poole and Purbeck

Game runs from 3rd October –
 14th November

to earn points and win prizes.

Look forward to seeing you soon at the library.

Babs, Clair and Susan – Your Library Staff





SCHOOL NEWS...

Hit the Road or...

Beat the Street





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!

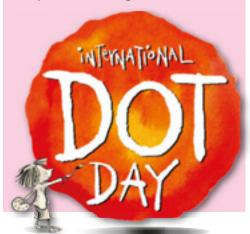
More information: https:// beatthestreet.me/dorset

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!'



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;

She always says good morning to us in the register and we like that Annie-Rae

Mrs Lawrence lets us learn sounds and borrow her pens Isabella (Honeybee)

She is always smiling Tom //



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 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

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!

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

Miss Barker and Mrs Lawrence **EYES Class Teachers**





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.

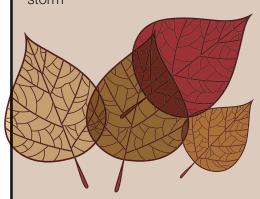
Autumn Leaves

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





Mix together:

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

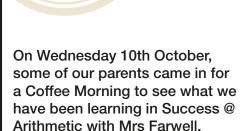
Stir in:

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!





Success @

Arithmetic >

Coffee Morning

Miss West and Mrs Farwell introduced them to the calculation mat and they talked about the different skills which we would use. We then got to show our parents how to regroup numbers when we add and subtract. We were even allowed to have a biscuit at the end!

Miss West

Year 5 Class Teacher & Lover of Maths!





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.



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 school!"





_eeson House 2018



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.





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,



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



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.



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!





SPORTS news...

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

The Buzzard and Osprey class have returned to swimming lessons this term. Well done to all for a fantastic start. The children have been really excited to get back in the pool and further their

swimming skills, working towards the national curriculum standards. We are very proud of how they have represented the school while being off site at the local leisure centre.



Permanent school crossing patrol

Urgently required for Lytchett Matravers Primary School

Hourly pay: £8.50

Contact the Safer Travel Team on:

tel: 07747 180741 or

email: roadsafety@dorsetcc.gov.uk

to register your interest.

Website information:

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



Dorset County Council



Free School Meals

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

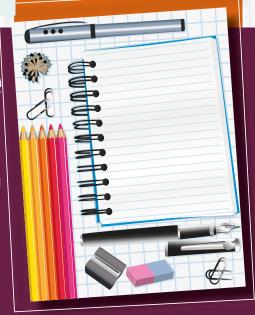
You will be asked your name, date of birth, national insurance number and your child's name, date of birth and address.

If you have any problems, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs 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.





DIARY DAtes

November 2018

Month commences Thursday 1 November

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

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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

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Venue: The Junction, Broadstone

Monday 19 November 2018

Time: 18.30 - 19.30

Event: Year 6 Victorian Exhibition

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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