



*Lydford Primary School – Nurture, Inspire, Achieve*

17/12/2021

### **Merry Christmas and Happy New year**

Thank you all for your continued support this term and into the Christmas break. I hope you all have a healthy, safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

Much is still uncertain because of Covid and the Omicron variant. I am fully expecting to open as normal on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January for all pupils but we are preparing for any eventuality. What is certain is that the school will continue to support you and our community with learning and wellbeing however we can.

If you need support, please ask.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### **Christmas Play and songs**

Thank you to Mrs Luxford and Mrs Dickinson who worked so hard to film the Christmas Play performance and prepare the children to sing at the end of the day on Friday – the children really enjoyed the experience. Thank you to all the parents who attended the Premiere and made it such a special experience.

### **Awards**

The children who have shown the strength of each of our values - **Nurture, Inspire, Achieve**, this fortnight are-



**Nurture – Ava B**

**Inspire – Theo**

**Achieve – Edward**



### **Thank you FoLS**

Thank you to FoLS who have purchased a new play kitchen for Class 1. The children have enjoyed putting it together and it is all set up ready for next term. FoLS have also covered the cost of improvements to the outdoor provision as well the cost of the some of the Christmas festivities. They have also donated towards the cost of the travel to the swimming lessons next term.



### **After School Clubs**

We will be running the following clubs next term -

Monday – Dance Club with Jessica Squire – Class 1 & 2 (16 places)

Monday – Year 6 SATs Club with Mrs D

Wednesday – Class 1 Creative Club with Mrs Luxford

Thursday – Class 2 OCRA Sports Club (12 places)

We will have a waiting list for dance and OCRA club if oversubscribed. If you are unable to book a place, please contact the school office and let us know so your child can be added to the list.

Clubs will start from the first full week of term (10<sup>th</sup> January 2022).

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

Thank you for your donations. £31.10 has been donated to Save the Children.

### **Free School Meals**

**FSM** - Your child may be entitled to free school meals (FSM). You can find out more information on free school meals and how to apply here: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals>

**UIFSM** – All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM). Parents/ carers do not need to apply for UIFSM but **can apply for FSM whilst their child is in Class 1**. This will bring in extra pupil premium funding for your child should you be eligible which can be used for extra resources and subsidizing things like swimming and the wider curriculum.

### **Cool Milk**

Our school provides a milk scheme that is available to all pupils. School milk is free for under-5s and reception pupils have already been registered.

Each child that registers with Cool Milk will receive a 189ml portion of semi-skimmed milk every day, delivered fresh and chilled to the classroom.

### **How to register -If your child is five or older:**

- Register and pay online at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)
- Alternatively, fill in a registration form available from the school office – once Cool Milk has processed your form, you will receive a payment request
- You can pay Cool Milk either online, over the phone or at a local Pay Point in half-termly, termly or annual instalments.
- Please pay by a Tuesday at 5pm for your child's milk to start the following week

If you have any questions regarding school milk, please visit [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) or contact Cool Milk directly on 0800 321 3248.

### **Outstanding Balances**

Please can any outstanding balance for breakfast Club or School meals be paid at your earliest convenience. If anyone is experiencing any difficulty in making a payment, please contact the school office.

### **Lost Property**

We have a few items of clothing that have not been claimed. Please ensure that all your child's belongings are named so that we can return them.



## Website and blog

The school now has a new look website [LYDFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL - Devon \(lydford-primary.co.uk\)](http://lydford-primary.co.uk). The new website makes information easier to find and access. New features on the website include a Classes Blog. Teachers will be regularly updating this with photos and news of what the class has been up to so be sure to have a look.

## Dates

### January 2022

5<sup>th</sup> – Pupils return

11<sup>th</sup> – Swimming lessons commence

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## Class 1 cooking



A selection of the super Christmas cards that children made as part of their Home Learning that have now been delivered to Tavistock Food Bank ready for distribution in their Christmas food parcels.





Whole school enjoying a post-Christmas lunch walk to the river





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# PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CENTRES

**DEVON &  
CORNWALL**

**AGES 5 - 11  
BOYS & GIRLS**

## **East Cornwall & North Devon**

Bodmin  
Bodmin Girls  
Holsworthy  
Launceston Girls  
Launceston GK's  
Okehampton  
Okehampton Girls

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## **Plymouth**

Manadon  
Plymstock

[charlie.hardcastle@pafc.co.uk](mailto:charlie.hardcastle@pafc.co.uk)

## **West Cornwall**

Falmouth  
Falmouth Girls  
Pool Academy  
Truro  
Brannel

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[argylecommunitytrust.co.uk](http://argylecommunitytrust.co.uk)

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