



Lydford Primary School – Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

17/06/2022

OFSTED report

This week has seen the publication of our OFSTED report. We are delighted to say that the school remains 'Good' with many positives in the report.

We are particularly proud of *'Pupils like coming to school and feel safe. They trust staff to care for them and their parents agree. Pupils speak about their school with immense pride'* and *'Pupils behave well and understand the school rules. They are adamant that there is no bullying in the school.'*

There are, of course, areas to improve upon and we have already begun to take swift action to address these – our recent parents forum to discuss this was successful with many helpful contributions. We now continue our daily drive to provide the very best for our children, with many exciting opportunities coming up.

Jubilee tree planting

Staff and pupils welcomed families and guests from our community, on Thursday 9th June, to join us in celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Celebrations began by planting four trees in our school playing field, as part of the Queen's Green Tree Canopy Scheme. These trees will offer shade and wonderment to our children and children of future generations; in addition to being a fabulous enhancement to our school environment. The four trees were Birch, Poplar, Beech and Hornbeam. The children enthusiastically sang a song especially

written for the platinum jubilee; a commemorative plaque was put in place and Reverend Brook blessed the trees. This was followed by all the children being presented with personalised platinum jubilee mugs; which were most generously given by the Lydford village jubilee fundraising group. The National Anthem was played and celebrations were brought to a close by everyone enjoying delicious home baked cakes, buns and biscuits and cups of tea, very kindly donated and served by parents and friends of Lydford school. The showery weather only added to the occasion, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.



Dartmoor Cricket Cup finals

On Tuesday 14th June our cricket team represented the school at Okehampton Dartmoor Cup Cricket finals.

The children had a great day and made it through to the semi-finals. Thank you to Mrs Waddington and Mr Meacock from taking the children.

Wildlife Champions – Meeth Quarry

On Wednesday 15th June, our Wildlife champions visited Meeth Quarry with Devon Wildlife Trust. The children went on a 'Wild Walk' exploring the minibeasts and other signs of life on a walk along the old railway. They took part in some bushcraft and pond dipping and the marine team from Wembury were on hand to discuss what lives in the deep and how humans have an impact.

Lydford Class One trip to National Marine Aquarium

On Thursday 16th June Class One visited the National Marine Aquarium as part of their science topic. They enjoyed a fantastic interactive tour of the aquarium followed by a rockpool safari at Mount Batten Beach where they discovered lots of marine life. It was a fun filled experience which has really enhanced what they have been learning in the classroom.



Reception 2022/2023

It has been lovely to meet the children who will be joining us in reception this September. They have visited us on Friday mornings and today they experienced a forest school session with Mrs Waddington. The children in Class 1 have been amazing at making them feel welcome.

Year 2 have also been enjoying sessions with Class 2 in preparation for their transition to key Stage 2 in September. Again, they have received a very warm welcome!

It really is fantastic to see the kind and caring nature of the children. They have certainly displayed the school values of Nurture, Inspire and Achieve.



Year 4/5 residential to Great Potheridge House

We are very excited and looking forward to the Year 4/5 residential at Great Potheridge House next week. This excellent opportunity for outdoor adventure, teambuilding and fun will live long in the memory. Please remember, parents need to transport their children to Bridestowe Primary School for departure on the bus at 9.15am. On Wednesday 22nd June, children will need collecting from Bridestowe Primary School from 13.30. Children are free to go home at this point (they will be very tired!). If you are unable to collect your child for any reason, they may remain at Bridestowe Primary for the afternoon but will need to be collected no later than 15.15pm.

Under the Sky workshop – Tuesday 21st June

Class One plus Year 3 and 6 will be visiting Brentor Common for the 'Under the Sky' workshop. This will consist of exploring the flora and fauna of Brentor common, using scientific methodology and creativity. There will be live trapping of small mammals and moth trapping. They will also look at pond life. The coach will collect the children from school at 9.15am and depart Brentor commons at 2.00 pm. Children will need to wear comfortable clothes which ensure their arms and legs are always covered to minimise the risk of ticks, insect bites and stings. Clothes need to be long trousers (e.g., leggings, tracksuit bottoms) long sleeved top with a school uniform jumper. Waterproofs and wellies will also be needed. The children will be given their school hats, but sun cream may be need applying before school. They will also need to bring a packed lunch and plenty to drink. You may order a school packed lunch in advance. Please ensure that this is booked **by 9am on Monday**. The cost of this trip has been kindly been paid for by Brentor Commons Association. Please can you give permission for your child to attend via the payment section of School Gateway.

Class 2 Lydford Gorge visit – Thursday 23rd June

We are once again visiting Lydford Gorge as part of our guardianship agreement with the National Trust. The children will have opportunity to learn and tidy the Gorge for the benefit of the whole community. The children are really looking forward to another fantastic learning and development opportunity. The children will leave school at 9.15am and walk to the Gorge. Please **pick you children up at 3.15pm from the waterfall entrance** (this is the entrance furthest away from the village with the large car park). Please let the school office know asap if you are unable to collect.

Again, the children will need to wear comfortable clothes, long trousers (e.g., leggings, tracksuit bottoms)a long sleeved top with a school uniform jumper. To ensure their arms and legs are always covered. This will minimise the risk of ticks, insect bites and stings. Waterproofs and wellies will also be needed. The children will be given their school hats, but sun cream may be need applying before school. They will also need to bring a packed lunch and plenty to drink. If you would like to order a school packed lunch, please let the school office know by 9am on Wednesday morning. Please ensure they also have a backpack to carry their own belongings.

Year 3 residential – 30th June, 1st July.

We are looking forward to the Year 3 residential on the 30th June and 1st July. This 2-day camping residential has been offered to pupils for just £30 and involves 2 days at Adventure Okehampton – what an experience!

Please note – Parents need to drop children at Adventure Okehampton (Youth Hostel behind the train station) in Okehampton on the 30th June for 9.00am and then collected on 1st July at 15.00pm. Itineraries have been sent out, but please do ask if you have any questions about this residential.

Class Photographs

Please check your child's bag for their class photo. If you would like to place an order please return the form with the payment to the school office by Friday 24th June.

Summer Performance

We have just begun rehearsing our summer production. This will be held at School on Friday 15th July. We will be rehearsing both the songs and lines regularly in school but any extra help you can give will be extremely beneficial. We would be very grateful if you can use the link below to help your child start to learn the songs.

[Click-n-Sing: AROUND THE WORLD IN 50 MINUTES | Easy Peasy Plays](#)

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Dates

June

Mon 20th – Wed 22nd – Year 4 and 5 residential at Great Potheridge House

Tues 21st – Under the sky workshop at Brentor Common.

Thurs 23rd – Class 2 Lydford Gorge Day

Wed 29th – Year 6 Residential information session - 4pm at Bridestowe Primary School

Thurs 30th -Year 6 Taster Day at Okehampton College

Thurs 30th – Fri 1st July – Year 3 residential at Adventure Okehampton/Boasley Cross

July 2022

Wed 6th – Sports day pm

Wed 13th – Back up sports day (in the event of poor weather conditions on the 6th)

Fri 15th July – Summer Performance at Lydford Primary 6pm

Mon 18th – Wed 20th – Year 6 residential to Bristol

Fri 22nd – Last day of term.

Term dates 2022/23

Autumn Term 2022

Wednesday 7th September - All pupils return

Half Term – Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October Inclusive

Monday 31st October - All pupils return

Friday 16th December - Last Day of Term

Spring Term 2023

Wednesday 4th January - All pupils return

Half Term – Monday 13th February to Friday 17th June February Inclusive

Monday 20th February - All pupils return

Friday 31st March - Last Day of Term

Summer Term 2023

Monday 17th April - All pupils return

Monday 1st May - May Day Bank Holiday

Half Term – Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June Inclusive

Monday 5th June - All pupils return

Friday 21st July - Last Day of Term







