

Lydford Primary School – Nurture, Inspire, Achieve
A small school, learning together in the local community.

18th June 2021

An exciting term

The final term of the academic year is always an exciting one with sports day, residential, transition visits and the joy of warm weather for outdoor education. This year the excitement is enhanced as we missed out on all these great opportunities last year.

We still need to be cautious with our return to events and ensure the absolute safety of our children, staff and communities – this will be front a centre of any plans and decisions made.

Keep an eye on the upcoming events as it will soon be packed with fantastic events for our children.

Transition visits

It has been a joy to welcome our new September EYFS children to school for transition visits. Mrs Luxford commented: First school transition visits for some of our September intake this morning. The children were amazing, everyone had a wonderful time and the morning flew by! Had this lovely message from a parent afterwards: 'I just wanted to drop you a quick note to thank you for having my son this morning - he was absolutely full of happiness and excitement about having been to "big school". I'm delighted he got on so well.'



Children in Year 2 have also been spending some key times with Class Two in preparation for joining the class in September.

Enhanced training for our staff

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and encompasses many aspects of school life. Recently both Mrs Duthaler and Mrs Brendon took part in emergency first aid training and Mrs Luxford and Mr Meacock took part in Paediatric First Aid training to ensure all staff are ready for any eventuality.

Mrs Brendon also completed teaching assistant training on the new Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (commencing September 2021).

Mrs Luxford will complete advanced Level 3 safeguarding with NSPCC on the 7th and 8th July.

Curriculum and home learning

Curriculum and home learning tasks for this half term have been sent out this week. They can also be viewed on the school website.

RNLI virtual visit

Both classes enjoyed a 'virtual visit' from the RNLI this week along with some other classes from the Trust schools. We learned about the very lifesaving job the RNLI do and about how to stay safe at the beach. The children listened beautifully and could recall all the important information afterwards.



Bikeability

The week before half term, Class 2 brought their bikes and helmets into school. Years 3,4,5 and 6 completed Level 1. They successfully learned how to; prepare yourself and your bicycle for a journey, set off, pedal, look behind, cycle with one hand, turn, control your speed, slow down and stop.

Years 5 and 6 then completed Level 2 and successfully learned to; start and stop during an on-road journey and negotiate a T-junction from any direction. When cycling can cycle safely and responsibly, spot hazards and respond to them, choose the correct road position, manage risks when cycling, understand and obey road markings and signs, share the road with others and communicate to other road users. If you have a minute, could you please complete DCC's short feedback survey.

<https://www.traveldevon.info/cycle/cycle-training/children/>



Residential

We are very much looking forward to Year 5 and 6 residential on the 1st and 2nd July. We are excited that we are able to share a camping space with Bridestowe Primary and their Year 5 and 6s. Whilst bubbles will be maintained throughout, socially distanced activities such as evening games and a campfire will be able to happen to build friendships.

A reminder that on the 1st July, Year 5 and 6 children should be dropped at Bridestowe Primary school (back gate) at 08.30am. On the 2nd July, the children need to be collected from Bridestowe Primary school (back gate) at 17.00pm.

If you do not have a roll mat or sleeping bag for your child, please do not rush out to buy one. Either contact the school office or speak with Mrs Dickinson and we will arrange for them to be provided.

Sports day and leavers service

Following the recent government announcement of the extension of social restrictions, we are reviewing our sports day and leavers service activities. In all eventualities, the events will happen for the benefit of the children.

Spectators may be permitted, if risk assessments show the risk to be acceptable – further information to follow.

Pupil voice

*Yesterday, I used acrylic paints for the first time on canvas to paint a landscape of Lydford in the style of David Hockney.
Theo – Year 5*

*Yesterday, we had a talk with the RNLI education leader to tell us some tips on how to keep safe. For example, keep together at the beach.
Wren – Year 3*

Breakfast boxes and milk vouchers from St Bridget's church

The church has kindly offered vouchers for breakfast boxes and milk to families that require some additional support. This is not means tested. Please contact the school office if you would like more information.

Celebration Assembly

Summer term has seen the return of our celebration assemblies on Thursdays. These include an opportunity to celebrate and share the success of our pupils each week. A child who has shown the strength of each of our values - **Nurture, Inspire, Achieve**, is awarded each week.

Well done to the following pupils who have received awards –

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| 29 th April | Nurture – Holly Inspire – Massan Achieve – Jimmy | 6 th May | Nurture – Megan H Inspire – Rosie Achieve - Megan M |
| 13 th May | Nurture – Spencer Inspire - Theo Achieve – Emily B | 20 th May | Nurture - Jude Inspire - MC Achieve – Jessica |
| 3 rd June | Nurture – Scarlett Inspire – James M Achieve – Bertie | 10 th June | Nurture – Ava B Inspire – Josh Achieve – Ava D |
| 18 th June | Nurture - Charlotte Inspire - R Achieve – Edward | | |

PE Kit

Please can you ensure that your child has a pair of shorts in their PE Kits. Some children were very hot running around in jogging bottoms and leggings this week.

Forest school Kit

Please can all children have a long sleeve t shirt, trousers/leggings and wellies for forest school. It is important that their arms and legs are covered during these sessions, so they are protected from long grass etc.

Change of email addresses

Please note that the school email address has now changed to admin@lydfordprimary.org.uk
Mr. Hill's email has also changed to ahill@dmatschools.org.uk

Mr A. Hill – Principal

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Dates

June

Friday 18th – Reception Transition morning

Friday 25th – reception transition morning and lunchtime.

July

Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd – Residential for Year 5 & 6

Wednesday 7th – Year 6 transition day to Okehampton College

Friday 9th – Reception transition – Lunchtime and afternoon

Wednesday 14th – Sports day

Thursday 15th - Year 6 transition day to Okehampton College

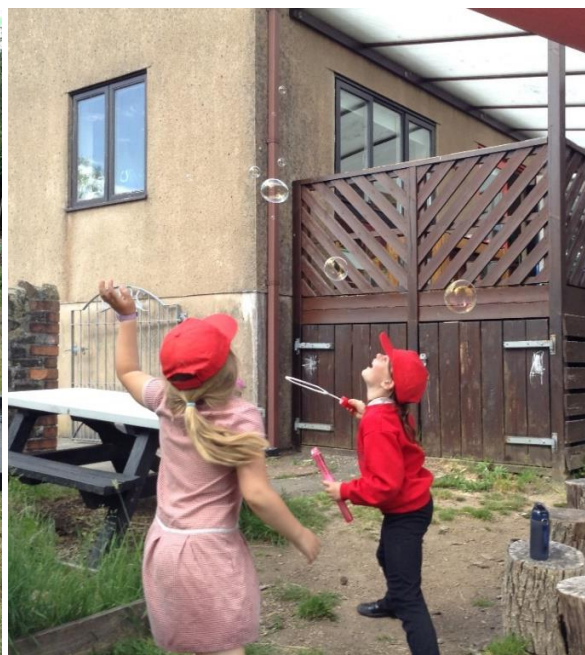
Friday 16th – Reception transition – all day

Monday 19th – Year 6 transition – meet your tutor – Okehampton College 4-6pm

Friday 23rd – Last day of term

**Although we have planned these activities, they can only take place if Government restrictions and guidelines at the time allow.

Wild Wednesday in class 1 this week was more like 'Wet Wednesday!'



Forest School

The children have been learning about the woodland fauna, mini den building, using tools and observing the natural environment around them.



Term Dates 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021

Wednesday 8th September - All Pupils Return

Half Term – Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October 2021 Inclusive

Monday 1st November - All pupils return

Friday 17th December - Last Day of Term

Christmas Break – Monday 20th December 2021 to Monday 3rd January 2022 Inclusive

Spring Term 2022

Wednesday 5th January - All pupils return

Half Term – Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February 2022 Inclusive

Monday 28th February - All pupils return

Friday 8th April - Last Day of Term

Easter Break – Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April 2022 Inclusive.

Summer Term 2022

Monday 25th April - All pupils return

Monday 2nd May - May Day Bank Holiday

Half Term – Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022 Inclusive

Monday 6th June - All pupils return

Friday 22nd July - Last Day of Term