



*Lydford Primary School – Nurture, Inspire, Achieve*

19/11/2021

### **Kindness and peace**

Today is Guru Nanak Gurburab – a Sikh holy day celebrating the birth of the first Sikh, Guru Nanak. Sikh teachings focus on the importance of truth, kindness and peace which match our ambitions as a school to develop citizens of the future who support and promote our moral values.

Recent events including Remembrance and our partnership with Lydford Gorge show our commitment to supporting others and thinking beyond our own experiences.

### **Remembrance**

The children respectfully marked the 11<sup>th</sup> of November with a moment of silence and laying of wreaths at the memorial in the village. Thank you to all parents and members of the community who joined us.

### **Parents forum**

As previously advertised – we are pleased to welcome parents to a parents forum on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm in the school. We are pleased that we will be joined by Dan Morrow (CEO and Trust Leader) and Susanne Kiff (Chief Financial and Operations Officer).

If you are unable to attend, you are more than welcome to send items for discussion to [admin@lydfordprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@lydfordprimary.org.uk) which will be added to the agenda.

### **Swimming**

We will be returning to Ruby Oak Park for our swimming lessons next half term. They will be on Tuesday afternoons commencing on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 for six weeks. A letter with full details will be issued shortly.

### **Attendance monitoring and reporting to parents**

The school and our Trust have been undertaking a review of our attendance monitoring and reporting to parents' procedures. Our primary aim is for children to have good attendance in school and to support families to ensure this.

Attendance will continue to be monitored daily in classes with a weekly check undertaken by our attendance officer (Mr Hill). At this weekly check, a child's attendance which is causing concern, will result in a verbal conversation between parents and the attendance officer to ascertain any barriers to attendance and what support the school can offer.

If attendance fails to improve, continues to be a concern and 10 school sessions (1 session is half a day) have been missed, a written notification will be sent to parents followed by two further written notifications at 15 sessions missed and finally for the involvement of the Educational Welfare Officer. These new procedures put more emphasis on communication between school and parents with support offered at every point.

## **Flu Immunisations**

An email was sent to all parents earlier today to advise that the immunisations team would be visiting on 7<sup>th</sup> December. Please ensure you give your consent by 1<sup>st</sup> December. Please note that whilst the consent requests your child's NHS number you can continue without this if not known.

## **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.

## **Vacancy**

We are looking to recruit a catering assistant to help with transporting school lunches from Bridestowe Primary School to Lydford Primary School and be part of serving the dinners to the children, ensuring children receive the correct meal with due care taken to allergies and food hygiene safety. Further details along with all vacancies with the Trust can be found at [Vacancies - Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust \(dartmoormat.org.uk\)](http://dartmoormat.org.uk)

## **Upcoming events for Parents, carers and the community**

**Christmas Play – 13<sup>th</sup> December.** Parents, carers and members of the community are invited to join us at the Nicholls Hall for our Nativity performance.

## **Dates**

### **November**

24<sup>th</sup> – Parents Forum

### **December**

7<sup>th</sup> – Flu Immunisations

10<sup>th</sup> – Christmas jumper day (£1 suggested donation)

10<sup>th</sup> – Christmas lunch day

13<sup>th</sup> – Christmas play.

15<sup>th</sup> – A Christmas Carol at Exeter Northcott – KS2

16<sup>th</sup> – Gorge visit KS2

17<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term

WB 20<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Break

### **January 2022**

5<sup>th</sup> – Pupils return

11<sup>th</sup> – Swimming Lessons

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**Class 1 Cooking**



**Class 2 OCRA Club**





Some of Class 2's Fantastic Art



Right corner of the top panel is still missing but  
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