



Lydford Primary School – Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

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The 'C' word

It's hard to believe we are into November already – where has this year gone! Christmas is fast approaching and whilst many will be wishing not to start thinking about this too early, we have many events and activities planned to celebrate Christmas with our community.

Have a look at the Dates section for all the upcoming events where parents and carers will be welcome to join us – restrictions permitting.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Sharland

You will join us in congratulating Mr and Mrs Sharland, who recently joined us to support Class Two, on the birth of their son, Parker John Sharland, on Monday 1st November.

Mrs Sharland and Parker are doing well and we hope to be able to meet Parker in person in the near future.

Lunches

We now have a new, simplified school menu focused on fresh and health produce. Our Trust's new Executive Chef, Steve Parr, stated:

We have recently implemented a simplified menu with the focus on delicious, nutritious and freshly prepared meals which are healthy and deliverable. The menu is called "Starter menu" as it is intended to be our highly deliverable starting position.

A DMAT simplified menu has been put in front of 13 schools, approximately 1000 students.

One of the main drivers of implementing the simplified menu is to reduce the risk of human error. The SchoolComms outputs rely on human interpretation / calculation which will inevitably be wrong some of the time. This can be especially concerning where students have allergies. I believe we can improve everybody's experience [and the food] by streamlining the process.

All meat is to be sourced from Martins Butchers in Okehampton (possible exception for residual stock which should be used-up first). I do not want any of my units serving processed meats.

The bread is to be sourced from Ellis Bakers in Tavistock and 'fresh goods' as local as possible. Using such local suppliers enables us to cook and serve our offering usually on the day of delivery.

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.

Open afternoon 15th November

A reminder of our upcoming open afternoon on Monday 15th November. A chance for new parents of September 2022 children to visit the school and see the outstanding education and care we provide. There is no need to book, open invitation for all new parents from 1pm to 5pm.

Recent visits

As part of the school's ongoing ambition to be the best it can be, we have welcomed many advisors and support professionals to the school recently including EYFS, Early Reading and Phonics, Maths and Safeguarding. In all visits the school has been highly praised and given specific targets to continue our improvement.

Thank you to all the staff and children for working so hard to make our school the special place it is.

Cooperative promise school consultation

Earlier this week, your child would have brought home a letter regarding the consultation process for our Trust's new free school The Cooperative Promise School. This 4-16 provision for children with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs is desperately required in our area. Please respond to the consultation as all our voices are essential in getting the correct provision for our children. The consultation can be completed here: [Statutory Section 10 Consultation - The Promise Co-operative School \(office.com\)](https://www.cooperativepromise.com)

Upcoming events for Parents, carers and the community

Remembrance service – 11th November, 11am. The children will congregate around the war memorial at 11am to mark a minutes silence, recite poetry and lay wreaths. All members of the community are welcome to join us.

Open afternoon – 15th November, 1.00 - 5.00pm. Parents of new September 2022 starters are invited to visit the school to see the outstanding education and care we provide for our children and community.

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

Dates

November

1st – Pupils return

11th – Remembrance service at War Memorial – 11am

December

10th – Christmas jumper day (£1 suggested donation)

13th – Christmas play.

15th – A Christmas Carol at Exeter Northcott – KS2

17th – Last day of term

WB 20th – Christmas Break

January 2022

5th – Pupils return

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