



Lydford Primary School – Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

03/12/2021

Christmas and Covid

This week we have made the difficult decision to adapt some of our Christmas plans to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our children, staff and community. As well as the security of a covid-free Christmas period. The children will still have a wonderful cultural and educational experience in the run up to Christmas and a cultural theatre trip in the new year when conditions allow.

Parents forum

Thank you to those parents who attended our recent parents forum – the minutes of which were shared last week.

Before deciding upon a date and time for our next parents forum we would like to gauge feedback from parents about times and days that work best for you. As such, we request you complete the following form: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=kG0HO7J4vUqeBclPJiicRozbU84L-MhNsleCTqPb67JUQVhKOVYzRjhCVFVGQzIJWloxS0FFNEwzSy4u>

Lydford Gorge

On Friday 19th November, Class Two visited Lydford Gorge as we restarted our guardianship agreement. The children had a fantastic day learning about the habitats and doing some practical work to preserve them. Thank you to Mrs Dickinson, Mr Meacock and Mrs Tainsh who supported the visit. The next planned visit is on Thursday 16th December.



Awards

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



Nurture – Rafferty

Inspire – Ben

Achieve – Leah



Class 1 History

Class 1 have been learning about the history of Lydford School. Thank you to our visitors who came and talked to the children about the time they spent here.



Website and blog

The school now has a new look website [LYDFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL - Devon \(lydford-primary.co.uk\)](http://LYDFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL - Devon (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.

Early Help - Household Support Fund

Families on low incomes can get help with food and utility costs this winter via the new **Household Support Fund**, which we are administering locally. The scheme runs until Thursday 31 March 2022.

If you are experiencing financial hardship and meet the criteria below, please contact me to discuss your needs and I will apply on your behalf. All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence.

Through this fund, Early Help is able to provide a grant per family to support with:

- Providing vouchers for food
- Supporting with energy and water bills for household purposes
- Emergency boiler and heating repairs
- Essential white goods such as a fridge, freezer or cooker
- Also, can provide petrol for jobs and broadband

The family needs to meet the following criteria:

- You are a family (at least 2 people where at least 1 person is either pre-birth or up to 18 yrs. old)
- You are experiencing financial hardship
- You need financial help to pay utility bills or buy food and essential items linked to food, warmth, and utilities for your family
- Not have received financial assistance from another source for the same reason.

You will be aware that Christmas is a traditionally difficult time for many people, especially these who already have fragile mental health. Some charities that can help are listed below.

[Ripple Suicide Prevention \(ripplesuicideprevention.com\)](http://Ripple Suicide Prevention (ripplesuicideprevention.com))

[Samaritans | Every life lost to suicide is a tragedy | Here to listen](#)



Charlie Waller Trust, mental health charity

We understand mental health. Our aim is to educate young people, & those with responsibility for them, about their mental health & wellbeing. The Charlie Waller Trust was created by the Waller family in 1997 in response to the loss of their son and brother Charlie to suicide having suffered from depression. We have since become one of the UK's most respected mental health charities.

charliewaller.org



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Papyrus papyrus-uk.org

Papyrus UK Suicide Prevention | Prevention of Young Suicide

PAPYRUS UK is a charity for the prevention of young suicide (under 35) in the UK | Call PAPYRUS HOPELINEUK on 0800 068 4141 Now

www.papyrus-uk.org

Dates

December

7th – Flu Immunisations

10th – Christmas Jumper Day (£1 suggested donation)

10th – Christmas Lunch

16th – Gorge visit KS2

17th – Last day of term

WB 20th – Christmas Break

January 2022

5th – Pupils return

11th – Swimming Lessons

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