



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

16th July 2021

A time of change

As we approach the end of the academic year our minds turn to the changes upcoming for our children. New 4 year olds joining us, children moving up classes and the big step into secondary education for our Year 6s. Despite restrictions, we are working to make this transition as smooth as possible and ensure all the children are ready for their next step in education.

Recent residential, bikeability and sports day have secured some sense of normality in what has been a very unusual 15 months. Now, we thank our Year 6s and their parents for their time at our school and celebrate their last week at our school.

Covid Procedures in school

As per the letter shared on Friday, our risk assessment will remain the same for the rest of the academic year, as per Government guidance.

This will be reviewed in September.

Progress Reports

End of year progress reports have been sent out via email today.

Sports day

Sports day was a brilliant success on Wednesday 14th July. All the children completed every race with smiles and joy. There was an abundance of sportsmanship and support for others as everyone achieved their best. The overall winning team was Nicholls – congratulations!



Celebration Assembly

Summer term has seen the return of socially distanced 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 –

9th July

Nurture – Annie

Inspire – Andrew

Achieve – Aaliyah

15th July

Nurture - Millie

Inspire – Emily E

Achieve – James E

Uniform

We will no longer hold stock of uniform in school. The last few items that we have are listed on School Gateway payments. New uniform can be ordered online from the Schoolwear Direct website at

[Lydford Primary School - Schoolwear Direct](https://www.schoolwear-direct.co.uk/)

Year 5 and 6 residential

The children had a brilliant couple of days for their residential on the 1st and 2nd July. Each and every child participated, encouraged and enjoyed the experience. The staff were very proud of their achievements with Okehampton Adventure staff commenting on their excellent behavior and attitude. Thank you to the staff who gave up their evening (and sleep!) to support the children.



I would happily do all the residential activities again, especially the low ropes as they were a Challenge.

R, Year 6

On the residential I tried something new – gorge scrambling. It was fun but sometimes a bit scary because I couldn't swim but I really enjoyed it.

Megan Year 6

At the residential it was really good because we could try new exhilarating activities. With lots of the new challenges we persevered and we 'Nurtured, Inspired and Achieved'.

Holly Year 6

My favourite Activities were river scramble, archery and low ropes. I didn't want to do the river scramble, but I did it and I loved it!

James Year 6

I like staying in a tent at the residential

Max Year 5

I really liked the climbing because it pushed my abilities and muscles- same with the low ropes!

Theo Year 5

We made new friends and did rock climbing, river scrambling and cycling on day one. On day two we did low ropes, archery and orienteering.

Emily Year 5

Residential has helped me with climbing. My favourite part was river scrambling and climbing.

Ava Year 5

Thank you!

Thank you to those who have made donations of pallets and slabs and to Phil and Josh Duthaler for building the new sheds.

Thank you to Reverend Brookes and the local churches for the donation of milk vouchers and breakfast boxes.

Thank you to FoLS for funding numerous activities and classroom resources especially given they have not been able to do much fundraising over the last year.

A special thank you to Hannah Tainsh for volunteering with Forest School sessions and for running the gardening club and to Mr Meacock for helping to run this. They have done a fantastic job in encouraging the children and the difference they have made is clear to see in the school garden.

Before gardening club



After gardening club



Forest School

Next week Class 2 will have their forest school session on Wednesday next week. Class 1 will be on Friday as normal.

Lydford Foxes

Lydford foxes football team would like some more under 9 and under 12 players (boys and girls). For more information see their website Lydford Foxes AFC – Youth football for Dartmoor and West Devon

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

Dates

July

22nd – School walk to the Moor

23rd – Last day of term

Mr A. Hill – Principal

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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

Okehampton College is excited to be involved in the **Rural Craft & Community Fair on Saturday 23rd October 2021** which will be a showcase of the opportunities that are available to engage in within our Town.

The **Rural Craft & Community Fair** will be the coming together of our recreational, support and voluntary organisations in the Okehampton area and will be an opportunity to find out more about what goes on in the town and what you can involve yourself in, whether that is sporting clubs, art/craft clubs, recreational/voluntary groups, or you want more information about support you can receive.

If you are a member organisation that would like to be represented at the **Rural Craft & Community Fair** and to take the opportunity to share what you do and recruit new members, please contact community@dmatschools.org.uk

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Pavilion in the Park

