



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

**2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021**

### **Please remain vigilant.**

Recent increases in the number of confirmed Covid-19 cases have starkly reminded us that now is not the time to become complacent. Our school, hub and Trust has worked extremely hard over the last 14 months to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our children – acting before Government guidance, maintain high levels of safety procedures and working collaboratively to ensure we had the correct PPE and cleaning supplies.

We must continue this effort into the summer months and think cautiously about each situation we place ourselves in. Please remind yourselves of our Covid procedures, below.

Stay well and safe.

### **Covid Procedures in school**

- If you or **any household member** displays symptoms of Covid 19, do not attend school.
  - Book a PCR Covid test at a local testing facility.
  - Inform school .
  - Remain isolated at home until symptoms have passed AND you have received a negative test result. Please email [admin@lydfordprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@lydfordprimary.org.uk) your result.
- Please wear a mask at all times when dropping off or collecting your children.
- Please ensure social distancing at all times when dropping off or collecting your children.
- If you are invited onto the school site for any reason, please use the hand sanitiser provided, wear a face covering when moving around the school and ensure social distancing.
- Children or adults who start to display symptoms whilst at school will be placed into the isolation room awaiting collection.
- Children and adults continue to wash and sanitise hands at regular intervals.
- Children remain in their 'bubble' and do not mix with other classes.
- Enhanced cleaning continues.

Please see the attached risk assessment as a reminder of our full procedures.

### **Sports day**

Due to rising Covid-19 cases in the Devon and Cornwall area, we are no longer able to have parents in attendance at events like sports days and end of year performances. We are fully aware how important these events are for parents and as a rite of passage for our children and we appreciate that you are very disappointed.

No non-essential visitors are permitted at any school events across the Moorland hub and we are sticking to the restrictions on our latest Covid-19 risk assessment. The main concern is to safeguard our communities and to minimise any possibility of further outbreaks of Covid-19.

### Breakfast Club

Please ensure that children are booked into breakfast club by 3.30pm the day before via School Gateway. It is essential that you book so that we have a register each day and know who to expect in the morning. It also helps us to plan healthy and nutritious breakfast options for the children.

### Residential

Our year 5 and 6 pupils are currently enjoying their residential accompanied by Mr Hill, Mrs D and Mrs Waddington. Yesterday they went cycling, rock climbing, and river scrambling. Today they are trying archery, low ropes and orienteering. We look forward to a full report in the next newsletter.



### Miss Fell

On Wednesday this week we said goodbye to Miss Fell, a student with Exeter university who has been gaining experience whilst completing her PGCE. Miss Fell has been a fantastic asset during a busy term and all the children in class 1 have become very fond of her. She will be missed. She has already secured a teaching position at a school in Banstaple for September and we wish her all the best for the future.



### Pupil voice

The best learning this week was doing jobs at the castle. We got some water, we found a bird and then we had a feast. It was magnificent! **Joshua Year R**

My best bit of learning was when we learnt about castles. We went for a walk and we had a feast. WE had the best day! **Scarlett Year 1**

I enjoyed learning about butterflies. It was fun because they were really detailed. I made a White Admiral. **Leah Year 2**

## 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 –

24<sup>th</sup> June

**Nurture – Emily B**

**Inspire – Harry**

**Achieve – G**

30<sup>h</sup> June

**Nurture - Leah**

**Inspire – Max**

**Achieve – MC**

## Introduction to Chair of Governors, Moorland Hub



Hello, my name is Bridget Down and I am the Chair of Governors for the Moorland LSB. I am passionate about hearing and seeing the view of the schools at playground level. I have been a governor with the Dartmoor Federation for 5 years and during this time I have loved getting to know so many of you. **Please do feel welcome to always get in touch.**

I am a Mummy of four creative, outdoor loving children, which is handy as we live on my husband's family farm in West Devon. I work full time for the Methodist Church as a Learning and Development Officer and am a member of the Parish Council.

**I need YOUR help!** I am looking for more on the ground governors! Governors who know their communities and have a passion to see quality education and opportunities for all. We need a Community Governor as well as Parent Governors and a Staff Governor too!

We meet once a half term, online, currently on a Wednesday at 5pm and our meetings last 1 ½ hrs. We hear about the joys and the lows of the schools and feedback ideas and community voice back into the pot. Yes there is more to

the role, to hear more please do get in touch [bdown@dmatschools.org.uk](mailto:bdown@dmatschools.org.uk) or apply directly (go to the button at the bottom of the page: <https://www.dartmoormat.org.uk/governance.html>)

## 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.

## Dates

### **July**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> – Year 5/6 residential

14<sup>th</sup> – Sports day

23<sup>rd</sup> – Last day of term

## Change of email addresses

Please note that the school email address has now changed to [admin@lydfordprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@lydfordprimary.org.uk)

Mr. Hill's email has also changed to [ahill@dmatschools.org.uk](mailto:ahill@dmatschools.org.uk)

Mr A. Hill – Principal

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## This week at Lydford Primary

Class One had a very special Medieval Feast in the grounds of Lydford Castle yesterday. They had to work hard for their treats though- collecting water from the spring, making hay, gathering charcoal and sticks for the fire and bringing fruit from the orchard!



## 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