

Lydford Primary School – Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

27/05/2022

Safety and safeguarding

You will have seen my recent message to all parents about the priority we place on safety and safeguarding. Recent events globally and locally have brought into sharp focus the need to prioritise what may just seem like common sense or 'health and safety gone mad'. The correct balance is where we have strong protocols in place which the children and community don't see as intrusive to their daily school experience. I believe we have that balance and will continue to ensure the wellbeing and safety of our children as our top priority.

Certificates

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



16th May **Nurture – Theo**

Inspire – Wren

Achieve – Rafferty

23rd May **Nurture – Jimmy**

Inspire – Rosie

Achieve – Jude C



Cricket tournament – gold

On the 18th May a team of children represented the school at the Hatherleigh Cricket Club small school's tournament. Excellent play saw our team win the event and qualify for the finals on the 14th June.

Class Two trip to Coldharbour Mill

Class Two will visited Coldharbour Mill on 17th May as part of their history learning. The children had a fantastic time experiencing the mill and learning about the industrial revolution.



Reverend Brooks visit to Class Two – Pentecost

Reverend Brooks recently visited Class Two in school to discuss the Christian festival of Pentecost and its significance in the Christian calendar. He was impressed with the range of interesting questions that the children asked and was delighted to receive a gift of artwork from them. The pastel representation of the Pentecost will be displayed in St. Petroc's Church in Lydford.



Payments

At we come to the end of another half term please can any outstanding balances for Breakfast Club and School Meals be paid.

Further payments for residentials are also due.

Coats & PE Kits

Please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat in school every day. The weather is very changeable. A lightweight waterproof coat is also needed for PE lessons and it would be helpful if your child had spare socks in their PE kits as we go out to the playing field.

Dates

May 2022

WB 30th – May Half term

June 2022

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Mon 6th June – Non-Pupil day. (Carry over from Jubilee Bank Holiday)

WB 6th June – Year 1 phonics assessment this week

6th – 24th June – Year 4 Multiplication tables check in this period

Weds 8th – Devon Wildlife Champions workshop

Thurs 9th – Jubilee Tree Planting event at School 3pm in school field.

Thurs 9th - Years 4 & 5 Residential Information session - 4pm at Boasley Cross Primary School

Fri 10th – Class photos

Tues 14th Dartmoor Cup cricket finals

Wed 15th – Devon Wildlife Champions conference at Meeth Quarry

Thurs 16th - Class 1 Trip – details to follow.

Thurs 16th - Year 3 Residential information session - 4pm at Boasley Cross Primary School

Tues 21st – Under the sky workshop at Brentor Common – details to follow.

Mon 20th – Wed 22nd – Year 4 and 5 residential at Great Potheridge House

Wed 29th – Year 6 Residential information session - 4pm at Bridestowe Primary School

Thurs 30th -Year 6 Taster Day at Okehampton College

Thurs 30th – Fri 1st July – Year 3 residential at Adventure Okehampton/Boasley Cross

July 2022

Wed 6th – Sports day pm

Wed 13th – Back up sports day (in the event of poor weather conditions on the 6th)

Mon 18th – Wed 20th – Year 6 residential to Bristol

Fri 22nd – Last day of term.

Mr A. Hill – Principal

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Term dates 2022/23

Autumn Term 2022

Wednesday 7th September - All pupils return

Half Term – Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October Inclusive

Monday 31st October - All pupils return

Friday 16th December - Last Day of Term

Spring Term 2023

Wednesday 4th January - All pupils return

Half Term – Monday 13th February to Friday 17th June February Inclusive

Monday 20th February - All pupils return

Friday 31st March - Last Day of Term

Summer Term 2023

Monday 17th April - All pupils return

Monday 1st May - May Day Bank Holiday

Half Term – Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June Inclusive

Monday 5th June - All pupils return

Friday 21st July - Last Day of Term



Dear parents/carers,
you are cordially invited
to attend a tree planting ceremony and
mug presentation, as part of our
Queen's Jubilee celebrations,
in Lydford Primary School playing field,
on
Thursday 9th June 2022
At 3pm.

Refreshments kindly provided by FOLS.



Plough Arts Theatre

We already have some fantastic children attending our drama classes at the Plough Arts Centre but would love to welcome more!

As well as paid places, I wanted to let the school know that we have a pot of money especially for young carers/ refugees/ pupil premium children and can offer a completely free term of weekly drama classes.

Could you possibly put some information in your newsletter to say that we have spaces in our weekly Saturday classes from nursery age, up until 16 years old? Perhaps all of the schools in the federation could add to their newsletters?

We plan on offering each child a free term initially but this may be able to continue depending upon how much money remains.

If parents were interested they should contact- samantha@theploughartscentre.org.uk or danielle@theploughartscentre.org.uk

It would be such a shame if this money remained untouched when so many children would benefit from it at no cost to them.



FREE TASTER SESSION!

NEW! PLAY STORY PLUS!

For 3-5 years

Bringing the world of books and story telling to life with props, costume, arts and crafts.

10am-12pm Wednesdays (term time)
from 2nd March 2022. £60 per term.

the plough
YOUTH THEATRE

Please contact Samantha
samantha@theploughartscentre.org.uk
www.theploughartscentre.org.uk



NEW! PLOUGH YOUTH SCRIPT WRITERS

FREE TASTER SESSION!

For 8-18 years

Learn the art of script writing.

You will also be able to take part in a competition, the winners of which will get their scripts read in a showcase performance!

Thursdays 4.30pm - 5.30pm (term time) from 3rd March 2022. £40 per term

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In Lydford Church on Sunday the 12th of June at 1pm
Pentecost - Church's birthday celebration and a party!

Making a windsock and a paper dove.

Exploring different languages.

Children of all ages welcomed with their parents or guardians.

Pub Walk
SATURDAY 30th JULY 2022
EVENT BEGINS AT 2pm

Register at Bridestowe Village Hall

White Hart

Cross Roads (pop up tent with pints and pasties)

The Fox and Hounds

Lydford House

The Castle Inn

To finish at Lydford Sporting Green for an after party

£5 per adult
£2 per child
Under 5 free
Pushchair and dog friendly

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BBQ FOOD

All profits to Treetops Preschool, Lydford and Bridestowe Primary School

Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult

Logos for Lydford Primary School, Treetops Preschool, and Bridestowe Primary School are shown at the bottom.



Hello All,

I am writing to you to invite you to participate in an upcoming fundraising event:

'The Three Swims Sponsored Challenge' in aid of Lydford Community Group.
This is a 15.5 mile sponsored walk and wild swim!

The walk starts and finishes at Brat Tor in Lydford and will take approximately 9 hours to complete. We will be walking at a leisurely pace, suitable for anybody with a reasonable level of fitness. We will have several stops for swimming, snacks and comfort but please be advised, the route is challenging in places. We will be walking on a school day as this alleviates the issue of parents finding all day childcare.

All parents, children and the wider community are also invited to join the group at the end of the walk for the final swim at Brat Tor and a bring your own picnic tea. It is anticipated that we will return at approximately 6pm.

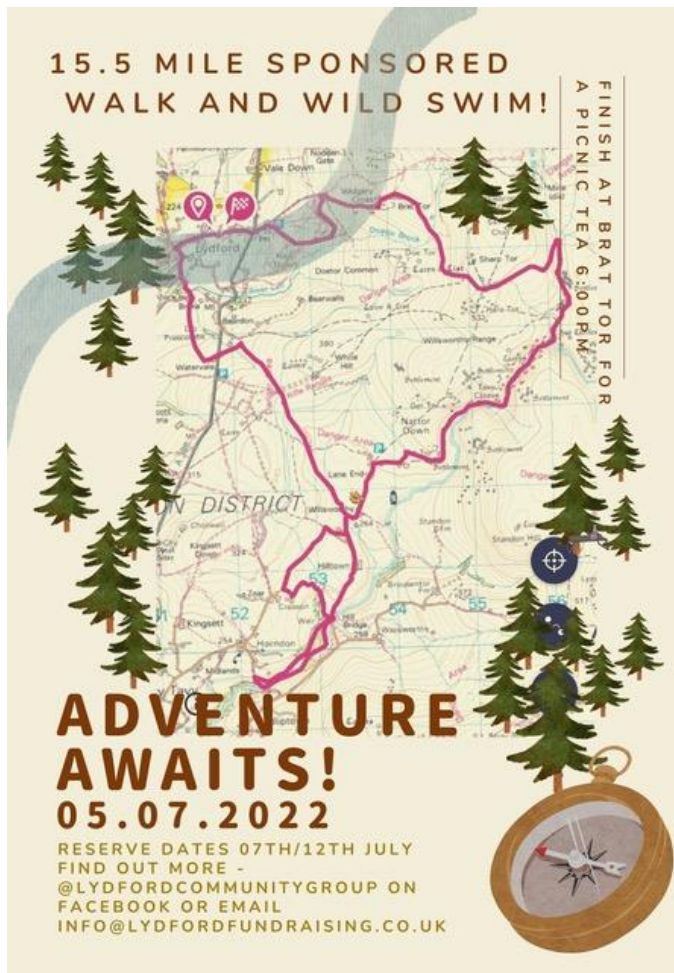
The date set for the walk is Tuesday 5th July with Thursday 7th July and Tuesday 12th July set as reserve dates in case of inclement weather.

If you would like to take part in the walk, or if you can support the walk in any other way, please email info@lydfordfundraising.co.uk

We look forward to hearing from you!

Lydford Community Group





MIND THAT CHILD!

Ever since I've lived in Lydford, villagers have been concerned about the speed of traffic through the village. The Parish Council has explored a number of measures to try to ease the problem but without any success, but we now have been given the go-ahead to set up a **Speedwatch Campaign** in the village. This will not only help to deter some motorists from excess speed but, importantly, it will also give us a database of the volume and speed of traffic through the village. This will help support any additional measures we want to ask for such as, for example, a 20mph limit.

But to make the scheme work we need you to volunteer your help!

The time commitment will be modest – an hour or so training online – a brief familiarisation session – and then a few sessions with a hi-viz jacket and a speed gun as part of a small team. We can choose times to suit your availability and I don't envisage the project being longstanding unless volunteers want to continue to run sessions after we have collected the data we need.

This is a really simple way to contribute to the well-being of the village so if you think you can help, please drop an email to our Parish Clerk, John Bright (clerk@lydfordparishcouncil.com) or call me on 820330.

The village, young and old, would be really grateful!

We haven't had any speed related accidents in Lydford for many years – let's try to keep it that way.

Thanks

Brian Cook

Wonderous Water Stream Dipping



Tuesday 31st May (2 sessions)



Come and discover some of the amazing creatures you can find in Dartmoor's streams and rivers.

Two sessions available to book at 10:30am-12pm or 1- 2:30pm

Meet at the Visitor Centre at Postbridge, followed by a short walk to the dipping location. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear for standing in the shallow water.

Please book on 01822 880272 or email postbridge@dartmoor.gov.uk (Centre opening hours 10am - 4pm)

This event is weather dependent and will depend on water levels at the time. All equipment provided.

Download the i-Naturalist app and join the Look Wild project to help us record what we find



www.dartmoor.gov.uk

Wonderous Water Bogwarts adventure



Wednesday 1st June 1.30-3pm



Enrol at Hogwarts, the less well known school for wizards, and discover the magical world of mires.

You-know-who is out to destroy the world, so it's up to you to help stop them with the help of Professors Bogbean and Spearwort.

There'll be a mysterious map to read, clues to solve and spells to make along the way on this family friendly adventure.

We aim to show you Dartmoor's magnificent bogs and mires in a fun way.

The event is bookable. Please email or phone the Visitor Centre at Haytor (centre opening hours 10am - 4pm) to book your places 01364 661520 or haytor@dartmoor.gov.uk

Meet at the National Park Visitor Centre, Haytor

www.dartmoor.gov.uk

Train to Teach with Dartmoor Teacher Training Partnership

It's not too late to train to teach this September

Dartmoor Teacher Training Partnership is recruiting the teachers of tomorrow for our School Direct Teacher Training Programme. Come and join our forward-thinking organisation and help us grow the adults of the future. For further information, please contact our Secondary Programme Lead, Phil Ruse, pruse@dmatschools.org.uk or visit our Trust Teacher Training page dartmoormat.org.uk/ttaboutus

The whole experience of the School Direct year was fantastic. I had all the support and specialist training required to facilitate my progress. It gave me the true school life experience and set me up well for my NQT year.

Levent Bulut- Former secondary School Direct trainee - now Maths teacher at Holsworthy Community College Primary



Dartmoor Teacher Training Partnership - Inspiring the teachers of the future

www.dartmoormat.org.uk



Help - your school needs You!

Governors on Local Stakeholder Boards represent parent and staff voices, the economic and cultural diversity of the community and listen to pupils. ***Without governors, these groups of people have no advocacy.***

Being a governor means:

- An opportunity to share or develop your professional skills and experience e.g. chairing, team building, accountability.
- Working with people who want to make a difference and networking within your local community.
- Supporting schools to make an impact on the life choices of young people, helping children from all backgrounds to succeed.

Boards usually meet twice each term and have a number of forums which also meet at least termly. Governors must be committed to getting to know the schools they serve, which involves visiting to see what goes on, as well as attending events to meet staff and parents, such as school performances, parent consultation evenings and so on.

All governors are volunteers and the time commitment expected is quite significant. Some employers may give 'reasonable time off' to employees to undertake duties, although this may or may not be with pay. Most governors serve a four-year term of office.

Is this something you could do? Or do you know someone who could? Please talk to your family, friends and colleagues and help us to reach out into your community, in support of your school.

Find out more at www.dartmoormat.org.uk or

For an informal chat about the role of parent governor and the responsibilities of the local stakeholder board, or to obtain an application form, please contact the Clerk to Governors:

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