



**Dartmoor**  
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST



# Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

A small school, learning together in the local community



11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear parents, carers,

We have arrived at the end of the Autumn term and what a term it has been! At Lydford, the staff realise just how much Christmas experiences at primary school define memories for children and parents alike and we hope that this year, a year unlike any other, will still be special for all. We are determined that these experiences will continue to happen, such as our Christmas production, parties, carol singing in forest school, Christmas jumper day and even a streamed pantomime! Please find attached the programme of events for Christmas week.

## 'The Nutcracker'

The children were lucky to work with Mrs Davis this term to prepare for a film production experience of *'The Nutcracker'*. Although it was a different approach on the filming day, pupils took a different kind of experience away and they are set to enjoy the screening premiere next week! Huge thank you to Mrs Davis for not only providing the workshops free of charge weekly but also for using charity funds to create outstanding costumes for the filming day. If you would like to know more about her project, please visit <https://showupnow.co.uk>. You can also donate to the memorial fund on [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/harriet-davis-1edwindavismemorialcic?utm\\_term=7DBBkmXMV](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/harriet-davis-1edwindavismemorialcic?utm_term=7DBBkmXMV) so that other children can also have an experience they will never forget! Many thanks for your support.



## **Staying safe online at Christmas**

As Christmas approaches, children will be writing their notes to Santa or giving hints as to what they would like to receive. Technology is now a very popular item on many children's lists with tablets, smart-phones, game consoles and smart watches likely to be asked for this year. Whilst we want children to enjoy their presents, it is also important that parents look at ways to ensure that their children use these devices safely. This includes setting parental controls and understanding that video games have PEGI ratings similar to the classification for films. You may also want to consider managing screen time so that you can monitor the amount of time being spent on each device. This is useful for meal times or during the school holidays. Finally, once the tinsel has come down and we welcome the New Year, make sure that you talk to your children about online safety. Thank you for supporting us in delivering these important messages.

## **Reminder**

In order to stay safe over the holidays, play dates and get togethers indoors are not within current government guidance – you can find out more by following the links below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-2-high-alert>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/making-a-christmas-bubble-with-friends-and-family/making-a-christmas-bubble-with-friends-and-family>

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/latest-updates-on-social-media/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Should your child develop Coronavirus symptoms within 48 hours of leaving school on the last day of term, you must let us know. Please email [admin@lydford-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lydford-primary.devon.sch.uk) as we have an obligation to advise those who have been in close contact to self-isolate. We all want to return in good health on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January (first day of the Spring term) and all have a part to play in staying safe and keeping each other safe over the Christmas period.

**Christmas cards** - If your child wishes to give cards to their friends, these will need to be in school by latest Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December so that they can be quarantined before handing out by the end of the week. Similarly, should you wish to give a card to staff, this will need to be kept in quarantine before distribution. We will all need to be organised in advance this year! Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Finally, we wish you all a very merry Christmas and hope that 2021 brings everyone health and happiness. Take care of yourselves and each other this festive season! Wishing you seasonal joy from all the staff at Lydford Primary.

*happy holidays*

Mrs Deirdre Petersen



# Christmas at Lydford

	What's on?	What do I need to do?
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 	Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Wear a Christmas Jumper (or accessory) with ordinary school uniform trousers/skirt and T shirt/shirt to school.</li> <li>✓ Bring in a donation to Save the Children</li> <li>✓ Send in any children or adults raffle prize donations by 11<sup>th</sup> December.</li> </ul>
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 	Class 1 final forest school session.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Normal forest school outdoor things.</li> </ul>
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch  Panto treat	
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 	Class 2 final forest school session.  Outdoor, socially distanced carol service.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Practise the carols we've sent home.</li> <li>✓ Make sure your child has plenty of warm outdoor clothes.</li> </ul>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 	Bubble Christmas Party Premier of 'The Nutcracker'.  Christmas Raffle Draw	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Send in a bag containing party clothes for your child to change into at lunchtime.</li> <li>✓ Bring in a small, named plate of party food just for your child (no sharing!).</li> <li>✓ Buy and/or sell raffle tickets @ £1 each and BACS any money to FOLS.</li> </ul>





The children celebrated National Tree week in forest school last week by decorating the first two oak trees to be planted with their hand crafted decorations. They all thoroughly enjoyed making use of our fabulous new shelter!



# MORE FESTIVE FUN







Making Christmas Cake

