18th October 2019

Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

A small school, learning together in the local community

Dear parents/ carers,

To finish up the half term, the children of Lydford Primary have been working hard on increasing their independent learning skills to make the most out of the enriched learning opportunities provided. We aim to demonstrate the school vision through our classroom practice – *Nurture, Inspire, Achieve* – and need all pupils to be on board with this too. It has been wonderful to hear pupils say that they have been inspired and succeeded in their learning!

STAFFING UPDATE

Mrs Fowler has now returned to work full time and will be assisting in the office with administration. Mr Meacock will continue to run Breakfast Club, which is a huge success. I hope that you will continue to support the school as we strive to settle the staffing arrangements in order to provide the very best chances for your child(ren).

AUTUMN TERM 2

Next half term, we have lots of exciting trips and visitors coming up to complement our inspirational curriculum. Please keep a close eye out for letters home and on School Comms as payment for trips will be set up on there. On Tuesday 29th October, everyone is welcome to an Open Morning where we will show off our school to prospective parents. Please spread the word! Our Ethos Committee date has changed to Tuesday 5th November. We are hoping for a large turn out – please do come along if you can. This meeting will be followed by a FOLS meeting. Parent consultations will be on the afternoon of Thursday 14th November (sign up arrangements in the office after half term).

FLU VACCINE REMINDER

We would like to remind you that the online consent link for parents to register your children for the nasal flu vaccine will be closing on **27th October 2019**, ready for the vaccine team's visit to our school on Friday 15th November. We have included the link below for your convenience:

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2019/devon>

Should you be experiencing problems accessing or completing the online form, please contact the team directly, Monday to Friday 9am - 4pm on **0300 247 0082** and they will complete a form with parents over the telephone.

ADMISSION into Year 7

Year 6 parents, the deadline is approaching to apply for a secondary school place at the end of October. Please follow the link below for further guidance.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/normal-round-admissions>

Waitrose Community Matters

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PLEASE SUPPORT OUR WAITROSE APPEAL: LYDFORD PRIMARY FOREST SCHOOL ASKS YOU TO PLEASE HELP FUND A MUCH NEEDED SHELTER!

Our newly created Forest School site provides a natural environment where all our pupils from 4 to 11 years of age, can nurture a relationship with the natural world. A wooden shelter is desperately required to ensure the children can fully participate through all the seasons, keeping safe and dry whilst they enjoy all that forest school offers.

Thank you for generously giving us your vote.

Wishing everyone a restful half term week.

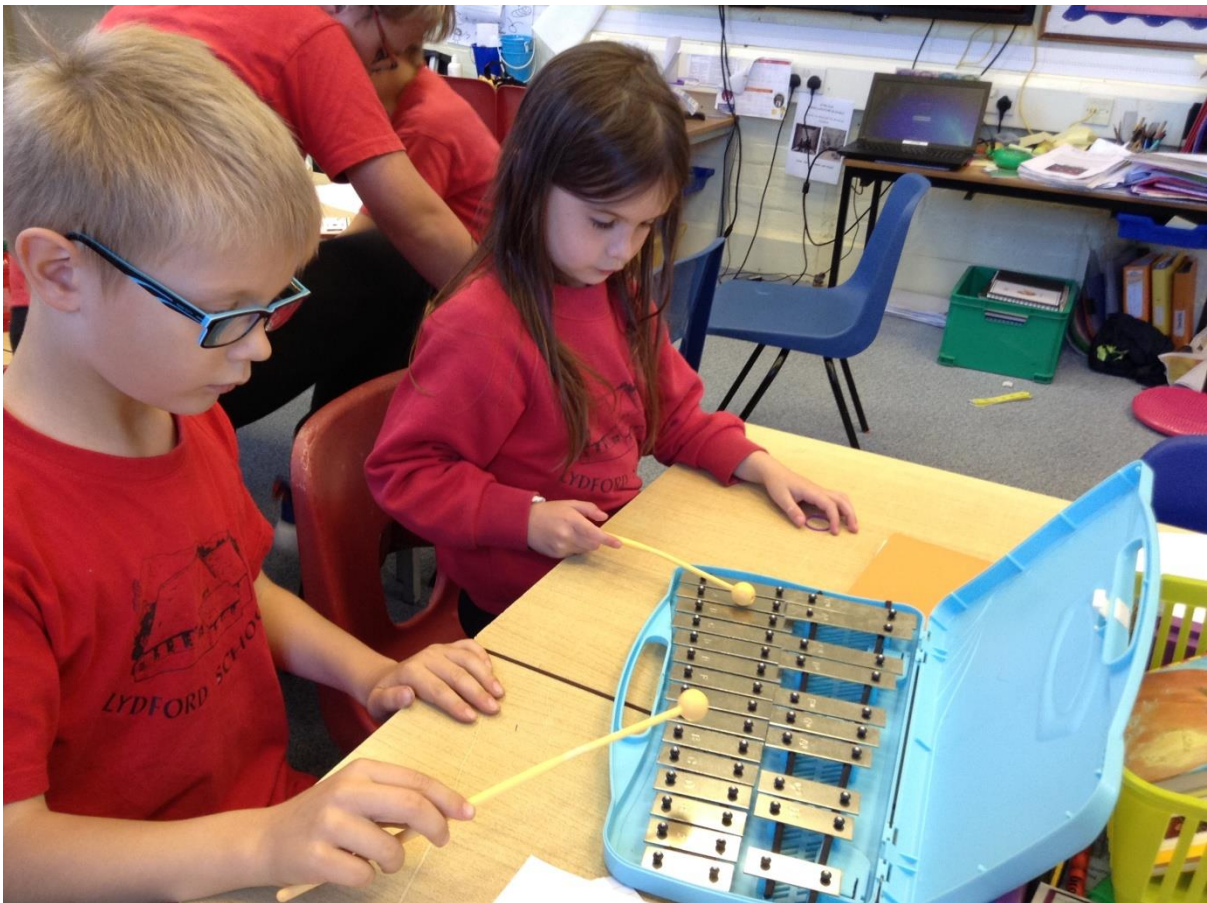
Kind regards,

Mrs Deirdre Petersen (Acting Head of School)

Gallery



Peer reading in Class 1



Music lesson on Class 2



Harvest festival/ assembly with Reverend Brooks



EYFS Phonics word building in Class 1

Diary dates

Monday 21 – Friday 25 October – HALF TERM WEEK

Monday 28th October – Pupils and staff return to school

Tuesday 29th October – **OPEN MORNING**, all prospective parents welcome!

Wednesday 30th October – **Devon Fire and Rescue Service visit** (both classes)

Tuesday 5th November – **Flu vaccination** (EYFS – Y6) – *consent done online*

Tuesday 5th November – ETHOS COMMITTEE REARRANGED, 3.45, school hall, followed by a FOLS meeting, everyone welcome!

Monday 11th November – **Primary matinee 'Oliver'**, Okehampton College (Class 2)

Thursday 14th November – **PARENT CONSULTATIONS**, 1.30pm start

Tuesday 26th November – **Gorge Guardianship day** (Class 2)

Wednesday 18th December – **Christmas production**, 6pm evening performance

REGULAR EVENTS:

Day	Club
Monday	Lunchtime Story Club (Mrs Waddington)
Monday	After school OCRA
Tuesday	After school gardening club
Wednesday	After school chess club (Miss Horton)
Thursday	After school ball skills club (Mrs Luxford)
Friday	Lunchtime Recorder club (Mrs Waddington)

NB. ALL CLUBS ARE ON SCHOOL GATEWAY – SIGN YOUR CHILD UP THROUGH THE APP

Thursday afternoons from 2pm – Stay and Play (everyone welcome!)

Tuesday morning (first lesson) – Drama workshop, Mrs Davis (Class 1,2)

Tuesday afternoon – Forest School Class 2 (please bring appropriate clothing)

Thursday afternoon – Forest school Class 1 (please bring appropriate clothing)

Friday afternoon, Class 2 – OCRA PE session

Friday afternoon, both classes – Music lesson, Mrs Joliffe