



**Dartmoor**  
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST



# Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

A small school, learning together in the local community

20<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Autumn term has now drawn to a close and I would like to commend all the pupils at Lydford Primary for their efforts this term. From drama to cross country, forest school to purposeful learning, it certainly has been an eventful term. The children at Lydford have really embraced our school vision and are on the pathway to achieving their personal best this academic year.

## **Christmas meal and production**

Thank you to all the adult volunteers who joined us this week for our Christmas meal. Due to the rise in pupil numbers we were only able to open the invite to governors, volunteers and FOLS. It was a wonderful community event which the children greatly enjoyed. A little bit of Christmas mayhem always precedes the real event. Hopefully you will all now enjoy a peaceful time with family and friends over the festive period.



Our annual Christmas production of 'The Snow King' was a resounding success. Many thanks to all who attended, it was great to see so many familiar faces and also so many from the local community to watch our show. Huge thanks to FOLS for the hard work and effort

behind the scenes! Staff and pupils at Lydford Primary would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Harriet Davis for her creative commitment to our school and for nurturing the pupils' drama skills to be able to produce a show of such high quality.

### **Star of the Term**

At the end of each term, we award a 'star of the term' badge to one individual who has particularly challenged themselves to do their best and who has shown consistent hard work, perseverance and good attitude. This term we were very proud to award the star to Max Champion.



### **Autumn term thank yous!**

In order for our school to continue to improve and strive for excellence, there are so many to thank. Firstly, staff would like to thank the committed volunteers who come into school weekly to listen to pupils read and offer intervention. We extend our thanks to curriculum experts who teach our pupils in their areas of expertise, such as Helen Jolliffe (Music) and Harriet Davis (Drama). Reverend Brooks is thanked for delivering assemblies and for bringing key messages to the children at significant times of the year.

Parents and carers – thank you for being so patient with us as we implement some positive changes to benefit safeguarding and teaching and learning. Our priority is to keep the pupils safe and to create a nurturing learning environment where they can shine! Without your support, this would not be possible.

To all the staff at Lydford Primary School – thank you for all your hard work and dedication throughout this term. You all deserve a wonderful, relaxing Christmas break. We all wish Miss Horton the very best as she moves onto pastures new and thank her for all her hard work and dedication.

And finally, thank you to the pupils who have shown an improved attitude to learning this term – always striving to achieve and to show Lydford values and behaviours. You are all stars and I wish you all a magical Christmas!

Warmest regards,

Mrs Deirdre Petersen

Acting Head of School

## Diary dates

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – last day of term, Christmas party

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January – Reception/Y6 pupils height and weight check

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January – first swimming session at Aquastars (whole school)

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January – FOLS meeting, 3.30pm

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Year 3 Movement and Dance festival

**CLUBS, SPRING TERM – will shortly appear on School Gateway – please sign up as appropriate**

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## Regular events, Spring term

**Tuesday morning – Drama workshops** with Mrs H Davis

**Tuesday afternoon** (starting 14<sup>th</sup> January, whole school) – **Swimming**, Aquastars academy

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

**Thursday afternoon – Class 1 Forest School** (Stay & Play joining on the last Thursday of half term)

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

# GALLERY



Some of the stars of our show





**The cast of *'The Snow King'***



**Sprites with bright eyes!**



**Our Christmas Nativity**