



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

17th September 2021

Welcome back

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome the children back to school over the last 10 days. All the children have returned with smiling faces, kind words and excited learning. We have welcomed 5 new EYFS children to our school. The way these children have been welcomed by their peers has been brilliant. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the school staff who have worked tirelessly over the summer and into the new term to ensure the school was ready to welcome the children back. Thanks also to FoLS who are supporting the school in completing the forest school fence and EYFS outside area.

As school covid restrictions start to ease, we are looking forward to returning to some of our normal school practices including inviting parents in – look out for more details.

Covid Procedures in school

Covid safety remains a high priority in school and we continue to follow preventative measures as guided by HM Government guidance.

- If your child displays symptoms of Covid 19, they should not attend school.
 - Book a PCR Covid test at a local testing facility.
 - Inform school at your earliest convenience.
 - Remain isolated at home until you they received a negative test result or the end of the isolation period.
- If your child has been identified as a close contact of a positive covid case, you should book a PCR test as soon as possible.
 - They do not need to isolate and can continue to attend school.
- All children and adults on site will follow enhanced hygiene procedures
 - Regular hand washing
 - Use of hand sanitiser
 - Catch it, bin it, kill it routines
- Visitors to school should wear a face mask unless medically exempt.
- Children or adults who start to display symptoms whilst at school will be placed into the isolation room awaiting collection.
- Enhanced cleaning procedures of regularly touched items.

Our Covid risk assessment and outbreak contingency plan can be found on our website.

Awards

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



Nurture – Wilf

Inspire – Jude

Achieve – Massan



Subject specialist teaching

The multi academy trust has negotiated on our behalf specialist teachers in PE and Modern Foreign Languages (French). Mr. Pugh will be joining us for PE on a Tuesday morning with Madame Jordan joining us on Thursday afternoons in Class 2.

Mr. Pugh and Madame Jordan are able to provide bespoke lessons and specialist expertise to our school whilst supporting our teacher's development.

We have exciting plans to link with specialist teachers at other Trust Primary schools and Okehampton College for Design and Technology and Computing workshops in the near future.

Trips and visits

With restrictions easing we are now able to re-start our curriculum enrichment program of trips and visits. Next week we will be visited by author and storyteller Clive Pig as he recreates historical characters through drama and storytelling. Teachers are working on plans for curriculum trips and our annual trip the theatre.

Clubs

Afterschool clubs start next week.

Mrs Luxford and Mrs Dickinson will run Terrific Tuesdays for both Class 1 and 2. Collection 4.15pm
Miss Tainsh and Mr Meacock have kindly offered to run Class 2 gardening club sessions on Tuesday 21st and 28th September and 5th October. Collection 4.15pm

OCRA will be running a Tag Rugby and Multi skills club on a Thursday for Class 2. Collection 4.30pm
Numbers are limited and will be on a 'first booked' basis. If your child does not get a place, they will be prioritised next half term.

If your child is booked onto a club, every session should be attended.

Forest School

Forest school sessions will be on Fridays for both classes. Please ensure that Wellies and waterproofs are in school every Friday. A change of clothes will not be required.

Devon Wildlife Trust and Lydford gorge partnership

We are excited to share a new partnership with the Devon Wildlife Trust. The DWT will be delivering workshops and projects with our children on rewilding, environmental issues and outdoor education. Look out for more details soon. We are also restarting our strong links with Lydford Gorge and hope to be able to visit very soon.

Free School Meals

FSM - Your child may be entitled to free school meals (FSM). You can find out more information on free school meals and how to apply here: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals>

UFSM – All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals (UFSM). Parents/ carers do not need to apply for UFSM but **can apply for FSM whilst their child is in Class 1**. This will bring in extra pupil premium funding for your child should you be eligible which can be used for extra resources and subsidizing things like swimming and the wider curriculum.

Breakfast Club needs to be booked on School Gateway please. Even if you are eligible for childcare vouchers, it is essential that you book so that we have a register each day and know who to expect in the morning. School Gateway has now been set up for this and there is an option to pay via voucher. Mr Meacock provides healthy and nutritious options. Please arrive promptly at 7.50am

Cool Milk

Our school provides a milk scheme that is available to all pupils. School milk is free for under-5s and reception pupils have already been registered.

Each child that registers with Cool Milk will receive a 189ml portion of semi-skimmed milk every day, delivered fresh and chilled to the classroom.

How to register -If your child is five or older:

- Register and pay online at www.coolmilk.com
- Alternatively, fill in a registration form available from the school office – once Cool Milk has processed your form, you will receive a payment request
- You can pay Cool Milk either online, over the phone or at a local Pay Point in half-termly, termly or annual instalments.
- Please pay by a Tuesday at 5pm for your child's milk to start the following week

If you have any questions regarding school milk, please visit www.coolmilk.com or contact Cool Milk directly on 0800 321 3248.

Reminder

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle, a school jumper/cardigan and a waterproof coat each day.

Dates

September 2021

24th – Clive Pig Drama and storytelling

October

1st – Harvest festival

WB 18th – Parent/carers consultations

WB 25th – Half term

November

1st – Pupils return

11th – Remembrance service in Church yard

December

TBC – Theatre trip – KS2

TBC – Carol singing

TBC – Christmas play

WB 20th – Christmas Break

January 2022

5th – Pupils return

Mr A. Hill – Principal

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This week at Lydford Primary

Class 1



Class 2





visit devon.cc/getahealthystart



SATURDAY MORNING JUNIOR TENNIS

COACHING

Okehampton & District Tennis Club



WHERE ?	<u>OKEHAMPTON TENNIS COURTS</u>
WHEN?	<u>SATURDAY 2 October 2021 (last session 6 November)</u>
TIME?	<u>9.00 - 10.00 am. (10.00 - 11.00 am)</u>
WHAT AGE?	<u>6 - 10 Years old (11 - 15 Years old)</u>
COST?	<u>£30 for 6 week course</u>
TO BOOK AND PAY.	<u>Telephone 07813 315376 or Email marycary@hotmail.co.uk</u>

*Course run by Okehampton & District Tennis Club
With LTA level 3 accredited coach - Nick Bond*

HOCKEY HEROES

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A recurring 8 week programme for children to try hockey and develop their physical and character superpowers

A GREAT VALUE PROGRAMME INCLUDING PERSONALISED KIT DELIVERED TO EVERY CHILD

First 8 week programme: £40
Includes: personalised t-shirt, 2 x hockey sticks, ball and stickers.



- Launching at participating clubs near you
- Please note this programme is aimed at beginners and not members of existing hockey clubs

Tell your friends about Hockey Heroes!

- Hockey Heroes has been designed firstly to get more children playing hockey, but ultimately to encourage them to join hockey clubs
- Please help us to grow the sport we all love by telling your non-hockey friends with children aged 5-8 about Hockey Heroes!
- Send them to hockeyheroes.co.uk for all the details!

FIND OUT MORE: hockeyheroes.co.uk

