



Newsletter – December 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

As we come to the end of Term 2, I would like to thank you for your continued support in helping us to keep things as normal as possible for the children in difficult circumstances. As I write this letter, I can hear Christmas songs being practised, children and staff laughing and obviously enjoying themselves and the Early Years in final rehearsals for their Nativity! We are also looking forward to Christmas Lunch! All this brings a smile to my face and a warm feeling inside. It has been so important to keep some of the traditions going even if we have had to miss out on events such as Carol Services and plays.

We have missed you! It does not feel the same without parents enjoying the children's performances "live" – it is so much part of school life. Let us hope that the situation improves in the New Year to allow parents to link once again with the school and the events that take place.

At least we have been able to film the class presentations from their learning and some of the Christmas activities to share with you on the school website under the class tab. The Nativity play performed by Owls and Robins is wonderful! Watch out also for a special song from all the children! The video camera being used was presented to the school by the LSA, a couple of years ago, to ensure that events can be recorded for all to enjoy.

Christmas Jumper Day

We are ending the term with the Christmas Jumper day. School uniform is to be worn but please try to wear a jumper (and decorate it if you haven't got a Christmas Jumper!) to celebrate the end of term and also to raise money for children less fortunate. Please donate £1 to the Save the Children.

Covid-19


With numbers rising in the area it is so important we continue to keep safe. Christmas will be different this year for us all and I do hope you are able to enjoy in whatever way you can. We have been careful to follow Department of Education and Public Health England advice throughout the pandemic. Their advice around the Christmas period is that all positive cases involving children that attend Lydbrook Primary should be reported into the school up until six days after we close for the holiday period. Our school e-mail address will be monitored twice a day, in the morning and afternoon, up until Christmas Eve to allow you to contact us. It is our role then to inform other families in the "bubble" to ensure that any mixing does not happen if the virus has been passed on.

If your child develops any symptoms, it is important for them to have a test. If it is positive please contact the school immediately via admin@lydbrook.gloucs.sch.uk to inform us. Thank you.

After Christmas Eve, Public Health England are asking that any positive cases are reported directly to the NHS Coronavirus testing service by calling 119. If your child has been asked to self-isolate via the Track & Trace system, these will be dealt with under our usual procedures when staff return on the 4th January (INSET day), so please report your child's absence in the usual way.

Cars!!

It must be that time of year! A shame I have to moan at the end of term but the car situation is again causing much cause for concern. Most families are continuing to do the right thing and walk up School Road passing on and picking up their children to the staff at the designated gate. However these families are being placed, in sometimes dangerous situations, by the small element of parents



that insist on driving up School Road, dropping their children and then reversing, turning round and driving back down School Road. Many of these children are in Jays and Hawks class and should be walking up themselves as part of getting ready for secondary. There are always adults out at the beginning and end of the day and we always keep an eye on all those who are walking. Please help the safety of all out families and walk! Thank you!

School Lunches

The new Spring menu for next term is now online and bookings can be made. Please remember bookings need to be made before midnight, the day before they are required.

Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club

Both clubs are back up and running. If you would like to make a booking please contact the office.

End of term fun!

The whole school enjoyed a very exciting, fun packed time playing Glow in the Dark Dodgeball. They came back from their session very red-cheeked, chattering about how much they enjoyed it!

Diary dates

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| Friday 18 th December | End of Term 2 (2.45 for Owls, Woodpeckers and Magpies and older siblings of these children in Jays and Hawks and 2.55 for Jays and Hawks) |
| Monday 4 th January | School closed for staff training |
| Tuesday 5 th January | Start of Term 3 |
| Friday 12 th February | End of Term 3 |
| Monday 22 nd February | Start of Term 4 |

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Merry and safe Christmas. It will be different but it is important that we enjoy it as much as we can. I look forward to welcoming the whole school back on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Best wishes

S. T. Lusted