



# Lydbrook Primary School

School Road, Lydbrook, Gloucestershire, GL17 9PX

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**ROBINS NURSERY**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

**Dear Parents/Carers**

A warm welcome back to Term 2! I hope the holiday break went well for you all. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the kind donations for our Harvest Appeal and I can confirm that all donations were collected and taken to the local Foodbank. I would also like to thank the parents/carers who attended a meeting with their child's class teacher to find out how they have settled back into school life and the progress they are making.

I hope we get a good response from the club letters that went out yesterday. There is a great choice between sport, music and crafts. These will run for 4 weeks and there will be new ones on offer after the Christmas break.

Look out later on in this newsletter for information regarding dates for Christmas activities and class presentation assemblies.

Don't forget our parent workshops for reading/phonics (Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November) and Maths Passports (Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November) from 9.00 – 10.30 a.m. starting in the school hall before the opportunity of working with your child in their class.

## **Remembrance/Poppy Appeal**

The school will be joining in with the build up to Remembrance during next week. To support the families affected by war, there will be a range of items for sale on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November. The items for sale include poppies/pencils/pencil sharpeners/rubbers and slap bands. A minimum donation of 50p is required for a poppy, pencil/sharpener/rubber and £1 for a slap band.

The pupils in Hawks class will be writing the names of the soldiers from Lydbrook that died in battle on wooden crosses. Some representatives from the school will be at the Remembrance Parade on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November where we will position the crosses and lay a wreath.

The whole school will be joining in with the 2 minute silence on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00 a.m.

## **Attendance**

It is very important for children to be in school as much as possible unless they are too ill to attend. This is because regular attendance improves children's life chances and it is impossible for a child to completely catch up on the learning missed.

The Governors of the school and myself, monitor school attendance very closely. Parents should only request time out of school for exceptional circumstances (e.g. weddings/funerals) by completing a request form which can be found on the school website or can be obtained from the office. Currently our attendance rates are falling below national expectations and the school target.

All holiday requests out of school holiday time cannot be authorised and the Governors have agreed that any delayed Covid holidays can now no longer be regarded as an authorised absence.

## **P.E. Kits**

Your child's class teacher will have informed you the days your child needs to come to school already changed for PE. It is important that your child wears a suitable kit. This should comprise of the preferred school uniform of a coloured T-shirt, shorts or jogging/track-suit bottoms. They should wear their school jumper/sweatshirt on top if it is cold.

If your child does not have a coloured team top, they should wear a plain top preferably of the same colour. They should not come to school in tops that are patterned or decorated with logos as these are not suitable uniform. Parents will be contacted if any pupil arrives in school with inappropriate clothes for PE.

We also request that no jewellery is worn on PE days. If a child does have ear-rings they should either be taken out before coming to school, removed in school before the PE lesson starts or plasters should be brought in from home to cover the ear-rings.

Thank you for support in this matter.

## **School councils**

We have been very impressed by many of the presentations for school council and the roles for the oldest children for Sports Council, Well-being Ambassadors and Play leaders. We will be working with the children for the rest of the academic year to encourage pupil voice and to involve them in decision making and taking on responsibility. Our main corridor has displays dedicated to these councils and the work of these councils will be continually updated with the work they do.

Many congratulations to all those pupils who have been elected.

## **Diary dates**

### **November**

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Reading/phonics workshop for parents (9.00 – 10.30)
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Owls trip to Pizza Express in Monmouth
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	School photographs
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need day (details to follow)
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Maths Passport workshop for parents (9.00 – 10.30)
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Open session for new Reception pupils (9.30 – 11.00)
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Presentation assembly – Magpies (2.15 p.m.)

### **December**

Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Early Year's Nativity performance (2.00 p.m.)
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Early Year's Nativity performance (2.00 p.m.)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Presentation assembly – Jays (2.15 p.m.)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Community Carol Service in the church (evening – details to follow)
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Presentation assembly – Hawks (2.00 p.m.)
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch
	Early Year's Nativity performance (5.30 p.m.)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day/End of Term 2

### **January**

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	School closed – staff training
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Term 3

## **Best wishes**

## **S.T. Lusted**