



Lydbrook Primary School

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Dear Parents/carers,

As we near the Christmas break, I would like to thank you for all your continued support. We have seen so many of you at the recent parent meetings, parent workshops for reading and maths and yesterday there was a Christmas Craft workshop in the hall for parents of Owls and Robins. We would like to thank you all for coming and engaging with us. Your child will really appreciate you taking an interest in what they are doing and learning in school. It was also so positive to see so many at the recent Magpies presentation assembly this week. It appeared well received and we look forward to the presentations by Jays and Hawks. Each one is being recorded and you will be able to access each presentation through the website.

We are looking forward to our build up to the Christmas holidays and these events are detailed in the newsletter and a summary is given in the diary dates section.

Community links

Thank you for helping us to promote the Poppy Appeal and Children in Need. I am delighted to inform you that the school raised £136.34 for the Poppy Appeal and it was lovely to join in with the Remembrance parade which saw our Year 6 school councillors place the crosses of the fallen as their names were read out. We also raised £106.00 for the Children in Need appeal. Thank you for your donations including the cakes!

Our Early Years department linked in with the community by visiting the Social Club on Wednesday and sang songs from their Christmas Nativity that they will be performing over the next two weeks.

We welcomed yesterday Mr. Jonny Brinson from Five Acres Secondary School. Mr. Brinson is in charge of performance and he is working with primary schools in the Forest by recording their Christmas songs for the Christmas Lights turn on being held in Coleford on Saturday. Our pupils from Robins, Owls and Magpies will appear on the large screen during this event! If you are going to Coleford on Saturday, look out for Lydbrook Primary on the screen!

A very special event being held on Monday 12th December is the Community Carol Service. This is held in the church and will start at 7.00 p.m. This is an annual event but has been affected by the Covid pandemic and as a school we have always been delighted to be involved. As a school, we will be singing a few songs as well as being entertained by the Lydbrook Training Band. The children need to be in school uniform and sit with their family. I really hope you will be able to join us – it is a very “Chritmassy” event and is always so enjoyable.

The weekend before (Friday 9th – Sunday 12th), the church will be celebrating their Christmas Tree festival, which again, the school will be joining in with. The school has purchased a tree and the children will be decorating it. I know there will be many decorated trees and they make a fantastic display. The trees will still be in the church at the Carol Service, so look out for ours!

Performances/presentations

Our Early Years and Y1 pupils are performing “The Big little Nativity” on the following days

Tuesday 6th December at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 7th December at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 14th December at 5.30 p.m.

Tickets are available and there is no charge! However we will be taking donations for our chosen Christmas Charity “Save the Children”. We will also be running a Christmas Jumper day to raise money for this charity as well as asking for donations at the Community Carol Service too.

Jays class presentation of their learning – Friday 9th December at 2.15 p.m.

Hawks class presentation – Tuesday 13th December at 2.00 p.m.

Football finals

I hope you and your family are currently enjoying the World Cup! However even more exciting than watching England’s progress is that our Girl’s football team (The Lydbrook Lionesses) represented the Forest of Dean at the county finals yesterday held at Plock Court in Gloucester. They played amazingly well with such fantastic teamwork and finished 3rd overall! What a fantastic experience and opportunity and well done to those year 6 girls that took part.

Christmas Card post-box

Children will be able to send and receive Christmas cards from the week beginning Monday 12th December. There will be a collection and delivery service each day until the end of term. Children should make sure that only warm, nice messages are included in the card and on the envelope the name (first & surname) and the class name should be written on the envelope.

Diary dates

Monday 5 th December	Final Gymnastics club (Y1/2) 3.00-4.00 p.m.
Tuesday 6 th December	Owls/Robins Nativity 2.00 p.m. Rugby club (Y4,5 & 6) 3.00 – 4.00 p.m.
Wednesday 7 th December	Owls/Robins Nativity 2.00 p.m.
Friday 9 th December	Jays presentation assembly 2.15 p.m. Christmas Tree Festival
Monday 12 th December	Christmas Card post box available Community Christmas Carol Service (Church) – 7.00 p.m. for about an hour
Tuesday 13 th December	Hawks presentation assembly 2.00 p.m. Rugby club (Y4,5 & 6) 3.00 – 4.00 p.m. (extra one as a session was lost to the weather)
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch Owls/Robins Nativity 5.30 p.m.
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation for “Save the Children”) End of Term 2 – school breaks up at 3.00 p.m.
Monday 2 nd January	Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday 3 rd January	INSET day – school closed for staff training
Wednesday 4 th January	Start of Term 3 Jays swimming sessions start

I do hope to see you at the planned school events over the next couple of weeks but if not I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas.

Best wishes

S. T. Lusted
Head