



Lydbrook Primary School

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Dear parents/carers,

Well, where did that term go? Term 4 has been a short term but it has been very busy and passed incredibly quickly!

First of all I would like to inform you of two pieces of wonderful news! Mrs. Hughes recently gave birth to a baby boy (Rocco) and both are now at home and doing well. On Wednesday, our girls football team (The Lydbrook Lionesses!) became the Forest of Dean District champions by winning the finals held at the sports centre in Cinderford. In total (through qualifying for the finals and the finals themselves), the girls played 9 matches winning them all and not letting in 1 single goal. What an amazing achievement! We are very proud of them and a first for Lydbrook!

We have very much enjoyed the "Healthy Me" PSHE theme this term. The whole school enjoyed the Skip To Be Fit day and a Mini-Medics session learning about First Aid. The classes have been discussing lunchtime experiences and the school councillors have provided some excellent ideas, on behalf of their classes, on improvements they would like to see and how we can reduce the amount of food waste from school lunches. The children have learnt about eating healthily and the importance of a broad and balanced diet which should include fruit and vegetables as well as carbohydrates and protein. It is particularly the vegetables that find themselves in the food waste! This important topic will carry on into Term 5 where we hope to see a reduction in the amount of food thrown away. We have also been learning about the importance of drinking water to ensure we do not get dehydrated and that we all get enough sleep!

We have also had links with Progressive Sports (Dance workshops for Magpies class), various visits by the Early Years to see numerous vehicles as part of their theme, a STEM workshop for Hawks class which involved bridge building and links with Progressive Sports for a football club, Ceri Large – rugby and our first ever Lego club! So many children have enjoyed the variety clubs available after school.

Parent meetings

It has been good to see so many replies for the parent meetings being held in the first two weeks after the Easter break. Thank you for your support. If you have not yet returned your slip requesting a date/time, please do so as soon as possible because we want to inform you on how your child is getting on in school and their next steps. I know that your child will be really pleased that you are interested and taking the time to come and talk with us.

Expectations

It is important that we all recognise the importance of clear boundaries and routines. It is also important for the children to come to school properly prepared for school. An example would be school uniform and especially PE kits and wearing shoes when it is not a PE day.

I will be sending out further information in the first week back after Easter outlining our expectations to ensure all the children are prepared well for their day in school and to get the most out of each day. This will include a home/school agreement setting out the expectations of us as a school, yours as parents and what we expect from each child. The pack will also include the school's homework policy and the importance of reading (to be heard read and be read to).

School lunches

We have been informed that the price of a school lunch is rising to £2.54 from the 17th April

Social media

Sadly, I am being increasingly informed of social media being used to send abusive and unkind messages. As Headteacher, I find this both shocking and also very disappointing as we expect all of our pupils to respect others. We spend a lot of time talking about the effects that unkind words have on the mental health of people. What I do not want to happen is this starts coming into school. It is classified as a form of bullying (on-line bullying) and will be recorded on our school safeguarding systems.

Please can I ask all parents to monitor their children's phones and email into me any messages that are abusive and upsetting. This is a growing problem nationally and one that did not come into primary schools until recently and we do not want this happening at Lydbrook.

I thank you in advance of your support in this matter.

Class set up for September

There are some very exciting plans in place for September. Over the years since reducing to four classes through a restructure, we have had to implement cross key stage classes which adds difficulty to planning the curriculum. We have been working hard on adapting our exciting learning themes and have begun to place these on the school website under the curriculum tab.

We are very proud of our engaging curriculum experiences and bring subject material to life by teaching as many of the curriculum subjects through a theme. As much as possible, we try and link them to our local community so that it is familiar to the children and we try to teach them in a practical way.

As always, we will send these learning themes out to parents at the beginning of each new term which includes a parent plan which summarises the key learning for the term in each curriculum subject.

The class set up for September is as follows:

EYFS	Robins/Owls	Team to be led by Mrs. Symonds
KS1 (Y1/2)	Magpies	Mr. Bowkett
Y3/4	Jays	Mrs. Fellows/Miss Sprawson
Y5/6	Hawks	Mr. Paterson to continue until Mrs. Hughes returns from maternity

Diary dates

Monday 17 th April	Start of Term 5 Week for parent meetings for Reception, Y2, Y4 & Y6
Monday 24 th April	Week for parent meetings for Y1, Y3 and Y5
Monday 1 st May	School closed for Bank Holiday
Wednesday 3 rd May	Parent open session (3.15 – 5.00) Come along and spend some time looking at your child's learning!
Monday 8 th May	School closed for Bank Holiday (King's coronation)
Tuesday 9 th May	Y6 SATs week starts
Friday 26 th May	End of Term 5
Monday 5 th June	Start of Term 6 and Sports week
Friday 9 th June	End of Sports week/races on school field (from 10.00 a.m.)
Monday 12 th June	Sports week reserve
Tuesday 25 th July	End of Term 6

For 2023-24 Wednesday 6th September – return to school

The diary dates for 2023-24 will be on the school website (information for parents) shortly

Finally I would like to thank you for all your continued support. We are very proud of our pupils and how they try their very best in school. The school is an exciting place to be and it just seems to get busier and busier!

We have ended the term today with the traditional Easter Egg hunt. A big thank you to Yvonne Duce from the Apple Green Garage, Whitchurch for donating the Easter Eggs as the reward!

I wish you and your family a very Happy Easter

S. T. Lusted

