



Lyttchett Matravers Primary School and Preschool

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Dear Parents / Carers,

We are now fully back in the swing of the new year – I am making far less mistakes with asking children about their previous class rather than the one that they are now in!

One of the first tasks in the year is to fill the positions of responsibility within the school. Last week an interview panel that included a school governor interviewed many Year Six pupils for the position of 'House Captains': congratulations to those chosen! We would have happily given anyone of those applying the position and it was such a difficult decision to make. We have also confirmed a large number of prefects and Play Leaders, who will support with promoting positive play with younger children.

Mrs Dominey also introduced a new role during an assembly that children can apply for this week: Neurodiversity Ambassador, an idea which was pioneered by one of our children. There is still time to apply for this role and the application form has been attached to this newsletter. The closing date is Friday 25th September.

The newly elected School Council met this week, with the Autumn Term members discussing charities to support and how to reinvigorate the playgrounds with fresh activities. Miss Harris, our new Year 5 teacher, attended the meeting as she will now be taking the children's ideas to organise the activities and structure of the playgrounds in the coming weeks.

In relation to the charities that we will support, a decision has been made to raise money for Children In Need, for Comic Relief and for charities associated with bowel cancer: many will realise why this is such an important charity to support in our community. Further information will be provided in due course about how we will fundraise for these causes, in addition to the Mufti Day on 23rd October to raise money for the Hamwic Education Trust Foundation.

With warmest wishes as always,

Mr Vernon, Headteacher



Miss Reid

Huge congratulations go to Miss Reid for being awarded 'Teacher of the Year' from our local MP, Vikki Slade. This reflects her caring yet determined approach to support every child to thrive. We are so very proud of you!

Dorset Schools Admissions

For families with children in Year 6, please remember that **31st October** is the closing date for applying to secondary school. Children do not receive automatic places at any secondary school and all children must apply.



The closing date for applying for a primary school place for any child who will be 4 years old in September 2027 is 15th January 2027. We offer tours every Tuesday morning for any potential parents – please book at the office. We will also be holding our Reception Open Events on 14th October at both 9:30 and 18:00 – no booking required!

Dorset residents apply online at:
dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/apply-school-place
or call 01305 221060



Scan here



Parking Around School

We ask that all adults are respectful and courteous of our neighbours and community when parking in the village to drop off / collect their children. We have recently had cases of residents not being able to access their properties and also of insufficient space for emergency vehicles to access roads and properties due to inconsiderate parking. Parking on corners and prohibited areas where yellow lines and cones are present places member of the community, including very young children, at direct risk. Please help us all to stay safe!

Dorset Parenting Support Service

We have attached information a free upcoming session from a children's clinical psychologist where information will be shared in relation to how parents / carers can support children with their challenges and difficulties. Free sessions are available both in person and online.

Miss Fripp

I am sure that everyone will join me in congratulating Miss Fripp who has announced her pregnancy! We know a great preschool and school for your new bundle of joy to attend in a few years 😊

PTFA

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTFA AGM on Monday. Whilst it was very sad to witness Georgina step down after doing such an incredible job over the past two years, the strength of the group shone through once more. Congratulations to Vicky for her election to the chair of the organisation and a huge thank you to her for all of the hard work over the summer holidays to freshen up the EYFS playground.

We also pass on our thanks for the brand new sports tops which the children can wear to future events – they look amazing!



Halloween Disco

The next PTFA event will be the Halloween Disco on Friday 16th October. Tickets available through the link below!

www.pta-events.co.uk/lmpsptfa/index.cfm?event=event&eventid=12515

.House Points

The House points reset at the start of the year but the first count is in! Can anyone wrestle the trophy off Maltravers this year?!

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Hot Meals At Preschool

After half term, from the start of November, we will be offering preschool children the option to take up a hot meal. Chartwell's will be organising the logistics of this so that ordering is completed in the same way as children in the main school. The meals will then be collected fresh from the kitchen and delivered to the children in preschool!



Drop In Local Nurse

The Local Nurse will be holding a drop in session on Wednesday 30th September immediately after drop off (from around 9am). The nurse can provide direct advice, support and signposting in a number of different areas, including emotional health and well-being, sleep and toileting. We will confirm the location for this drop in closer to the time.



School Nursing Team
0-19 CYP Public
Health Service



NHS
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NHS Foundation Trust

Parent drop-in

Your school nursing team can provide non-judgemental and confidential support and advice about:

- Healthy lifestyle advice
- Emotional health and well-being support
- Bedwetting and toileting
- Nutrition and growth
- Sleep advice
- Signposting to various services
- Parenting advice
- Behaviour support

Your next drop-in will be on:

You can contact us via

- School nursing admin hub on 01929 557 558
- Parentline advice 5-19 texting service on 07312263131
- Website at www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/school-nursing

Follow us on social media:

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We provide a confidential service. This means that you can discuss personal information in confidence. We will not discuss your personal information with anyone else without your permission. This includes parents and teachers. We would only pass on your information in order to protect you or someone else from serious harm. Whenever possible we would discuss this with you first.

Service Children

The school's 'Little Troopers' club for children from military families will recommence very soon under the leadership of Mrs Kerley and Mrs Murphy. If you are a military family and are not sure if your children are registered, please do let us know!

Attendance

We have started the year with positive attendance as we strive to achieve our target of 96%: currently our attendance is 96.6%! Congratulations to Buzzard and Dragonfly for coming in equal 1st place over the past two weeks.

