

Lytchett Matravers Primary School and Preschool

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Educational visits play a vital role in enriching students' learning experiences beyond the classroom. They provide real-world context to academic subjects, making learning more engaging and memorable. Whether it's a museum, historical site, science centre, special visitor or event, these experiences stimulate curiosity and deepen understanding by allowing students to see, touch and explore concepts first-hand. They also foster personal development, encouraging independence, teamwork and critical thinking.

We also know that arranging these experiences for our children comes at a financial cost and that they would not be possible without parental contributions. This year, unfortunately, several costs for Year 4 have come at the same time. In order to support with this, we have extended the payment deadline for these by a few weeks, as you will see on the MCAS application. We cannot do this for the deposit for the Leeson House residential as we need to confirm numbers through receipt of the deposit.

We would like to request that you complete an online form, both about the cost and manner in which contributions are collected for educational trips and events. The final question asks whether parents / carers would prefer to spread the costs of trips and events (not including residential) across the year in 10 monthly payments. There are only 8 questions to answer 😊.



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With warmest wishes as always,

Mr Vernon
Headteacher



PTA Fireworks

We are really excited about the upcoming firework night on Friday 7th November. Tickets are available to purchase now!

FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER

LMPS PTFA PRESENTS

FIREWORK NIGHT

MUSIC, FOOD VAN & SPUD
STATION, HOT & COLD DRINKS,
GAMES, SWEETS, ICE
CREAM, TREATS AND LIGHT UPS
ON SALE

GATES OPEN FROM 530PM

FIREWORKS AT 630PM

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS PRIMARY
SCHOOL

PLEASE BE ADVISED THERE IS NO
PARKING AT THE SCHOOL

NO SPARKLERS PERMITTED

EARLY BIRD BOOKING
£7 ADULT
£5 CHILD
£20 FAMILY TICKET

www.pta-events.co.uk/lmpsptfa

Applying For Secondary Places

The deadline for applying for a secondary place for any child in Year 6 is Friday 31st October. If you have a child in Year 6, applications will need to be made through your home address council website before the end of the month:

[Starting secondary or upper school - Dorset Council](#)

[Apply for a secondary or upper school place | BCP](#)

Visit From Vikki Slade

Our sincere thanks go to our local MP, Vikki Slade, for her visit this month. Our House Captains did a great job of their Question and Answer session and all of the children enjoyed the assembly where we found out a little more about what it means to be a Member of Parliament.

Beat

The children showed some impressive moves during their street dance sessions that were run by the Beat dance company on Monday. We've attached a flyer to this email in case anyone wanted to continue to learn!

What's App Concern

Whilst What's App age rating is for 13 years+, we understand that many young children still use this platform. We have also received communication from various local agencies that children's groups are being infiltrated by adults. Most concerning is that children's accounts can be automatically added to groups by others, placing them in a position where they do not know who they are communicating with and presenting a significant safeguarding risk.

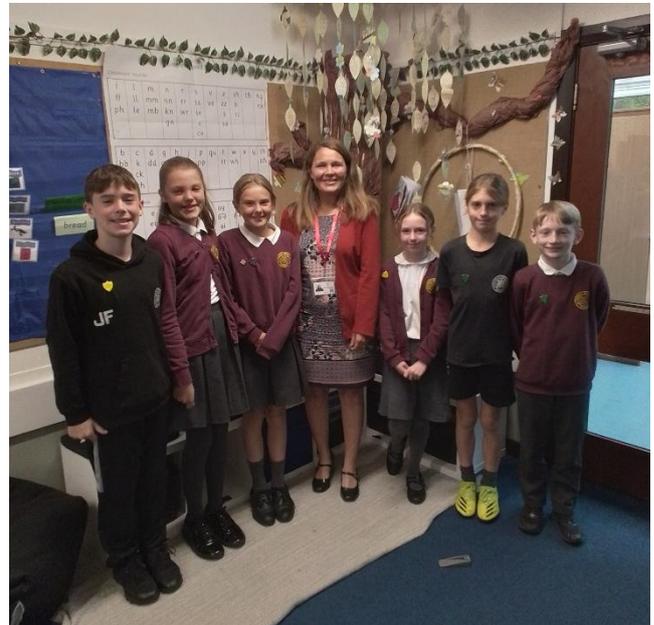
We have attached a guide to support with the setting of privacy settings on this platform and urge all parents whose children are accessing What's App to review their privacy settings, particularly to enable them to limit their communication to only those who they know.

Halloween Disco

The PTFA Halloween Disco will be held next Friday, 24th October. YR, Yr1 and Y2's event will run from 16:00 – 16:45; Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 will have their disco from 17:15 – 18:15.

QR Code Website

Please use the following QR code to access our new website!



Poole Forest School Opportunity

Our partnership Forest School are running a half term club in October – follow the web address on the flyer adjacent to book on a place for your child should you wish to.

Devices In School

We are aware of certain Smart Devices being used in schools in the local area, including our school. Many of these devices are able to record, listen in on conversations and track children.

Examples: Apple Tags, KidSnax watches, Mini A8 GPS listening devices, aura rings, Meta glasses, mobile phones.

Whilst we understand that parents will want to have an overview of where their children are for safety reasons, for example on the way to school or when in the community by themselves, we do feel that having a tracking device during school hours is not appropriate. We would advise that all electronic devices, including mobile phones, are turned off where it is possible to do so and handed in to the class teacher to look after during the day in a safe location.

Tracking devices can inadvertently reveal the real-time location of a group of children, which poses a significant safeguarding risk, especially for pupils under protection orders, in foster care or with specific safeguarding needs. If lost or misplaced, a tracking device could be misused, potentially putting a child at risk. Parents using tracking devices to post the exact location of a class or group of children on social media platforms places the safety of the children and staff at risk. Tracking devices also raise significant concerns around informed consent and data sharing.

Confusion and distraction can happen if there is beeping from the device or calls from parents related to lost trackers or children's whereabouts and trackers can be unreliable, losing battery or signal.

School Nurse Drop In 22nd October

The school nurse will host a drop in session in the school hall on Wednesday 22nd October from 8:45. Support is available in key areas, such as supporting with sleep, anxiety and toileting. All welcome!

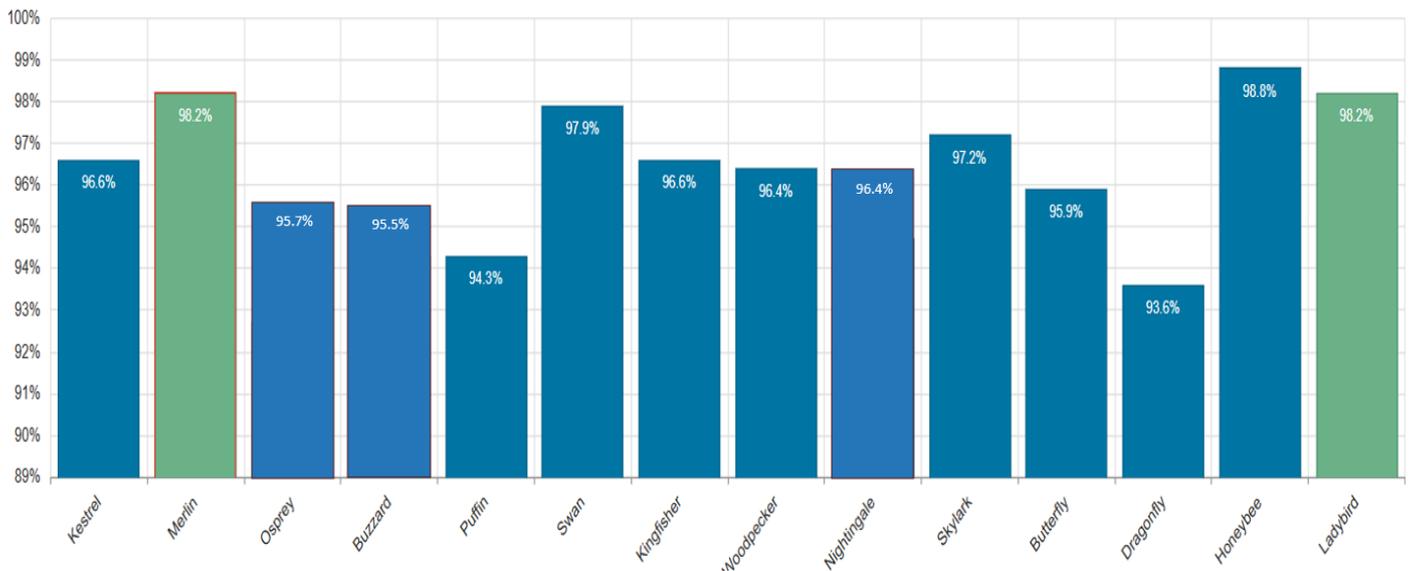
WI Christmas Fair

The Women's Institute will be holding their 'Not Just WI Christmas Fair' on 8th November in the local village hall. All welcome!



Attendance

Our current attendance for this half term is still 96% - right on target. Thank you for continuing to promote positive rates of attendance for your children!



Dorset Mental Health Support

There are two online events being run by the NHS Dorset Mental Health Support Team in Schools for parents in October and November – see posters below for further information and for QR code links in order to book a place for the webinars.

Dorset Mental Health Support Team in Schools

NHS Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust

Supporting Challenging Behaviour for parents/carers of children in Year 6 and under

Wednesday 5th November 12:30-13:30
Thursday 6th November 18:30-19:30

The Mental Health Support Team in Schools for North and East Dorset will be running an online webinar for parents.

This session provides information on how to respond to children when their behaviour becomes challenging. The sessions covers the theory of behaviour as communication, the importance of play, and the power of positive praise to encourage behaviours parents would like to see more of. It includes practical tools that parents can use to support children when they are dysregulated.

We will also provide information of more detailed support sessions the MHST provide for parents.

To sign up for Wednesday 5th November at 12.30, please go here:

To sign up for Thursday 6th November at 18:30, please go here:

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Supporting your child with symptoms of anxiety for parents with children in Year 6 and under

Wednesday 22nd October 12:30-13:30
Thursday 23rd October 18:30-19:30

The Mental Health Support Team in Schools for North and East Dorset will be running an online webinar for parents.

This session is available for parents/carers who are looking to understand and support your child with symptoms of anxiety. The session covers theory around anxiety in young people, potential triggers and maintenance factors, and key strategies to support your child with managing worries.

We will also provide information of more detailed support sessions the MHST provide for parents.

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