

Lyttchett Matravers Primary School and Preschool

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Children having leadership roles is a proven way to support self-confidence, communication skills and a sense of belonging. Year 6 pupils were asked if they would like to apply to be a prefect or to hold a position of responsibility at the start of the term and we were absolutely thrilled when so many applied for a post.

The written applications to be a prefect were so well written, with enormous levels of pride being shown in presentation and content. The answers to the questions asked clearly reflected the qualities and attributes that would be required in a position of responsibility. Children wrote how they needed to be responsible, to set the tone for others in their behaviour and of how kindness was important. They described how they would need to consider the feelings of others and support everyone to be successful. Reading their words made us extremely proud.

Some children opted to apply to be a House Captain, which is akin to a more traditional 'Head Pupil' position. This meant that Mrs Hancock and I interviewed them in small groups, asking them 4 questions to demonstrate their ability to describe and communicate how they would fulfil this role. Again, the children's responses were incredible. One was of particular note, when a pupil sought clarification of the question being asked in order to formulate a more focussed answer. Highly impressive!

We have celebrated all of our new prefects in assembly today and look forward to them spreading their positive influence across the school community.

We also have 30 children who have volunteered to support younger children during play time as 'Play Leaders'. They have now been trained and are promoting positive play every day. Thank you to all for choosing kindness and working together!

With warmest wishes as always,

Mr Vernon, Headteacher



No Nut Policy

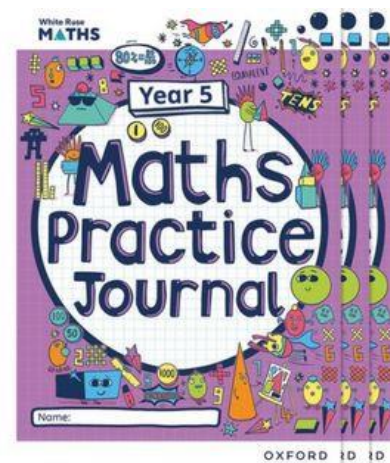
We continue to have multiple children at school with severe nut allergies which place them at significant risk were they to be exposed to a nut in school. Therefore, we continue to be a nut free school. We ask for everyone to be diligent in ensuring that lunches and snacks are free from nuts to allow all children to stay safe. This includes 'Nutella', pine nuts and any items with nuts as an ingredient.

Items From Home

No toys or soft toys should be brought into school by children unless this has been agreed with school staff, for example to support a pupil with SEND or who is experiencing anxiety. Children bringing toys to school can lead to arguments and disagreements, can distract pupils from learning and can get damaged in a busy school environment. Thank you for your support to keep all personal items at home.

Maths Homework Books

We are experimenting with new homework books in Years 2 and 5. These 'White Rose' books are more closely matched to how the children are taught maths and we hope will provide effective consolidation of learning for children at home. We will ask for feedback in relation to the books later in the year.



Christmas Card Competition

We know it is very early, but our local MP, Vikki Slade, has provided details about a Christmas card competition for the local area. The winning designs will feature on her official Christmas card!

Any colourful, Christmassy designs should be created on an individual plain A4 page (with no glitter, glue or cotton wool). Your child's full name, age and school should be recorded on the back of the design.

You can send the design straight to: Office of Vikki Slade MP, 2a Leigh Road, Wimborne, BH21 1AF. Alternatively, if you hand the design to the school office, we can send for you! Entries need to be in by Monday 20th October.

Clubs

The clubs for this half term have now been agreed and information circulated to parents / carers. We are still looking to expand the clubs we offer – if any member of the community would like to volunteer to run a club for the children please let us know. We know the children would be eager to participate!

Attendance

Our whole school attendance is currently over 96% - let's keep it this way! 😊

The class with the highest attendance this week was Honeybees – 100% cannot be beaten!

Congratulations to our newest children for showing everyone else how to do it!

