

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

ROUNDABOUT

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Congrat

To this month's Merit winners

Bailey Odhams Jamie Wyatt Scarlett Dillon-White Eva Hampson Chloe Flippance Austin Cullen George Kleinschmidt Shava Bellows Ellison Gibbens Isabelle Downes Maisie Dennes Emilia Clark Isobel Watts William Asquith Louise Thomas Amy Bullen Morgan Golden Bryony Rowat Larna Yates Benjy Lawrence Isobella Cooper Lily Russell Sophie Mills Michael Forkin Ben Luther Katie Townley Evie Goble Olivia Bevis Gemma Miller Darcie Pritchard

Ella Brown

Lily Mieszczyk Harry Frame Erin Gray Daniel Pritchard Scarlett Pritchard Lydia Hayward **Emily Ware** Lucy Haynes Jasper Murray **Bradley Percival** Emily Bacon Ben Jones Jasper Graham Isabel Bartlett **Darcy Cooper** Myah Denmark Henry Fealty Jack Browne Emily Bacon Erin Triggs Katie Townley Morgan Doole Tiegan Braid Joseph Tilbury Eowyn Wills Lucy Haynes Toby Wells Caitlin Verman Darci Allard Sophie Nurser Lucy Machin

the Headteacher Dear Parents

A word from

Welcome to the November/
December edition of The
Roundabout and as always it is
a very full edition. The School is
always busy at this time of year,
but it is also always lovely to see
the children so excited about
Christmas and all of our events.

Thank you to everyone who attended our school Christmas Fair at the end of November. It was great to see it so busy. It has to be said that a huge thank you is owed to Mrs Dominey, Miss Reid and the small army of parents and grandparents who worked so hard to make the fair happen and to make it such a success.

I hope I will be able to catch up with many more of you over the next week but if not I hope NOV/DEC 2015



that you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We will of course, look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Tuesday 5th January.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me regarding any aspect of your child's education or welfare.

Kind Regards

Simon France

Head Teacher

Brodie Scott Trixie McQuaid Ella Anderson **Toby Wells** Eva Henry Freya Bugden Luke Hare Tilly McEnnerney Joe Merritt Harvey Thomas Daisy Godfrey Ava Watts Abigail Jones George Cherrett Marley Croft Molly Gregg Tom Spencer Persephone Matthews

Grace Goodall Frank Godfrey Jamie Woods Ocean Tee **Edward Kinnersley** Paul Stevens Poppy Szydowski Jack Ryan Lucas Sibley Rhea Moors Fearn-maia White George Percy **Daniel Robinson** Dylan Russell Matthew Gallop Lucie Gough Katie Danvers Lily Hill William Goss

Zoe Triggs Isabel Bartlett George Abbotts Emily Pestana Bella Wiles Jensen Jones Bryony Rowat Libby White Larna Yates William Cottman Ethan Moors Elexa Haslam George Martin Juno Wood Ella Brown Olivia Hill Shaobo Zhang Taylor Winterbourne

Zoe Nurser

Luke Nicholas Amelie Vivian Amy Ray Oliver Pye Keely Gooderson Gypsie-Skye Bowman Jessica Selby Isabella D 'Arcy-Wykes Archie Brown Joshua Goble Khian Stone Joe Vujicic Molly Attridge Gabrielle Bartholomew Lizzie Tomlinson-Mynors Samuel Tomlinson-Mynors

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Community Links

On the 6th of November Mrs Murray and two of the Student Voice, Tom Gill and Isabella D'Arcy Wykes went to Upton Infant school to discuss our Community Links. When we got there we were welcomed with squash and biscuits before starting to talk about Community Links. We were surprised about how many community links we already have. We felt very proud to share these. We also got some other ideas from the pyramid schools, such as Urn and Learn which is where parents come to see how children learn and can have some coffee. Another Community Link was Been there, Seen it, Done it which is basically where we get given a card with a certain number of activities on it and then you have to go and do them, like play at Hamworthy Park. When you have done it you bring in evidence. One of our favourite ideas was the Grandparents Day which is where Grandparents come in and see what you are learning about. As Student Voice we would like to make these things happen for our school, so watch this space!



By Isabella D'Arcy Wykes (Year 5) and Tom Gill (Year 6) **Student Voice**

Christmas Concert We would like to congratulate the children on their amazing performance at our annual

Christmas concert. Its such a delight to watch the fruition of their efforts culminate to inspirational musical performances with all members of the instrumental family being played.

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We are very proud of all the children and how hard they worked to make this concert as enjoyable as it was.

It was also very heart-warming to hear the parents collaborate with the children and join in with Winter Wonderland. On behalf of the school, we would like to thank all of the staff, peripatetic teachers and you, the parents, for supporting and encouraging your children in their music.

We are so lucky at LMPS to offer such a wide variety of musical opportunities. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas from the music team...

Click on the icon to go to that class's dedicated web page



























Dear Parents Guardians.

Another term has come to an end, and what a busy term it has been. On the back of the Ofsted inspection in the summer the governing body is ensuring the school is not resting on its laurels, but rather continuing to challenge and encourage the children in all aspects of school life.

As always we have been looking at how we can continue to improve the educational environment, and after a long period of deterioration I am pleased to let you know the pond area is now scheduled for refurbishment. This will allow the school to continue using it as a valuable outdoor extension to the classroom, across a number of subjects as well as age groups within the school.

Another project we are looking into is the development of a music practice 'pod'. Since the transformation of the old school hall into 'The Studio' it has been on the wish list from the music department to install music practice pods. After some careful considerations, an area has now been identified for potential development and we are hoping to find a practical as well as affordable solution for one pod. Further minor improvements of both lighting and cloakrooms are on the way too.

The Christmas term always reminds me how lucky we are to have a school which values, and takes on. the opportunity for extracurricular activities. The amount of work required to organise a nativity, school Christmas concert, Year 6 play and trips to the pantomime all within a week of each other - is no small mountain to climb. It also makes me marvel at the talent we have within our school right across

the age groups; actors, singers, dancers, soloists, musicians, stage crew, lighting technicians - none of the events could take place without them all. Whilst both the nativity and Christmas concert were of high quality, I feel special mention this year must go to Year 6 and their performance of Scrooge. From the start to the very end the whole audience was captivated by the performers and the variety of talent on display. A well-choreographed and slick rendition of a known and loved play which I feel sure all present would happily have watched again given the chance. Very well done to all the pupils in Kestrel and Merlin classes, you should all

be proud of what you achieved. I would also like to send a big thank you to all the staff involved, none of this would be possible without your commitment and patience with pupils and parents alike. I am sure I am not the only parent forgetting important things, like ensuring my daughter had her ukulele in school on the day of the Christmas concert!

Wishing you all a joyful Christmas holiday,

Kris Knudsen

Chair of Governors

Dear Parents Guardians Staff Visitors,

It is with much sadness we again receive reports of inappropriate driving within the school car park. Safety within our grounds is something we take very seriously and I want to take this opportunity to remind you it is the responsibility of us all to ensure our children are safe at school. Drivers must adhere to the speed limit as well as parking only within marked bays. Children (and adults) must be reminded to use the pedestrianised areas and crossings only. Keeping vehicles and pedestrians within their respective space is the most appropriate way of ensuring the safety of us all.

School has previously had to close the front gates to prevent unauthorised parking/driving within the grounds, but this is difficult to sustain due to the high number of planned visitors throughout a normal school day. Nevertheless, can I please still remind us all of the sign on the front gate which has on it the times the car park is not open to parents or visitors. The gate being open is not a suggestion the car park is available, merely a sign it is open in expectation of planned journeys in/out of school. There is sufficient alternative parking available within the village that no parent should have to use the school car park without special permission. With our neighbours in mind we suggest the Recreation Ground is the most suitable alternative as it is also well within walking distance of the school.

In anticipation of your co-operation, many thanks.

Kris Knudsen Chair of Governors



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As always we have lots of events and activities planned over the next few weeks to keep children busy.

What's Happening for Children this Christmas?

Penguins are the main theme for our Christmas display board this year and children will be asked to help make or colour in a penguin for the display when they visit the library. There will also be a special 'Penguin Library Hunt Game' with a soft, fluffy toy penguin to take home and love as first prize.

Activities:

- Library Gets Lively at **Christmas** on Saturday 12th December at 10.30am. Christmas stories and crafting for families.
- Christmas Rhyme Time for under 5s is on Monday 14th December at 2.30pm. Join us to enjoy some Christmas songs and rhymes.

Christmas Crafting Afternoon on Tuesday 22nd December drop-in anytime between 2.30pm - 4.30pm to make some fun festive goodies. Suitable 3-12 years.

Christmas Competition:

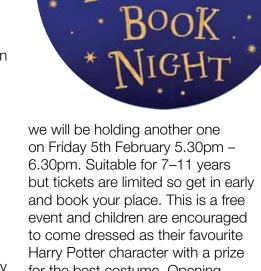
- This year we are inviting children to create fantastic Christmas cards.
- Under 5s colour a Christmas card.
- 5-8 years and 9-12 years design and decorate a Christmas card.
- Entry forms available now from the library.
- Entries must be received by Saturday 19th December.
- Winners announced on Tuesday 22nd December.
- Fantastic prize for each age group.

Harry Potter Book Night Party

A Night of Spells: Following the success of our first Harry Potter Night this is advance notice that for the best costume. Opening Hours: The library will close at 1pm on Thursday 24th December and re-open at 2pm on Tuesday 29th December.

A very Happy Christmas to everyone.

Babs, Clair and Susan Your Library Staff







World Science Day

Children from across every year group at Lytchett Matravers Primary School celebrated World Science Day in style.

Our super scientists of all ages were involved in a wide variety of different hands-on activities that ranged from creating their own lava-lamps to designing and constructing circuits. Every pupil was involved in practical science and children were able to test their own ideas and use their scientific knowledge to solve problems.

The atmosphere in school on the day was really positive, as the children had the opportunity

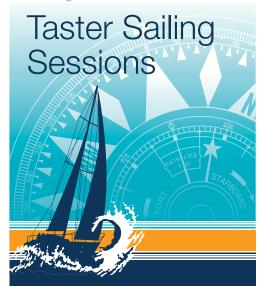
and test their existing knowledge in a practical way. Children in Year 4 were challenged to prevent the Demon Dentist's evil plan, to destroy their teeth using sugary drinks and acidic liquids. They cleverly planned an investigation to see which liquids would destroy teeth the most effectively. They used eggshells to replicate teeth and discovered how different liquids attack the the surface of the egg shell. The children learnt that it was really important to set up a "Fair Test" to ensure we could rely upon our results.

In Year 2, our "Super Scientists" and the Minions were busy investigating chemical reactions with vinegar, bicarbonate of soda and washing up liquid to create foaming monsters. What a bubbly mess! It certainly looked as if everyone had fun whilst using some incredible science skills.

Thanks to all the staff, who created a huge variety of interesting and exciting activities that meant that World Science Day didn't pass quietly in Lytchett Matravers Primary School.







On a couple of chilly October evenings, twenty two Year 5 and Year 6 children joined me at Poole Park Lake for two hours of sailing with Rockley Watersports.

Once again, I was so impressed at how quickly everyone grasped the basic skills of sailing and succeeded in sailing, with a friend, around a 'sausage course'. They all showed great teamwork - helping each other to rig the boats, super communication skills – letting their team mate know which way to go and a great sense of achievement – coming off the water with a big smile knowing they had pushed themselves and tried something new.

HUGE congratulations to the following children: Imani King, Amy Simpson, Freya Scott, Daniel Robson, George Perry, Bertie Daveney, Samuel Tomlinson-Mynors, Lucy Bagg, Ben Luther, Sami Richards, Issy Richards, Ella Anderson, Ben Crickmore, Ben Mason, Paul Stevens, Zach Potter, Oliver Clinch, Fearn-maia White, Sophie Nurser, Joe Vujicic, Persephone Matthews, Aleyah Ali.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for the 6 week Level 1 RYA course in the Spring! And for those of you who completed the Level 1 award last year, there will be a chance to sign up for the Level 2 RYA course, also in the Spring.

Mrs Cotterill
Outdoors Education Leader

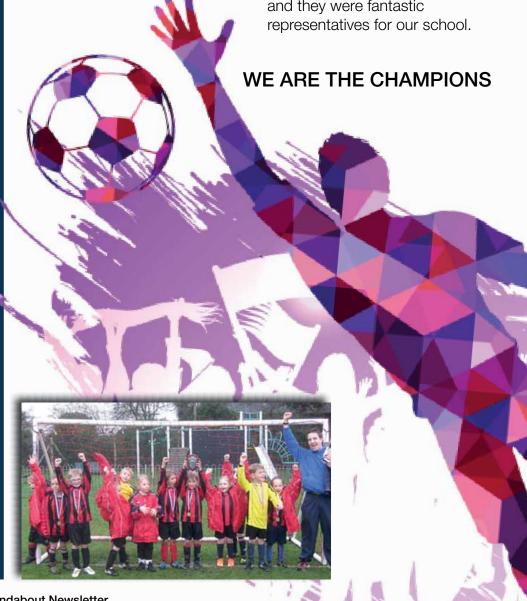
Lytchett Matravers Year 2s become Pyramid Cup Champions

At the beginning of November, our Year 2 teams played in a Cup Tournament against all the schools in our Pyramid (Upton Infants, Bere Regis and Sandford).

All the matches were well contested and amazing goals were scored. Our B team put up a valiant effort against tough opposition and came out with big smiles on their faces in awful weather conditions.

Our A team fought hard to win all of their games and won a tight final 1-0 against Upton A team winning the Pyramid Cup in the process. Both teams put in some brilliant performances and played as a team all the way through. All the children should be extremely proud of themselves.

The matches included some fantastic goal saving tackles and excellent saves from both teams' goal keepers. The children's behaviour was exemplary and they were fantastic representatives for our school.





Running the Bournemouth Marathon for

Gully's Place

My friend Mia asked me to do a mini marathon for Gully's Place and Poole Hospital children's ward with her because her mum works there. I said yes because I love running and I wanted to raise money for Gully's Place which is somewhere where really poorly children can go and be with their family and friends.

We set up our Just Giving pages and people started donating. I was

very excited and happy that I was raising money for Gully's Place. We raised £415!

On the morning of the race I woke up early because I felt very very excited! Before the race I got my number and Mia's mum had red Gully's Place balloons. Mia and I ran all the way holding hands. Lots of people were cheering and we felt very happy. Finally we had done it, we had run the race!

A few days later Mia's mummy said that the staff at Gullly's Place wanted us to visit so they could say thank you and we could see what Gully's Place was like. It was beautiful, it looked like the stars!

The staff were all very kind and they gave us Gully's buddy teddy bears.

I feel proud to have raised lots of money and glad that Mia asked me to do it!

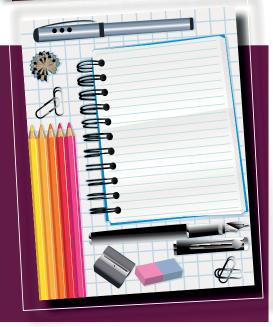
Tayo Partridge (Puffin)



£100 Allowance

Any child that is entitled to free school meals via pupil premium, (i.e. in receipt of free meals because you are in receipt of benefits), can now claim £100 per school year to use towards costs related to their child's education. This funding can be

used for items such as school uniform and educational school trips/experiences like swimming for example. In order for you to claim part or all of your £100 allowance, please speak to the school office, or contact Mr France or Mrs Dominey.





Bahhh Humbug

What an incredible show!

This year's performance of Scrooge has been a huge success. The children were fantastic. They learnt their lines in record time, sang solos, danced, had light technicians and they all performed to such a high standard.

Mrs Hancock and Mr Long are extremely proud of you all.

Well done to all the children in Year 6.













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Reception and Year One Nativity



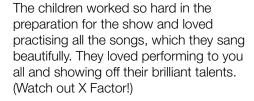


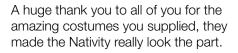












We are so proud of them, it is not an easy task to perform in front of so many people and yet they made it look easy - at only 4/5 years old!

If you would like to purchase a DVD of the' Nursery Rhyme Nativity' play, they are still on sale at £2 which can be ordered at the office.

Many thanks once again.

Merry Christmas from Reception and Year1





Able Writers' Day

On Wednesday 4th November 2015 four lucky Year 6 pupils went to an Able Writers' Day at Haymoor Primary School.

When Isobelle, Lucy, Hayden and Sam arrived a teacher showed them to the classroom that they were going to work in.

The author they went to work with was *Colin R Parsons*. He has written many books such as: Wizards Kingdom, The Curious World of Shelley Vendor, The Curious World of Katie Hinge and his latest book House of Darke.

To start the day they all sat on the floor to listen to Colin do an introduction to the day. He told them about his life and how he became an author. Colin explained that he liked to write sci-fi, fantasy and steampunk stories.

Next Colin told the children that the title of their story would be 'Death Trap' and the main characters were called James Cheerios and Sarah Cookie-Dough. Colin gave some other must haves; Death Trap had to be a computer game that the characters got trapped in and had to get out of. A roller coaster also had to be included in the story.

Colin gave the children lots of advice on writing and helped them get started. The children worked really hard writing their stories, some were brave enough to read their story aloud to the others and Colin gave them tips on how to improve it.

The children were lucky enough to get signed copies

of his book. After that they sat on the carpet and did a Q and A (Questions and Answer). Finally Colin did a quiz where he held up cards with book titles written backwards on and they had to guess the book and say whether it was a book, film or both.

"I found it really fun and I enjoyed writing my story!" Isobelle

"Colin is an amazing author and has inspired me to write" Lucy

"It is an inspiring, educational and exciting day with the privilege to meet the amazing author" Hayden

"Today was very fun and Colin taught me a lot on how to make me a better writer" Sam

Written by Isobelle, Sam, Lucy and Hayden (Year 6)





Year 6 Victorian Evening

Mr Long & Mrs Hancock would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and helpers who came and supported our Year 6 Victorian evening on Monday 30th November.

The children, as always were fantastic! They have worked extremely hard over the last few weeks to enable them to put on such a great evening. We have uploaded some of the photos taken throughout the evening on our school website class pages and would like to share them with you all.



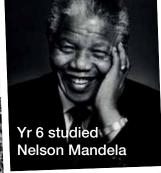


Black History Month

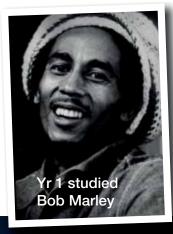
October was Black History Month. Every year group learnt about a black personality who has made a significant difference to our world, past and present. We wrote fact files, biographies and diary entries about their life and

their achievements. Some year groups also painted and drew portraits. After we had completed all our work, we had a celebration assembly, where we shared some of the work we had done for Black History Month.

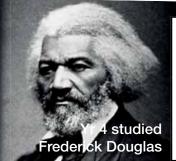














Year 5 **Star Gazing** Evening

Year 5 children, parents and staff all gathered on the evening of Tuesday 19th November to gaze at our fascinating solar system. The sky was not too clear but the moon and a few stars made a faint appearance. This didn't spoil our evening though, as we used a superb star gazing app called-Skyview!

Some children shared some of the great work they had done about Space. We heard: Neil Armstrong's diary entry after he landed on the moon; interesting constellation facts and we also explained the solar system planets to scale.

The children's fantastic moon phases projects created an exciting buzz as everyone was blown away by the amazing work done by parents and children.

The evening came to a warming end whilst a cup of hot chocolate was enjoyed by all!

Mars













Eco Learning

Dear Parents/carers,

I am writing to you to say that we are trying to make a green house out of 2 litre plastic bottles. We are trying to make the school healthier and a better place, not fust our school but also the world. With the new greenhouse we will be able to grow lots of fruits, regetables and plants. We would love to use it in our lessons and learn even more about how to become even more ECO and meet our freen thay status.

We need your help please to collect our 2 litre bottles!!

We would be extremely grateful if you could donate as many as you can so we can build our new Eco Freenhouse as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely Ellie Read CYear G Eco Team The children this term have been thinking of ways in which to incorporate Eco activities into their learning. They have thought of some fantastic ideas which we hope to roll out next year.

A particular favourite, is the use of our ECO Greenhouse (as soon as it is up!)

We have a Christmas plea please!

As Christmas is is the time for a lot of coke and lemonade, we were hoping that some of your empty 2 litre bottles could be kept for our ECO greenhouse please. Ellie Read from our Year 6 Eco team has written a letter to explain



why we would



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Dear all

An ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) is a member of staff who is trained to support children in the development of their emotional literacy.

What is emotional literacy?

- Understanding and coping with the feelings
- Developing high self-esteem and positive interactions
- Being emotionally literate helps children focus better on their learning.

Some areas the ELSA may work on:

- Recognising emotions
- Self-esteem
- Social skills
- Friendship skills
- Anger management
- Loss and bereavement

How do ELSA sessions work in our school?

- Sessions can be individual or in small groups and tailored to the child's individual needs.
- A regular slot identified during the school week to work with on ELSA. These are usually
- Sessions are fun and might include role-play, board games, art and craft and stories.
- The number of sessions provided are dependent Sessions include time to talk. upon the child's needs.

A pupil's progress will usually be reviewed on a half termly basis.





By informing the class teacher or ELSA if there are any issues that As a parent/carer, how can we help? maybe affecting your child.

Please feel welcome to contact our ELSA's if you have any questions.

Free School Meals

To make an application for Free School Meals (FSM). please ring 01305 251000.

You will be asked your name, date of birth, national insurance number and your child's name, date of birth and address.

If you have any problems, contact Mrs Marsh in the school office.

2015-16 INSED Dates

The following dates have been set for the 2015-16 Teacher Training days. School will be closed to children on these days.

Thank you.

Monday 4th January 2016 Monday 6th June 2016 Wednesday 20th July 2016 Thursday 1st September 2016 Friday 2nd September 2016





DIARY DATES

January

Month commences Friday 1st January

Tue 05 Jan 2016

Event: Spring Term Begins

Time: 09.00 to 15.30

Venue: LMPS

Mon 11 Jan 2016

Event: Year 3 Swimming,

Week 1 of 10

Time: 13.30 to 15.30

Venue: Broadstone Leisure Cen

Mon 11 Jan 2016

Event: Year 5/6 Football Club

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Time: 15.30

Venue: LMPS School Field

Tue 12 Jan 2016

Event: Tag Ruby Match vs Upton Junior's - Invite Only

Time: TBC

Venue: LMPS School Field

Tue 12 Jan 2016

Event: Year 5/6 Netball Club

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Begins for Spring Term

Time: 15.30

Venue: KS2 Playground

Wed 13 Jan 2016

Event: Full Governing Body

Meeting 3

Time: 17.30 to 20.00 Venue: Room 15

Fri 15 Jan 2016

Event: Year 6 E-Safety and **Cyber Bullying Education** by the Safe Schools and **Communities Team**

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Time: 14.30 to 15.30 Venue: School Hall

Mon 18 Jan 2016

Event: Year 3 Swimming,

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Week 2 of 10

Time: 13.30 to 15.30

Venue: Broadstone Leisure Cen

Tue 19 Jan 2016

Event: Netball Match vs Upton Junior's - Invite Only

Time: 14.30 - 15.30 Venue: Netball Court Fri 22 Jan 2016

Event: Year 5/6 Swimming

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Gala - Invite Only

Time: TBA

Venue: Canford Heath

Mon 25 Jan 2016

Event: Year 3 Swimming, Week

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Time: 13.30 to 15.30

Venue: Broadstone Leisure Cen

Mon 1 Feb 2016

Event: Year 3 Swimming, Week

Time: 13.30 to 15.30

Venue: Broadstone Leisure Cen

Mon 8 Feb 2016

Event: Year 4 Egyptian

Theatre Day

Time: All Day

Venue: School Hall

Mon 8 Feb 2016

Event: Year 3 Swimming, Week

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Time: 13.30 to 15.30

Venue: Broadstone Leisure Cen

Tue 8 Feb 2016

Event: Bournemouth Football

Club - Respect Workshop - Y6

Time: 13.30 to 15.30

Venue: LMPS

Tue 9 Feb 2016

Event: National Safer

Internet Day Time: All Day

Venue: LMPS

Tue 9 Feb 2016

Event: Year 3 Visit to

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Stonehenge

Time: All Day

Venue: Stonehenge



Wed 10 Feb 2016

Event: Parent Evening 1

Time: 16.00 to 19.00

Venue: LMPS

Thurs 11 Feb 2016

Event: Bournemouth Football Club - Respect Workshop - Y5

Time: 13.30 to 15.30

Venue: LMPS

Thurs 11 Feb 2016

Event: Parent Evening 2

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Time: 15.40 to 17.30

Venue: I MPS

Fri 12 Feb 2016

Event: Term Ends

Time: 15.30

Venue: LMPS

Mon 22 Feb 2016

Event: Spring Term

2nd Half Begins Time: 09.00

Venue: LMPS

Mon 22 Feb 2016

Event: Year 3

Swimming, Week 6 of 10

Time: 13.30 to 15.30

Venue: Broadstone Leisure Cen