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LYTCHETT MATRAVERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Roundabout

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A word from the Headteacher

Dear Parent

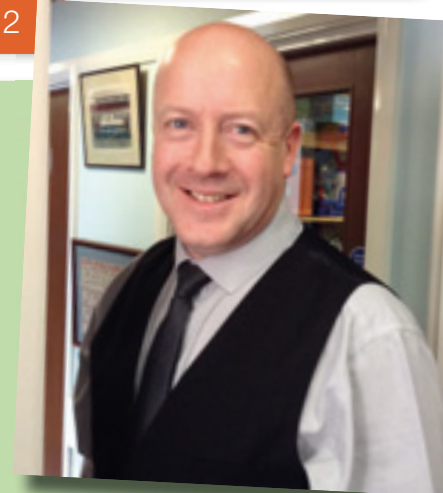
Welcome to another issue of Roundabout. As I write this the snow has all cleared away and we are returning to something that resembles normal. On that note please could I say a big thank you for all of the messages of support that we have received over the decision we had to take to close the school. It is never an easy thing to do as we are aware that it does cause problems for working parents. However we always have to consider the safety of the school community first and foremost and whilst our decision will have

been inconvenient for some of you, hopefully you will appreciate that this is better than having one of us involved in an accident.

We will, of course, notify you shortly of the new date for World Book Day.

The children are very excited this week as it is our 'Healthy Me' week and we have a large variety of fun and inspiring activities for the children to take part in. I am sure that you will be seeing photos on our website of many of the opportunities that the children have experienced soon.

Hopefully the wintery weather has now passed and we can look forward to the arrival of Spring. In the meantime please feel free to contact me if you



wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education or welfare.

Kind Regards

*Simon France***Head Teacher**

Congratulations!

To this month's Merit Award winners

Lily Russell
Lucas Easton
Riley Ward
Gemma Miller
Lexie Deller
Khian Stone
Ruby-Mae Trim
Chloe Weeks
Daisy Clarke
Jasmin Gregg
Naomi Percival
Alfie Jolliffe
Chloe Allison
Ashton Goodall
Katie Jenkins
Tilly McEnnerney
Oliver Ensby
Taylor Winterbourne
Sophie Venner
Luke Hare

Lily Ward
Molly Doig
Amie Dempster
Scarlett Dillon-White
Ella Davies
Isobel Young
Rueben Dunne
Leighton Bevan
Rowan White
Vincent McCourt
Jonathan Bernard
Lola Stark
Percy Dean
Autumn Hadland
Lily Chapman
Harry Crook
Sam Bown
Joe Bown
Oscar Hampshire
Lucy-Mai Gillingham

Robyn Scott
Bella Winterbourne
Harry Clothier
Florence Mousely
Ollie Coe
Tallulah Colvey
Freya Barry
Pippa Riches
Aleksandr Daveney
Fletcher Murray
Ellivia Winterbourne
Chloe Flippance
Olivia Hill
Sophie Venner
Jack Andrews
Archie Brown
Alfie Brown
George Cherrett
Harry Devlin
Oliver Pye
Milly Morton
Daisy Godfrey
Harvey Thomas
Amelia Sibley
Isobel Gillingham
Taylor Pye
Bailey Odhams
Hattie Marshall

Elivia Winterbourne
Jack Escott
Elijah Miller
Lauren Pettitt
Eva Hampson
Olivia Bevis
Lily D'Arcy-Wykes
Martha Graham
Amalie Warrell
Jack Johnson
Molly Griffiths
Gracie Robson
Dylan Dick
Sapphire Stanton
Ruby Hector
Maya Carswell
Juno Wood
Will Goss
Elliott Jeffrey
Benjy Wood
Freya Bugden
Dylan Waters
Shaya Bellows
Jazmin Betteridge
Freddie Maidment
Keely Gooderson
Gypsie-Skye Bowman
Marley Croft

Jensen Jones
Dakota Wills
Macey Girdler
Michaela Smith
Zoe Triggs
Luke Edwards
Nieve Tucker
Shaya Alozdi
Harry Ringsell
Daniel Young
George Cooper
Teagan-Maria White
Martha Vujicic
Ella Russell
Amber Hale
Siddy Cooper
Jacob Clark
Jessica Asquith
Amelie Neville
Kathleen Trim
Tom Davies
Max Hannon
Jaiden Cooper
Scarlett Tanner
Evie Bascombe-Crumpler
Samuel Pacheco-Jewers
Elizabeth Tomlinson-Mynors
Joshua Gordon-Nelson



kids the junction

student voice

Playground for *Child of Hope*

Recently, Student Voice has been involved in two important events for the school. First, the representatives met to discuss which charity the school should support for the summer fund raiser. It was decided that LMPS would support **Child of Hope**, the primary school located in the Ugandan slums. Every year, Bex and Moses, who run the charity, visit LMPS and share about the children who go to their school. The children live in poverty and often do not have enough money to pay for food and clothing - much less school fees. **Child of Hope** provide the children with an education, hot meals and uniform. **Student Voice** decided that LMPS could raise money to buy the children some fun playground equipment so they can enjoy their breaks. Watch this space for further information about our summer fund raiser and how we can all get involved! Secondly, **Student Voice** met with Mrs Gould to discuss **Healthy Me Week** which is running March 5th to 9th. Student Voice is considering ways to encourage healthy snacks during break time. The representatives will be writing a letter after they discuss ideas with their classes. It's fantastic that **Student Voice** is making sure that every child at LMPS is involved with making decisions about such important issues!

Music

This workshop provides an opportunity to not just practise their skills in an engaging manner, but also be able to showcase

Pyramid Music Afternoon.

Members of the school Orchestra have an exciting event coming up this term. On Tuesday March 20th, we have been invited to take part in a music workshop. The workshop is taking place at Lytchett Minster School, with other primary schools, allowing the pupils to further develop and perfect their music skills while interacting with their peers in a safe and friendly environment. The event will consist of separate rehearsals in wind and string groups, followed by a grand performance for the parents.

their talent to the variety of individuals within the local music community. The goal of the workshop is to have fun while playing music and to help inspire and motivate the children to go further in their young music careers. We are looking forward to an exciting afternoon. More information will follow very soon for the children invited to join the event. We look forward to sharing pictures of the day later in the year.

Ms Hemmings
Music Teacher



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



Top Row (left-right): Ladybird, Honeybee, Dragonfly, Butterfly, Skylark, Nightingale, Woodpecker, Kingfisher, Puffin.

Bottom Row (left-right): Swan, Osprey, Buzzard, Kestrel, Merlin.



GOVERNORS' CORNER

2018 marks the 30th anniversary of my appointment as Deputy Headteacher at Lytchett Matravers Primary School. After 25 years here as deputy, and on several occasions acting head, I retired in 2013. I was delighted when Dorset County Council appointed me as a governor later that year. This has enabled me to give something back to a school that gave me so much over two and a half decades. My current responsibilities, as a member of the Governors' Curriculum Committee, include E-Safety.

As Mr Burton and I have recently been reviewing our policies and curriculum for E-safety I thought it would be a good time to share a few thoughts about the place of computers in school.

When I did my teacher training, beginning in 1971, I took Maths as my main subject. In our department we actually had access to computer facilities. This was not, though, an actual computer. It was a terminal linked

to an external computer system. Bearing little resemblance to modern personal computers it looked like a large typewriter sitting on a desk, with a tape printer alongside it. Input was via the standard keyboard but programmes were entered, or recorded, on paper tape. When we wanted to keep a record of a programme we had written, we printed it off on the paper tape, rolled it up and took it with us.

It was not until the early 1980s that I first had an opportunity to use a computer in school. This was thanks to the introduction of the Acorn BBC computer (as much as 129Kb of memory and 20MB hard disk storage!). By the time I arrived at Lytchett Matravers they were beginning to filter their way into classrooms and we had a small number in school. Input was still by tape, but now it was magnetic tape, like that used for audio recording. Programmes came on cassettes, and a cassette player was linked via a lead to the computer. Companies, recognising the potential, began producing educational software. The best ones gave us opportunities to run simulations of historical events and other activities.

Fast forward through 8", 5¼" and 3½" disks and many, many computer developments and we reach today where we have an incredible number of pcs, laptops and tablets enhancing the learning of our children. There is no doubt that this modern technology is a fantastic resource that provides a wide range of learning opportunities for all children (and adults).

At the same time, this modern technology also brings a great deal of responsibility and potential dangers. Within school we have layers of protection that are not available in the home. We use these to ensure, as far as possible, that children are not exposed to undesirable materials or threats when working online. We also have in place documentation and curriculum plans that help children understand how to safely use modern technology and the

internet. This is under constant review and at the moment we are seeking to further improve our support for all children. In doing this we are using the combined expertise of staff, governors, police, the local authority and numerous national organisations.

One of our biggest challenges is to keep up to date with developments. New apps and websites are being introduced all the time. Whilst the vast majority of these are safe, many have the potential to be misused or exploited. It is essential, therefore, that we accept the advice and support available to us.

The same, I believe, is true for parents. It is very easy to assume that apps, including games, children use are safe. It is all too easy, though, for children to put themselves in danger. Every time a child goes online they are exposed to potential risks and threats. I would encourage all parents to make every effort to consider the following advice:

Talk to your children about their internet use.

Do not let your children have online access (via phone or computer) in a room on their own without being aware of what they are doing. Impress on your children that they should be wary of sharing personal information online.

Know what apps your child uses and find out exactly what these apps do. This includes online games. Try to keep up to date with changes to their apps (Snapchat has added Snapmap which means users can track your child's location 24/7)

Join us for our parent E-safety training sessions – coming up in the Summer Term. Use information available to parents, for example:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.webwise.ie/parents/advice-top-10-tips-for-parents/>

David Dorrell





Lytchett Matravers

LIBRARY news

SAVE THE DATE



Through activities and games the children will discover a little more about William Shakespeare and his works. There will also be a performance of a scene from a Shakespeare play as part of the visit.

Easter is already on the horizon so here are details of our two Easter activities for children and families and our Easter competition.

Easter Library Gets Lively:

Saturday 24th March at 10.30am families are invited to join us for stories and crafts all with an Easter theme. This is a FREE session and no need to book.

Easter Rhyme Time: Join us on Monday 26th March at 2.30pm for our usual mix of songs and rhymes plus the session will finish with an Easter egg hunt around the library. This FREE session is for under 5s only please and no need to book.

Find the Little Yellow Ducks: From Monday 12th March until Tuesday 27th March children can hunt for our special knitted little yellow ducks that will be hidden around the library. Everyone who finds them can enter into our special Easter competition to win a fantastic chocolate Easter egg. There will be prizes for 2 age groups

– under 5's and 5 – 11 years. All of the ducks were knitted by the ladies of our weekly Knit & Knatter group which is held every Thursday morning at 10am. They are always happy to give help and advice to anybody who wishes to learn to knit or to improve their knitting skills.

'Grow a Sunflower' is our activity session during the holidays on Monday 9th April 10.30am – 11.30am.

Join us to decorate a plant pot and label and plant a sunflower seed to take home and then watch it grow. This free session is suitable for children aged 4 – 11 years and please book places in advance.

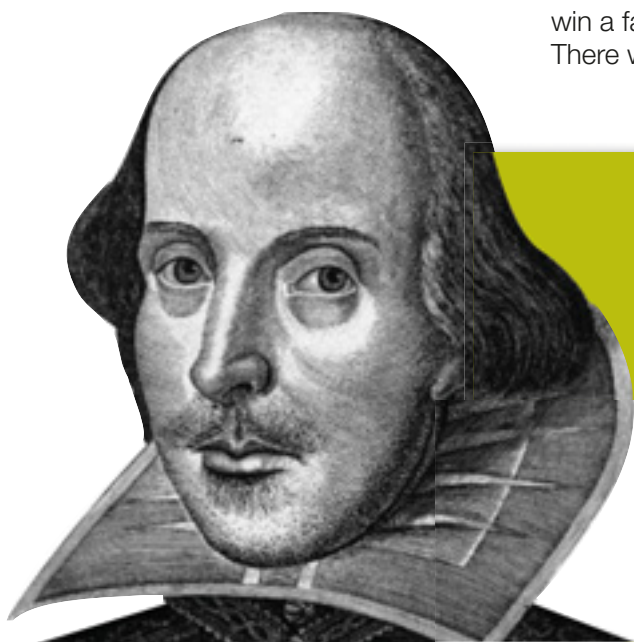
Back in February we held our **Arts Award Ceremony** for the children who had successfully completed the Arts Award **'Discover'** during the summer. The children produced folders of work on different aspects of art and all achieved the required standard. Well done to Molly Attridge, Joseph Cobb, William Cottman, Molly Doig, Jack Gray, Sophie Haynes, Alina Scott, Samuel Stratman and Imogen Thomas all pupils at the Lytchett Primary School. We will be running the scheme again this summer and more details will follow nearer the time.

Babs, Clair & Susan
Lytchett Library Staff

To celebrate **World Book Day** on the 1st March we have been visited by nearly all classes from the school and it was great to see the enthusiasm the children have for books and reading.

We hope the visits will encourage them to want to return and borrow stories to fire their imagination and information books to help with homework. We explained to the children that if they did not have a Library Card it is a very simple matter to call in and sign up for one and of course it is completely free to get a card and borrow the books.

Year 6 classes will be visiting us on Monday 12th March to mark **National Shakespeare Week**.



HAPPY EASTER





SCHOOL NEWS...



Kicking up Grades

Everyone at LMPS are very proud and excited to share a special achievement that pupils (current and old!) have made!

Callum Mayes (Nightingale), **Ella Briggs** (Nightingale) and **Zoe Triggs** (Kestrel) took part in their Kick Boxing grading on 17th February 2018.

This was the first grading that both Callum and Ella had taken part in, since joining Dorset Freestyle Martial Arts in October 2017. Both Callum and Ella passed their grading to achieve Yellow strip. Callum with a Pass and Ella with a Credit, Callum missed a credit by 0.5 of a mark, but he was more than pleased with passing. Zoe also passed her grading on the same date to achieve her Yellow Belt with



Green Strip, which is fantastic. What an amazing achievement from them all! They have really shown dedication and determination in this sport.

Well done to them all! A special mention to Jake and Erin too, past pupils at LMPS.



Samuel, acting his tail off.

Everyone at LMPS are all proud of Samuel Cottman, in Osprey Class, who recently joined the Lytchett Matravers Castle Players (a drama group) based in the village. Samuel loves acting and it is one of his favourite hobbies. It is very exciting as he was part of the 2018 pantomime Cinderella. Samuel had more than one role – he played the part of a villager, woodland animal and a footman. He attended lots of rehearsals at the weekends and practised his lines in his own time.

The pantomime started on Friday 26th January and finished Sunday 3rd February 2018 and was held in the Lytchett Matravers village hall. As well as Samuel, there were also some children in the panto who used to attend LMPS and now attend The Manor. The Pantomime was really funny and an amazing show.





SCHOOL NEWS...



New Banking Hours

After a lot of preparation, applications and interviews the LMPS School Bank is finally ready to open!

We will be opening at 8:30 am on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th March 2018, in The Studio. Mr Tsang from HSBC Bank and myself will be there to answer any queries.

The bank will be run by the children and for the first week the children will only be able to open an account but, not deposit any

money until the following week.

After the initial opening, the bank will open every Wednesday morning at 8:30am in the music studio. Needless to say the children are very excited about their new roles within the school bank and can't wait to get started! I would like to thank everyone who applied and look forward to seeing you open your first savings account next week!

Mrs Stokes
School Bank Lead

RSPB visit Year 3.

Last half term Year 3 had a fantastic visit from The RSPB, they came in to talk to us about animal habitats and discussed with the children where animals live and why.

As a year group we looked at a map of the school and the RSPB explained that we would be going on a walk to identify the various animal habitats we have at LMPS and then discussing how we could improve the school grounds, so even more animals can live within our site. The children then went outside and marked each habitat on their maps using stickers, before going back inside to discuss what they had found.

At LMPS we have a good variety of animal habitats, however we could improve these by introducing bat boxes and more bird feeders around the school. It was lovely to see the children so engaged and enjoying the beautiful school grounds that we are so fortunate to have.

Year 3 Team.





eco SCHOOLnews



Well yet again the Eco Team have been very busy planning and preparing our planting beds for the spring planting. They have also been amazing at recycling our litter to aid our compost heap in the allotment and establishing a litter picking rota which has seen a much tidier and cleaner school.

Our site manager **Mr Burton**, has also been very pleased to see a 50% reduction in our energy costs through savings from our solar panels and the children and teachers becoming more mindful of switching off electricity when not in use. **'Our Switch Off Fortnight'** campaign really made the whole school aware of how we can all do our part. Well done everyone! RSPB

Year 3 this month were the first year group to benefit from a very informative RSPB Outreach visit. Here is what they had to say about it -

'The RSPB came in to talk to us about animal habitats and discussed where animals lived and

why. We then looked at a map of the school and the lady explained that we would walk around the school to identify the various animal habitats we have so that we could then discuss how we could improve the school grounds for even more animals to live in. We then went outside to find them and marked each habitat on our maps using stickers before going back inside to discuss what we had found. We found that we had a good variety of animal habitats however, we could improve by introducing bat boxes and more bird feeders around the school, we will have to do that.'

The children loved this session and gained a lot of information about **'Giving Nature a Home'**.

Thank you RSPB

A HUGE Thank you!!

The Eco Team and I would like to say a very BIG thank you to Mr White who has brilliantly installed our Eco greenhouse and for donating all the materials and his time to make this happen. THANK YOU!



This has been a big project for the Eco Team and has taken some time to complete. We are so nearly there but still do need a few more bottles just to finish off the last side. Please, please keep bringing them in and we will then soon have a fantastic greenhouse to start off our new planting.

Thank you for your continuing support.

The Eco Team





SCHOOL NEWS...

Year 4 and other wildlife in Poole Harbour

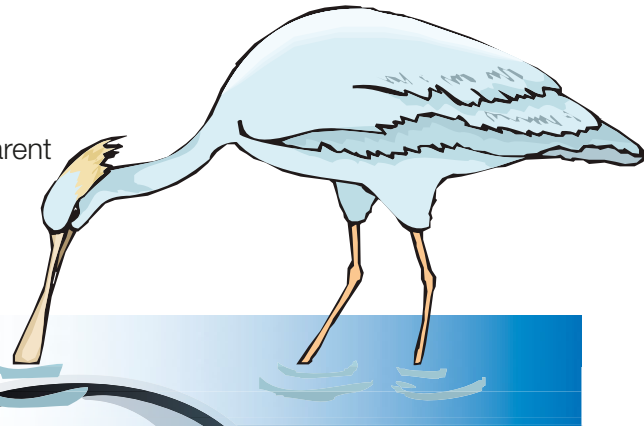
We had a lovely time on our boat trip around Poole Harbour!

On Monday 19th February, Marcus from the charity 'Birds of Poole Harbour' came to talk to us about the wildlife we might be able to see from the boat, and the huge range of bird species that live in the Harbour. The pupils had lots of great questions for him, and were very excited!

Then, on Tuesday morning, we set off in the glorious sunshine. When we got on the boat, the children were each given a pair of binoculars and we headed upstairs. As we passed the various islands, we saw cormorants, spoonbills, sika deer, black-tailed godwits and even a seal! It was very windy and cold but the children were enthusiastic and engaged throughout. They learned lots of interesting facts about Poole Harbour itself, as well as the animals that live there.

We are very grateful to the parent helpers and to the Birds of Poole Harbour Charity for making this wonderful trip possible!

Year 4



Am I cold?
I don't know.
I can't feel
anything!!



Egyptian Drama Day

Year 4 had a brilliant day with Ben from the Treehouse Theatre Company! The children's Egyptian outfits were incredible, and they really enjoyed 'The Egyptians: History's Greatest Mystery' – a play about an Egyptian-enthusiast getting lost in time and experiencing many important events from Ancient Egypt first hand. This meant that the children had great fun rehearsing and performing a play, but also learned lots about Ancient Egypt at the same time.

First, we had an assembly where Ben (who led the day) explained how the drama day would be organised. Then, some children completed Egyptian-themed activities in the classroom, whilst a group at a time were allocated their parts and rehearsed their act with Ben. In the afternoon, the whole of Year 4 then gathered in the hall to perform each act in turn, which created the final play. We were really impressed by the children's acting talents, and their willingness to throw themselves into their roles.

Well done Year 4 for a fantastic performance!

Miss Meacher



LMPS Swimming Gala Success

East Dorset Swimming Gala
On Wednesday 17th January, a team of 16 children from Years 5 and 6 went to Canford School to compete at the East Dorset swimming gala. The afternoon consisted of a mixture of individual events and relay races, with some events requiring multiple heats. Highlights included the Year 5 girls winning their heat of freestyle race, Jessica Huggins winning the 25 metre butterfly race and the Year 6 girls coming 2nd place in their mixed stroke relay.

The event was much more formal than the previous swimming gala festival that we attended, but the team rose to the challenge

brilliantly. They showed fantastic spirit by cheering each other on, and overall they demonstrated great sportsmanship.

Huge thanks are owed to the parents and family members who made our attendance at the event possible, and to Miss Winkworth and Kate Price for accompanying the team.

Good luck to Jessica Huggins, who will shortly be competing in the county final!

Miss Meacher
PE Leader



SPORTS news...

Hi 5 Netball festival at Allenbourne Middle School

On Thursday 1st February LMPS took 2 netball teams over to Allenbourne Middle school to participate in a Hi5 netball festival.

There were 16 teams taking part and it was a great opportunity for the children to learn how a tournament was run, to be introduced to matches in a tournament environment and to have fun playing netball.

Both our teams did extremely well and we had some great matches against other schools in East Dorset area. Not even the hail storm that arrived halfway through the event could dampen the children's high spirits. It was great to see the teamwork and camaraderie from our children during all the matches which emphasised our LMPS spirit.

The children have now done so well, they are taking part in Netball County Finals very soon! Keep your fingers crossed and watch this space!

Mr Noyce
PE Sports Coach



Whole School Golf

On Friday 26th January, we had Mike & Charlie from Sturminster Marshall Golf Club in school, they did a whole school assembly and then spent time with Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 – teaching the children golf during the day.

The children really enjoyed the day and it was great to see many trying out a new sport.

Mrs Foster
Acting Deputy Headteacher

As a school we have been working with Mike Dodd for over 20 years now, and many former pupils are doing well with golf to this day. Sturminster Marshall Golf Club have some fantastic opportunities available for your child to either try golf out at the club, or take golf up, the details of which we sent out via Parentmail. Please contact Mrs Foster if you would like more details.





SCHOOL NEWS...

WOULD YOU LIKE A REWARDING OPPORTUNITY WITHIN YOUR COMMUNITY

As you will know there is currently no Crossing Patrol person to help the children cross the road before and after school. The Dorset Road Safety Team has advertised for a crossing patrol but the position is still vacant.

If you are interested in this very worthwhile position please contact **Mr. Rob Camp** at Dorset County Council 01305 251000.



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, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Marsh in the school office.

£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.





DIARY DATES

March
2018

Month commences
Thursday 1st March



Monday 19 March 2018
Time: 13.15 - 15.30
Event: **Year 3 Swimming**
Venue: The Junction, Broadstone

Monday 19 March 2018
Time: 09.00 - 14.30
Event: **Netball County Finals**
Venue: David Lloyd Club

Tuesday 20 March 2018
Time: 12.30 - 16.30
Event: **Pyramid Music Event**
Venue: LMPS Invite Only

Wednesday 21 March 2018
Time: 08.30 - 09.00
Event: **School Bank**
Venue: The Studio, LMPS

Wednesday 21 March 2018
Time: 13.30 - 14.00
Event: **Author Visit to the whole school**
Venue: LMPS

Thursday 22 March 2018
Time: 11.45 - 14.30
Event: **Year 4 Football County Finals**
Venue: Ferndown

Friday 23 March 2018
Time: All day
Event: **Rescheduled World Book Day**
Venue: LMPS

Tuesday 27 March 2018
Time: 15.30 - 16.15
Event: **KS1 Easter Disco**
Venue: LMPS

Tuesday 27 March 2018
Time: 16.30 - 17.30
Event: **KS2 Easter Disco**
Venue: LMPS

Wednesday 28 March 2018
Time: 08.30 - 09.00
Event: **School Bank**
Venue: The Studio, LMPS

Friday 30 March 2018
Time: 15.30
Event: **2nd Half Spring Term Ends (Easter Holidays)**
Venue: Anywhere but LMPS

Monday 16 April 2018
Time: 09.00 - 15.30
Event: **Summer Term Begins**
Venue: LMPS

Wednesday 18 April 2018
Time: 08.30 - 09.00
Event: **School Bank**
Venue: The Studio, LMPS

Wednesday 25 April 2018
Time: 08.30 - 09.00
Event: **School Bank**
Venue: The Studio, LMPS

For all calendar dates and
information go to:
[http://www.lmps.dorset.org/
calendar.asp](http://www.lmps.dorset.org/calendar.asp)

**Don't
forget**

2018 INSED Dates

The following dates have
been set for the 2018-19
Teacher Training days. School
will be closed to children on
these days.

Thank you.

Mon 3rd September 2018
Tues 4th September 2018

