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LPPS Newsletter

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At Forest School this week, **Class 6** enjoyed creating magical wands, which were inspired by the book 'Room on the Broom'. The children thoroughly enjoyed searching through our Forest School area for the perfect stick to use and decorated their wand beautifully once we were back in the classroom using colourful string.

Class 2 had a great time practising some ball skills and catching this week in PE.

Lots of pictures from all of the above are on our school blog!

Finding the Christmas spirit....

Just to let you know, we are developing some ideas for virtual activities in class and across the school which will help us to gain some Christmas spirit in December. These will be announced soon, when they are further developed.

Friday Afternoon Consultation

Please use the link below to answer the parent consultation about whether to continue Friday PM closing after December. To be clear, the school has no predetermined plan, we will use all the input from you and all stakeholders to make the decision whether to continue early closing or not. The decision will be communicated by next Friday. The deadline date to complete the questionnaire is Tuesday 24th November, 10am. <https://forms.gle/5ukW8m3nbm4LpVV3A>

Covid update

Class 10 returned today in good spirits. Across the school, the numbers of those with apparent symptoms (themselves or in the household) continues to be slightly higher than the end of last term - all are at home until tests come back clear. Results from tests are still taking between 12 hours and 5 days to be returned. Drive-in continues to be the quickest way to get results back. We continue to rearrange staffing almost daily to accommodate those who have to isolate as a precaution (because someone in the household has symptoms). Staggered timings continue to control bottlenecks effectively but please ensure not to turn up too early for drop off as this creates crowding.

Another gentle reminder..... we are seeing an increase in parents coming to reception to drop off items such as; water bottles, wellies, spare clothes, revision guides, reading books etc. Please do not worry about dropping off items if you realise it has been forgotten as we can provide items in school if necessary. Children will be offered water (using a personal cup) if they have forgotten their water bottle. If you do need to come to reception, for example if you are late dropping off, we would like to remind parents to remember to wear a face mask. Our office staff (along with children and staff in their classrooms) are in protected bubbles and your assistance in this matter is much appreciated

COMING UP.....

Flu Vaccinations: 94.9% have registered for their child to have a flu vaccine on 3rd December. If you haven't yet registered, you must do this by **5pm Monday 30th November** to ensure your child receives their vaccination. The link closes on this date and late consents will not be accepted. Further details about this is on our website under the 'letters' tab. **ACTION IS REQUIRED** as this letter contains the link to the consent form and further information about the flu vaccine. Please ensure you do this as a matter of urgency. Failure to do so will mean your child/ren will not receive this immunisation in school.





Christmas Lunch: We are pleased to let you know our wonderful kitchen staff are planning to offer children a 'Christmas in a Bun' lunch option on Thursday 17th December. This will be a lovely alternative to what we normally do. It will consist of Turkey (*not halal*), sausage and stuffing in a roll / Quorn, vegetarian sausage and stuffing in a roll + cookie (see menu below).

If your child would like this festive meal **please pre-order no later than Thursday 3rd December through ParentPay.** This is to ensure our kitchen staff order enough food!



Do you want some great ideas for supporting autistic (or anxious) children at Christmas? Check out this [free](#) course from Lynn McCann of ReachoutASC for teachers and parents ... [Autism & Christmas >>](#)

NOTICES ...

Reminder: Admissions to school (Academic Year 21/22): If your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 you must apply for a school place for your child for entry in the academic year September 2021. You will be able to apply on-line from 3rd November 2020. Please visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions for further information. NB The deadline line date for online applications is 15th January 2021.

Please remember the following:-

- It is the responsibility of parents/carers to apply for a school place by the deadline of 15 January 2021
- If your child is attending nursery classes within a primary school, you must still apply for a place in the main school
- You can list three different schools in order of preference. We strongly advise you to use all three preferences
- We advise you to enter your catchment (or designated) school as one of your preferences
- Attending your catchment school does not entitle you to free home to school transport if it is not your closest school and / under 2 miles away
- If your application is late, you are far less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools.

Click on this link for easy access to OCC website <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place>

Message from BBC Radio Oxford: Due to the ongoing global pandemic we sadly cannot come out to schools in the county and record the children singing carols this year like we have done in previous years. We just wanted to let you know that it is our intention to play recordings from previous years throughout the month of December on BBC Radio Oxford so our audiences still get to hear the sound of children from schools across the whole of Oxfordshire singing in the lead up to Christmas. The pandemic has made massive changes to the way we currently work, so we apologise in advance if we are not able to let you know if and when a previous recording from your school will be played out, however we will do our best. *Radio Oxford*



Please remember that each Friday we finish early at:-

Reception 1pm	Years 5, 3, & 1 1.10pm	Year 6, 4 & 2 1.20pm
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Andrew Markham and the school team

PALS:

RAFFLE TICKETS: tickets have gone home with your child today. Prizes include a Christmas Hamper, Vouchers for Days Out and One4All Voucher. Raffle draw will be on Thursday 10th December at 3.20pm. You will be able to drop off raffle money in bins provided at KS2 & KS1 entrances to school at drop off and pick up times. Please ensure raffle stubs and money are in a sealed envelope.

All the children have produced some Christmas artwork which can be made into **Christmas cards** and other gifts. We get 20% commission on all the orders. To view your child's artwork visit www.mychildsart.co.uk/order username: LadyGrovePark password: L288Z7qZ

In absence of a school Christmas fayre PALS have set up a **virtual winter market** running through November to January. Please join our group on Facebook (Parents at Ladygrove School Virtual Winter Market) and look at what all the lovely stall holders have to sell. You may recognise some stalls and businesses from past school events and from our school community. If you have a craft business and you want to be part of this, please get in touch.

