

20<sup>th</sup> December 2018



### Message from the Headteacher

Thank you to everyone for making this term such a brilliant one. I am so proud of the achievements of not just our children and the staff, but also the wonderful FoLPS team who have all worked so hard to make sure that all of the events we have laid on so far this year have been a success. They have worked tirelessly, be it setting up stalls, managing discos, or cooking hundreds of sausages and bacon rashers for our hugely successful and ever popular 'Big Breakfasts'. There seems to be no ends to the talent and commitment of the FoLPS and I happen to know that they are always looking for more volunteers to come and help out. All of the events have been so well attended and the atmosphere has been magical. This is truly the most 'Christmassy' I have felt in my four Christmases as Headteacher at Lyneham Primary School. It just goes to show what can be achieved when we all work together to make sure our children get the best that we can provide. Thank you.

I hope that you enjoy quality time with your families, or at least that it isn't too stressful over the holidays. I know that Christmas can be a challenging time for many people, especially if you have an ungrateful brother-in-law around your house making snide comments about the way you like to cook your beef, but this year I will be looking at these situations as a way to demonstrate the Lyneham values. As I always tell the children, it's easy to be cooperative when you agree with someone, or show respect to people you like, but it becomes much more challenging to take responsibility for the mess that someone else leaves behind or be kind in the face of aggression and hostility. I've learnt much from working with your children and the dedicated team here at LPS in 2018 and I'm viewing Christmas as a time to put what I have learnt to the test to ensure that my family get the Christmas they deserve.

I would like to wish all of you, the entire Lyneham Primary School community, a very merry Christmas and a most happy new year and I look forward to welcoming you all back in 2019.

### Christmas Holiday

Please remember that school finishes at 12.30pm tomorrow (Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November) for the Christmas and New Year break. Children can wear non-uniform tomorrow.

Children will not have lunch in school on Friday.

School reopens for Term 3 at 8.45am on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019.



### Cheeky Pea School Lunch Order

The lunch menus and order forms for after Christmas have been circulated.

All meals must be ordered in advance.

Please take a look at the menus with your child as we have had a lot of children saying that they don't like what the parent has selected. Please return your completed order forms ASAP.



## Nativity & Christmas Songs

All the performances over the last week have certainly helped everyone at LPS get firmly into the Christmas mood. We started with the EYFS “Wriggly Nativity” last Thursday. On Friday morning, KS2 delivered a fantastic Carol Service at the Church and in the afternoon, we were entertained with some Christmas songs by Yr1. Monday afternoon saw Yr2’s turn with their Christmas songs and today all children will enjoy a wonderful pantomime performance of Cinderella.



## Forest School Area Development – Report by CSgt N. Evans



We were welcomed into the school to join the children and their families for a breakfast with Santa and friends which was a lovely atmosphere to start the day.

After all were fed and watered, we met the RIGG Construction Site Manager who donated one of his workers (Big Dave) to help with the heavy machinery and lift the 4 ton of logs throughout day which was an amazing help. After 7 runs back and forth to Lyneham camp that area was complete.

The main forest area was being dug up and organised by Mne Aaron Baker and 10 REME craftsmen and women, who carefully dug up plants, trees, cut back brambles, created a log storage area and put up the new tool shed.

After a short stop for lunch we all posed for some photographs to show the achievement with this community engagement project with the school Headteacher Mr Read and Deputy Headteacher Mrs Maslin and a number of school children. These pictures show the workforce and appreciation Lyneham Primary School have for 8 Training battalion REME and Royal Marine Detachment who allowed this project to go ahead and achieve so much in a day.

I would like to send a massive thank you to the GSU QM Maj Shaw, Wo2 Martin for allowing the storage of the logs (ready for next year's bonfire), RSM Kipling for supporting the project to go ahead, Ops Room S/Sgt Wattkins and Sgt Lockyer for pushing the man power request, Babcock for allowing their photographer Guy Buttler the time to take some brilliant pictures and all the men and women who helped and were very professional and faultless throughout the day and achieved so much.



### Free School Meals

The Government gives money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This money, known as the Pupil Premium Grant, is allocated for children who are entitled to income-related free school meals. If a child is registered for free school meals (FSM), they are entitled to a free lunch and milk every day if they wish. Moreover, the Pupil Premium funding helps the school to provide extra support for your child if they need it; subsidise school trips; help with uniform costs and support with extracurricular activities. Full details of how we use the funding are on our website.

Once a child is registered they are entitled to Pupil Premium funding for 6 years even if their FSM entitlement stops.

### Your child is eligible for FSM if you are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Job Seeker's Allowance (income-based)
- Employment and Support Allowance (income-related)
- Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - providing you are NOT entitled to Working Tax Credit and your family's annual income (as assessed by HMRC) is not more than £16,190 (as at 6 April 2012)
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment you may receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

It is very easy to apply via the Wiltshire Council website – simply search Wiltshire Council free school meals. If you need any help the office will be pleased to assist. Your child does not have to have school meals and other children will not know who is entitled to FSM.

**Please apply ASAP** if your child is eligible. Applications need to be made by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 please for the school to receive Pupil Premium Funding in 2019.



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It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more.

~Dr. Seuss (How the Grinch Stole Christmas!) [blog.LoneQuixote.com](http://blog.LoneQuixote.com)

### Diary Dates

When	What	Time	Notes
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last day of Term 2	Ends 12.30pm	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	TD Day	All day	School closed to pupils
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	First day of Term 3	8.45am	