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Happy New Year to you all and welcome to 2019! As a reminder, if you have downloaded our **mobile app** you will receive an alert whenever anything has been uploaded on to our website. The mobile app works well by pushing communications to you, similarly to how you would receive phone notifications (if you choose this option in the app). Details on how to download our app are on our website under the 'letters' tab, 'newsletters'.

We have now rolled out additional systems around 'The Ladygrove Standard' (school rules). As introduced to the children last term and this week in assembly, we are taking an exciting step with the rules this term. There is now a new set of **Life Skills Certificates which align with the school rules**. Children can be rewarded a certificate for displaying exemplary behaviour in each of the specific areas. These rewards will be celebrated in the *Monday Celebration Assembly*. There are 7 for the children to collect. However, the school rules also remain in place to address poor behaviour. Any child **persistently** demonstrating low level poor choices (such as talking over the teacher, running in the corridor, etc) will be issued with a Sanction Slip by the teacher. If the child continues to receive Sanction Slips the teacher will communicate this with the parent in order to work together to address the issues. As always, any serious breaches in behaviour are escalated to Senior Leaders immediately. Here is basic version of the Standard → and you might consider using the rules at home, to facilitate consistency with school. There is a more detailed version of the Standard on the website.

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| Ladygrove Standard |
| Be safe and help others |
| Show respect and tolerance |
| Listen and follow instructions |
| Be responsible for possessions |
| Show good manners |
| Be school ready |
| Have a Positive Mental Attitude |

Welcome to our new nursery children and parents who started this term. Nursery is more vibrant now with the larger group of children enjoying the resources.

Parent Helpers are warmly welcome in school and to ensure our school continues to be a safe environment for everyone I thought it timely for a few reminders.

- ALL visitors to school **must** sign in the visitors' book and will be asked to provide official identification at the time of their visit.
- All visitors are required to wear an identification lanyard and this must remain visible throughout your visit.
- Regular helpers/volunteers (e.g. once a week) will also require a DBS clearance certificate.
- If you are a working parent and would like an opportunity to come into school occasionally please email the school office (office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk) stating when you are available and we will get back to you as soon as we can.
- Please bear in mind that parents should not be in school unless they have agreement with the office or a specific purpose such as a prearranged meeting/event.

As always, I'd like to mention that these rules are put in place for general good practice, they are not in response to any incident.

Extra Pastoral Support that the school can offer **Learning Mentor:** Carol Saunders is our school's Learning Mentor.

What support does Carol offer? The support Carol can offer is individual to your family's needs and this can be through home visit, by telephone or by meeting Carol in school. Carol has great experience and knowledge and can provide ideas to make parenting less stressful. This joint approach will, hopefully, make home life less challenging and will enable your children to achieve more in school.

Who does Carol support? Anyone - whether it be a problem getting your child to sleep at night or you feel they aren't making friends in school or you would like to discuss a home or school issue.

Why is Ladygrove Park Primary School offering this support? We believe that parenting is amazing and rewarding but also very challenging at times and the opportunity to receive the right support at the right time can be invaluable. We would much rather nip a problem in the bud before it grows. We also believe that happy children do well at school and we want all our children to reach their potential.

When should I contact Carol?

- If you have home issues you feel are affecting your child in school.
- If there are issues in school affecting your child at home.
- If you would like some practical tips e.g. bedtime routines, or managing challenging behaviour in your child.
- If you are concerned about an aspect of your child's behaviour and/or learning and are not sure who to talk to.

How do I contact Carol? Carol can be contacted direct on mobile 07506 074 347 or email carol.saunders@lpps.org.uk where you can leave a message and she will get back to you as soon as possible. Carol will also be out on the playground most mornings and will be available from 2.45pm until the end of the school day, in the 'School Den' when you can meet with her in person.

Here are the 'start of term' reminders.

Safety:

- **Gates:** School **side gates** are locked at 9am and unlocked by 2.50pm. The gates will then be locked again at 3.20pm for the safety of children in ASC or clubs running after school. We also **close** the main reception gates, path gate (by the kitchen) and the car park gates during the day. **These gates are not locked** but we ask that you close the gates behind you when you leave.
- **Social Media:** Any inappropriate or disproportionate comments regarding the school or any of the pupils, parents or staff, on social media sites such as Facebook, are not in the best interests of the whole school community. Parents should be aware that even flippant comments can be vastly misinterpreted when in print and are often shared beyond your online friendship groups, sometimes negatively affecting others. Any concerns you may have should always be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the classteacher, headteacher or office staff, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.
- **Home Time** – Children in Foundation Stage and KS1 are always handed over to their parents by a member of staff at the end of the school day. Children in KS2, however, exit into the courtyard and are instructed to find their parents. They are told that if they cannot find their parent/childminder they are to come back into their classroom and tell their teacher. Please can you reiterate this to your child at home. If you happen to be late picking up, your child will be either with the teacher in class or sitting on the sofa in the main office.
- **Dropping Off and Picking Up:** Parents are respectfully asked to park with care and consideration at the beginning and end of the school day. These are busy and sometimes frustrating times as it gets very congested; please also give consideration to our very young children when you bring your child into school. Some of our children have mobility issues and may lose their balance if jostled. Thank you.
- **Safety Drills-** 'Lock down' practice takes place in addition to the usual fire drills. These practices are highly beneficial. Please expect a practice at any time during the year.
- **DISABLED PARKING BAYS:** We have parents and children in school for whom it is essential to use these spaces - please do not park in these bays unless you are eligible. Thank you.
- **Safeguarding:** You will know that we are committed to safeguarding and promoting welfare of the children at the school. If you have any safeguarding concerns myself, Elaine Li-Koo, Carly Clarkson, Carrie Barringer and Carol Saunders are the designated officers at school. Heather Jones and Anne Addison are the designated staff at Extended Schools (ASC).
- **Cycle safety** – please ensure your child wears a helmet at all times, evidence shows that these can save lives and previous local incidents have shown that injuries from falls while cycling around Ladygrove estate have been minimised by the use of helmets.
- **Online safety** – the potential dangers of social networking sites are often highlighted in the news. <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk> has sections for parents and children. We talk to children about online safety in assemblies and during computing lessons but you should follow this up at home. At home, the important aspect is ensuring children have the skills and understanding to deal with an issue if it arises, since it is becoming harder to monitor what they are doing on personal devices. More recently, this sort of activity has been linked to mental health issues, especially for adults. Please take care for yourself as well as being a role model for all our children.

Reminders:

- **Holidays/Absences:** Any absences during term time for a holiday will automatically be recorded as unauthorised absence in line with government legislation. If your child is not in school, whatever the reason, you must notify us by leaving a message on our answerphone before 9am each day. If you are hoping to take your child out of school for other circumstances, you must request this in writing beforehand. Please note that we monitor all absence below 95% and may need to send letters to parents of children whose absence falls below expectations depending on their circumstances.
- **Food Allergies:** We have children in school who have various complex food allergies and we have clearly marked tables in the hall at lunchtime to ensure their safety. Year 2 is also allergen free due to children having life threatening allergies to Nuts, Milk, Egg and Dairy and Mustard. Your understanding in this matter is appreciated.
- **Photographs:** We take photographs or videos of the children at our school mainly for educational but sometimes for promotional reasons. For example- promotional images may be used on our school website, in publications that we produce or on displays in school. Educational images may be used to allow teachers to reflect on their teaching. Occasionally our school may be visited by the media who will take photographs or film footage. Parents can take photographs at school events but strictly for their personal use, these cannot be made public unless you have gained permission from everyone in the image- sorry.
- **School Photographer:** Twice a year we commission a company called Tempest to take individual photographs and class photographs for parents to purchase.
- **Trips:** Payments for trips are required via ParentPay. A letter will be sent home detailing information about ParentPay for new children starting school. The letter will have an activation code on it for you to use.
- **PE Kits:** We have a sharp and smart look for PE and kit should be at school every day. We are **moving towards** having house colour T-shirts for PE kit, these are available to order from Trutex and are printed with the school logo. They are £4.50 each. For this academic year the options for PE shirts will be either a plain white t-shirt or a school house colour t-shirt with logo purchased from Trutex. From 2019-20 academic year house colour t-shirts will be PE kit. Non-logo coloured shirts need to be replaced with the house colour T Shirts when your child grows out of them. Therefore, children will be expected to have a plain white T-shirt (no logos) or house coloured t-shirt with logo, blue shorts, trainers for outdoors, warm top and jogging bottoms when it is cold. Kits should also be labelled.
- **Medicine:** Please remember it is a national school policy that staff DO NOT administer medicine to children during the school day. Whilst we appreciate the difficulty parents may face, I'm sure you understand that we have over 400 children in school and staff cannot be responsible for administering prescribed medicines to individual children at individual times unless there are special circumstances. Thank you.
- **Inhalers:** Children must have their 'named' and **'in-date' inhaler at school at all times** (this is a parental responsibility). If, over the holidays your child has been given an inhaler for the first time please speak to Sarah in the office as you will need to complete relevant paperwork.
- **Medical Conditions:** Whatever medical conditions your child has please ensure we have this information in writing. If your child requires antihistamine or an epipen please remember it is your responsibility to ensure medication is replaced when it expires.
- **Dogs:** Dogs are **NOT ALLOWED** on school premises. Please leave your dogs tied up outside by the school gates.
- **School Trips:** The government has confirmed that schools do not need to ask for parental consent for school trips during the school day. We won't, therefore, ask your permission for local trips (e.g. to the park or local library) but you will always be made aware in advance that they are taking place. Children are always accompanied by an appropriate number of school staff members and risk assessments undertaken.
- **ParentPay:** Please check your parentpay account to see if you have any outstanding monies due to be paid.

Breakfast and After School Clubs: We are able to provide childcare for children from 8am-6pm during term time only.

- Breakfast Club runs from 8am – 8.40am; children are provided with a breakfast whilst enjoying conversation with their friends. We have a varied menu that will meet the needs of even the most selective of children! Breakfast Club costs £4.60 per session and is open to all children.
 - After School Club runs from 3pm – 6pm. It ensures a smooth transition from school to child-care. The children are offered a snack on arrival and a light meal halfway through the session. It costs £10 per session and is open to all children in school.
 - Fees are reflected via ParentPay on a weekly basis. Payment must be made via ParentPay or childcare vouchers only. Please ensure you pay any outstanding money in a timely manner, no later than at the end of each calendar month. Any queries please see Heather in the office.
 - Parents are respectfully asked NOT to use the school car park or entrance to car park to drop off their child to Breakfast Club.
- If you need to book places in our **Breakfast Club** or **After School Club** please email Anne or Heather at extendedschools@lpps.org.uk or call 07926 002 189.

Please can bicycles belonging to **After School Club** child be left in the cycle racks outside the main reception area. Thank you.

School Uniform Shop: Our school uniform is available to purchase from Trutex in Didcot. They are based at Cockcroft (opposite Northbourne School). Book bags are also available at Trutex. We have a limited stock of PE bags (£4) available direct from the office (cash only please).

COMING UP...

Dates next week:

| Date | Activity | Time | Place | Notes |
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| Tues 15 th Jan | Fire Fighters & Engine visit Yr 1 Cycle Training FS Mystery Readers | morning afternoon 2.40pm | Year 1 Ladygrove Classes 2 & 3 | Selected Year 5 children |
| Weds 16 th Jan | School Eye Tests M&M Production of Robin Hood | All Day afternoon | Burrow Hall | Reception children only Yrs 1-6 children only (please pay via ParentPay) |
| Thurs 17 th Jan | CENSUS Day – Popcorn Menu Yr 5 Cake Crumbly | lunchtime 3.10pm | Hall Courtyard | Menu available to view in this newsletter Any cake donations are most welcome |

Cake Crumbly Dates for the rest of this academic year: For parents new to our school *Cake Crumbly* is a way year groups fund raise money by selling cakes. On the date your child's year group has their cake crumbly we ask parents to donate cakes to sell in the courtyard after school for 30p per cake

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| Thursday 10 th January | Year 6 | Thursday 17 th January | Year 5 |
| Thursday 24 th January | Year 4 | Thursday 31 st January | Year 3 |
| Thursday 7 th February | Year 2 | Wednesday 13 th February | Year 1 |
| Thursday 28 th February | Foundation Stage | Thursday 7 th March | Year 6 |
| Thursday 14 th March | Year 5 | Thursday 21 st March | Year 4 |
| Wednesday 27 th March | Year 3 | Thursday 18 th April | Year 2 |
| Thursday 25 th April | Year 1 | Thursday 2 nd May | Foundation Stage |
| Thursday 9 th May | Year 6 | Thursday 16 th May | Year 5 |
| Thursday 23 rd May | Year 3 (Yr 4 @ Hill End) | Thursday 6 th June | Year 4 |
| Thursday 13 th June | Year 2 | Thursday 20 th June | Year 1 |
| Thursday 27 th June | Foundation Stage | Thursday 4 th July | Year 6 |
| Thursday 11 th July | Year 5 | Thursday 18 th July | Year 4 |

For **Up and Coming Events** please check our website calendar regularly as events may change or added at the last minute.

Below is a snap shot of what is planned for this term:-

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| 15th January | 10.45am - Fire Engine and Fire Fighters visiting Year 1 pm - Cycle Training - Selected Year 5 children 2.40pm - FS Mystery Readers |
| 16th January | All Day - School Eye Tests for Reception children 1.45pm - M&M Production 'Robin Hood' to Years 1-6 - please pay for this via parentpay |
| 17 th January | CENSUS Day – Popcorn Menu on offer for this day – <i>more details are in this newsletter.</i> |
| w/b 21 st January | Arts Week |
| 21 st January | All Day – Year 1 Dress Up Day – 'Superheroes' |
| 22 nd January | pm – Cycle Training – Selected Year 5 children |
| 28 th January | Yr 5 & 6 Science Day 2.40pm – FS Mystery Readers |
| 29 th January | pm – Cycle Training – Selected Year 5 children 2pm-6pm – OPEN Dance Festival @ Cholsey 7pm – PALS Committee Meeting @ Ladygrove Park Primary School |
| 30 th January | 5pm-6pm – Mental Health Workshop |
| w/b 4 th February | Children's Mental Health Week |
| 5 th February | Safer Internet Day pm – Cycle Training – Selected Year 5 children |
| 12 th February | 1.30pm – Cycle Test – selected Year 5 children Parent Meetings - tbc |
| 13 th February | Year 4 International Day @ DGS Parent Meetings - tbc |
| 14 th February | 2.40pm – FS Mystery Readers Parent Meetings - tbc |
| 15 th February | Term 3 finishes at normal time |

Next Thursday (17th January) it is CENSUS Day. Funding for schools is calculated from a 'snap shot' on 17th January. Funding is also calculated for universal free school meals and the more children in FS, Year 1 and Year 2 to have a hot meal on this day the more funding we receive. As a result, a special '**Popcorn**' Menu is replacing the normal menu (see below). You do not need to pre-order.

Beef Burger or Veggie Burger in a Bag, served with chips, baked beans or sweetcorn. Vanilla Ice Cream or Toffee Popcorn Bites.

Next Wednesday (16th January) M&M Theatrical Productions are in school in the afternoon to perform *Robin Hood* to Year 1-6 children. Each year, without fail, this touring theatrical company visit our school to briefly bring back the atmosphere of Christmas. They are experts in family entertainment of classic stories. **We ask for a voluntary donation of £2.75 per child to cover the cost of this.** Please pay for this via ParentPay. *Thank you to the few who have paid for this – for those who haven't please can you do as soon as possible. Thank you*

We are holding our 3rd Mental Health and Well Being Workshop on Wednesday 30th January (5pm-6pm) and have been lucky enough to secure Sophia Cleverly, a Relax Kids coach. The **Relax Kids** programme uses movement, games, stretching, breathing, peer massage, positive affirmations and visualisations, to help develop your child's concentration, self-esteem and confidence, as well as improving their peer relationships and social skills, all whilst having lots of fun! During the workshop Sophia will demonstrate some of these techniques so that parents can use them at home to support their children. We are limiting places to 25 so that an informal atmosphere is upheld in which everyone feels comfortable saying what they want to say. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis as we anticipate this to be a popular workshop. If you would like to attend please email us at office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk you will then be notified whether you are successful in securing a place on the workshop.

NOTICES ...

Reminder: Admissions to school (Academic Year 19/20): If your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 you must apply for a school place for your child for entry in the academic year September 2018. You will be able to apply on-line from 25th October. Please visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions for further information. The deadline line date is next Tuesday, 15th January 2019.

Please remember the following:-

- It is the responsibility of parents/carers to apply for a school place by the deadline of 15 January 2019
- 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/cms/content/online-school-applications>

Last term saw the successful return of Maths Matters to Ladygrove Park School. The sessions were structured carefully (by experienced Ladygrove staff) to build on the children's confidence and deepen their understanding of maths operations, stretching those students who were already confident and supporting others. This term, we will continue to tailor the sessions to the needs of the children. Our focus for Term 3 will be Multiplication/Division (19 Jan), Shape (2 Feb) and Graphs and Charts (16 Feb). As always, there are two sessions: years 2,3 and 4 at 10 am and years 5 and 6 at 11:15 am. For more information, or to book your child onto the sessions, priced reasonably at £15 each, please email:

didcotmathsmatters@gmail.com New students are always welcome.

Clubs: Below is a list of clubs running in the spring terms. Clubs will start the week beginning 21st January. If your child cannot attend club please inform the relevant adult and REMEMBER to **wait outside the front door to school** to collect your child at finish time for the club leader to hand over your child.

| | Club | Timings | Year Group (max nos) | Staff / Volunteers | Location | Start Date |
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| WEDNESDAY | Boys Football | 3.15pm-4.15pm | Years 3 & 4 | Ashley Francis | Year 3 | 23 rd January |
| | Recorder | 3.15pm-4pm | existing members + new | Tracey Boden-Selvidge | Year 2 | 30 th January |
| | Relax Kids | 3.15pm-4pm | Yrs 1 & 2 (max 15) | Amber Parsons | Year 2 | 23 rd January |
| | Science | 3.15pm-4pm | Yrs 1 & 2 (max 10) | Zoe McLauchlan | Year 1 | 23 rd January |
| THURSDAY | Netball | 3.15pm-4.15pm | existing members | Alex Wilder | Year 6 | 23 rd January |
| | Choir | 3.15pm-4.15pm | existing members + new | Gemma Fowkes | Year 3 | 23 rd January |

To apply for a place in a club for your child, please either email the school office or send in a note giving permission no later by Tuesday 15th January. Existing members do not need to re-apply.

CLUBS MAY BE CANCELLED AT THE LAST MINUTE

PLEASE ALWAYS CHECK OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE TO SEE IF A CLUB HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

Andrew Markham and the School Team

Drama Workshops. Perform are offering our school a special £50 discount for any child who joins their classes during January 2019. They can come for a Free Trial Session first to see if they like it and if they sign up by 31st January using this discount code JANU31-01019, they're entitled to £50 off too.

To book a Free Trial Session, parents can call 020 7255 9120 or email enquiries@perform.org.uk and if they go to our website www.perform.org.uk they can find out the nearest classes to them.

"Want to try something new for 2019?

The Phoenix Taekwondo club is a regular at the LPPS Summer Fete and Get Active Week every year.

To kick off 2019 we are offering a fantastic opportunity for new ADULT BEGINNERS (age 15+, mums, dads, friends) to give Taekwondo a try!

We are offering FREE training until Easter -- Fitness, Confidence, Self-Defence in a friendly atmosphere -- try finding a gym to compete with that!"

Classes are on Friday evenings at All Saints School from 8:10-9:10pm.

See: www.phoenixtaekwondo.net for details

or message us at: www.facebook.com/PhoenixTKD/ or mail at: phoenix.taekwon@gmail.com