



# Newsletter

December 2020

## Message from the Head of School

As we come towards the end of 2020 I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of our amazing parents and carers for your support. Despite how busy the run up to the festive season is, so many of you have taken the time to send in messages of support; thank you.

What a busy half term it has been! Your children have been absolutely magnificent and we are so pleased with the progress they are making in their learning. We have looked at each and every child's learning profile and are busy planning their learning for the next term.

We are delighted with the fundraising work undertaken by our new PTA and are looking forward to continuing to work with them. Our long-term aim is to use the fundraising to revamp the outdoor play opportunities for your children but are looking at more immediate ways to enrich the children's school experience in the New Year.

Despite going into a second lockdown we were able to mark Armistice Day with a poignant act of collective remembrance. The experience of hearing the children's voices from within the school rising to join those of our four singers in the playground will stay with me for very many years to come.

Christmas at Lyndhurst is in full swing and your support of our Foodbank project has been amazing! The children have enjoyed their festive dinners and wearing Christmas jumpers last week. Although we have all been in our class bubbles this week we are still celebrating and also having lots of fun on party days. Although our Year 6 children are having to spend the end of term working from home, I hope that they have enjoyed the King's Theatre panto that we have shown via Google Classroom and the festive learning activities we have uploaded. We also hope that you have been able to enjoy our Christmas trees as they shine into the darkness of chilly evenings and our latest art installations on the school railings and by the pedestrian (small) gates. Whilst we are not able to be together as a whole school it feels particularly important to be able to create something collectively. We are all incredibly sad not to be able to have our carol performances this week but the increase in cases in our own community means reducing our contacts for everyone is so important.

Thank you, again, for your continued support of our school and Team Lyndhurst; it really is appreciated. I hope that you all have a wonderful festive season and are able to enjoy some family time.

With my warmest wishes to you and your family

Ali Beechurst  
Head of School



### Reporting a Positive COVID19 Test Result and Contact Trace

From 4pm on Friday 18th December until 5pm on Wednesday 23rd December

Please notify the council directly if your child test positive for coronavirus using the email [coronavirus.school@portsmouth.gov.uk](mailto:coronavirus.school@portsmouth.gov.uk) or by telephoning 023 92841717 rather than notifying the school.

In any cases where the child was in school during their potentially infectious period, PCC will contact the Head of School.

Should a child need to self-isolate as a result of a contact you will be contacted using the schools text messaging service. The text message will also inform you of the date that self-isolation will end.

We do hope that the measures we have put in place will mean that we do not need to contact anyone.

## Lyndhurst Curriculum Highlights



### Year 3

It's been another busy half term for Year 3!

We continued learning about The Stone Age and were able to apply this knowledge to our dance moves. We then tracked the progress of humans as they discovered bronze followed by iron, and were able to comment on the impact this had on daily life. The children have been able to accompany some well known tracks on the glockenspiel whilst learning about pitch. They have investigated magnets and some have even applied this knowledge to create a game which relied on magnetic force. Finally, the children were shown how to chop vegetables, using the 'bridge' and 'claw' methods, in order to create a delicious vegetable soup. Many thanks for all of your support over the Autumn Term.

- Mrs Longhurst

### Year 4

This half term, Year 4 have been busy learning about African culture and becoming storytellers. One highlight for me was how excited they were about being able to choose their own story to tell. We also had a lot of fun creating African houses with clay and straw. Another highlight was being able to take part in a whole school remembrance service, despite being separated. It was a really special moment.

- Miss Byrne

### Year 5

This half term, Year 5 have enjoyed our topic 'Ancient Greeks' focussing on Ancient Greek history And culture. In English, the children impressed us with their own versions of an Ancient Greek myth. We created pictures inspired by Vincent Van Gogh's 'Starry Night' and then designed our wood-Christmas decorations on the same theme. Many of the children were introduced to Yoga for the first time and benefitted from learning some mindfulness and relaxation techniques.

- Mrs Davis

### Year 6

Year 6 have settled back into school well and have really impressed us with their enthusiasm for learning. They have enjoyed studying the Victorians - writing diaries and newspaper articles, as workhouse children, to support their knowledge. They have also researched some of the animals that live in the Arctic and Antarctica and have located these areas on a world map. We have been very proud of them all as they valiantly participated in their first mocks SATS this term. Keep up the good work!

- Mrs Pycroft



A big thank you from the Friends of CPI&LJS PTA for all your contributions this term. In raising funds. From doing the Bags 2 Schools appeal, to donating to the Food Bank, which made such a huge difference to local families who are finding this festive period hard. Also not forgetting the wonderful Treat Bags made up and forwarded to ..... This will put a smile on so many faces.



# A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year!

## INFORMATION

It is imperative that you update the school with all changes to your contact information. We have an increasing amount of children who's Parent/Carers contact details have changed and after many requests we are yet to be notified. If you have recently changed phone numbers or moved address could you please notify the school as soon as possible on **02392 663645**



## DIARY DATES

18th December 2019 - 4th January 2020 -  
Christmas Break

25th December - Christmas Day

26th December - Boxing Day

31st December - New Years Eve

1st January - New Years Day

12th February 2021- Inset Day

15th February 2021—19th February 2021 Half  
Term

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### Remember!!

Please remember the school closes early on **Friday 18th December.**

**Year 3 & 4 1.30-1.35**

**Year 5 & 6 1.35-1.40**

### Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day

**You raised  
£356.40 raised  
so far!!**

### Be Bright Be Seen

Thank you for your donations for this event. The children looked great in their bright clothing as part of Child Accident Prevention week.

Together we have raised **£269.00**



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