



January 1

Attendance



Article 28: Every child has the right to an education.

SCHOOL BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 8.45am FOR YR AND 8.50am FOR KS1 & KS2. The learning starts at 9am so we need the children in class and settled for then.

The whole school attendance target is 96%.

YR: 97.7%

Y1: 98.6%

Y2: 95.9%

Y3: 96.7%

Y4: 96.4%

Y5: 91.0%

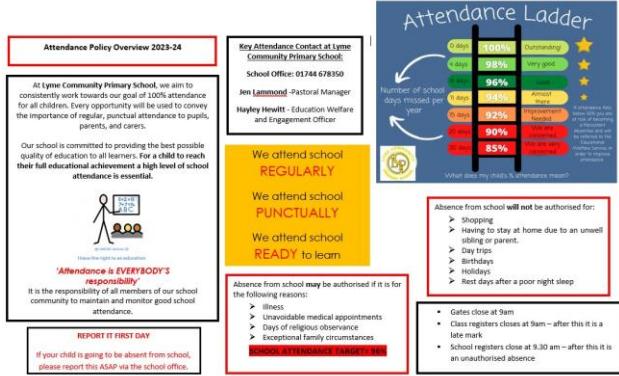
Y6: 98.6%

The overall whole school attendance is 96.3%. This is around National Average!!

Well done to YR, Y3, Y4 and Y6 who have achieved at least 96% (our target).



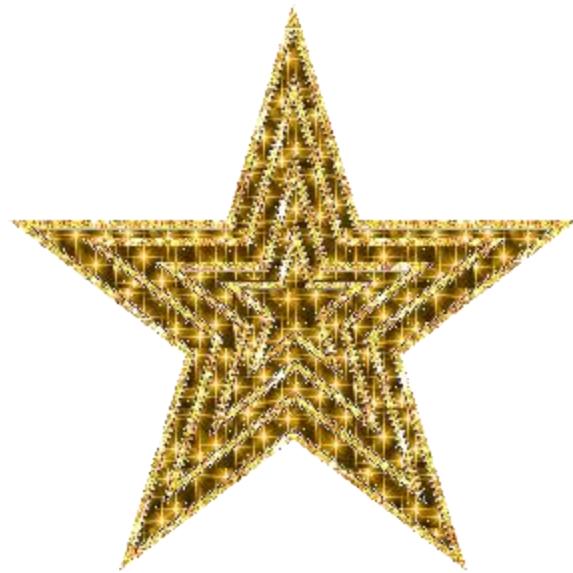
*Please read our Attendance Guide - the full updated Attendance Policy can be found on our website. Our aim is for every child to be in school every day - with a target of **at least 96% attendance**. Please note that holidays in term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances - we need to receive notification (by filling in the form on the website/from the School Office) two weeks prior to their absence.*



Spring Term Achievers



As this is the first week back after the holidays we will award certificates again on Monday.



Headteacher's Awards

Inspire
Challenge
Achieve
Nurture

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Updates from our Pupil Leadership groups



Sports Council

Thank you to our Sports Council who have helped to choose the After School Sports Clubs for this half term.

More updates to follow.

Picture News



As a gold Rights-Respecting School, our children discuss different issues each week using Picture News.

This week's Picture News was all about the following question: What is rubbish?

TAKE HOME

In the news this week

Are emojis an important part of communication?

10-year-old Teddy Carter from Dordogne has launched a petition calling for Apple to change the glasses emoji, also known as the nerd emoji, as he says it gives the wrong impression of what a nerd is like. Teddy decided to write a letter to Apple requesting the design be changed, asking his classmates and French teacher, Lisa Barre, to sign the petition and they did, and that it should become a petition and it was launched on petitiononline.co.uk.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

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Mutual Respect and Tolerance

We are all different. Learning about each other can help us understand and respect one another.

Emojis should represent our diverse world and be inclusive.

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Protected Characteristics

We should all feel like we can be represented through emojis no matter who we are, where we live or what we believe.



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No matter who we are, where we live, what language we speak, what our religion is, what we think, what we look like, if we are a boy or a girl, if we have a disability, if we are rich or poor, we should never be treated unfairly.



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PE Reminders



The children can come to school on their PE days in their PE kit: white t-shirt, red shorts, trainers. They can also wear their school jumper or cardigan when needed.

PE days

YN: Friday

YR: Tuesday

Y1: Monday and Wednesday

Y2: Monday and Wednesday

Y3: Wednesday and Thursday

Y4: Wednesday and Friday

Y5: Tuesday - they will also be going swimming on Monday this term

Y6: Tuesday and Thursday

We have had a number of child wearing their own clothes on PE days - please ensure they are wearing the correct clothing - thank you.

Sponsorship



A big thank you to Mrs. Vaughan for securing sponsorship from CBRE and IWS (International Workplace Solutions LTD) to enable us to purchase a new sports kit for our teams.



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Y5 Swimming

I CAN!
Inspire
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8th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,



Our Y5 children are starting their swimming lessons next Monday, 15th January 2024. They will be attending 8 sessions in total over the spring term.

When pupils are attending school swimming lessons correct swimwear must be worn at all times. Girls must wear a **one piece swimsuit** (no two piece at all) All those that can, must have their hair tied back.

Boys must wear swimming trunks or shorts at least 3 inches above the knee (no Bermudas or long shorts as these can become dangerous when the pockets become full of water). They will also need a towel.

Any child attending the pool without the correct kit will not be allowed to swim as agreed in our School service level agreement.



Please ensure that the swimming kit is brought into school in a suitable waterproof bag and check your child brings it home after swimming so it's ready for the next week.

Children may bring swimming **goggles** but these must be named and are the responsibility of the children. They cannot be bought at the baths.

Please note: No toiletries can be used – deodorants, talc, shampoo etc.

The latest advice is that the exclusion of children with **verrucas** from barefoot activities - such as swimming, physical education or dancing is not justified.

Even the use of devices, such as plastic socks, to protect the feet is discouraged. The use of a waterproof plaster is sufficient.

Swimming is a compulsory part of the National Curriculum. All children should be able to swim 25 metres by the end of KS2. The ability to swim is an important life skill and can be a life saver!

Therefore we do not stop children from taking part in swimming lessons because of a verruca.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Roberts".

Head Teacher

Music opportunities



Jewellery

Please can you make sure that your child does not come to school wearing earrings (if they are newly pierced, they can be covered up), bracelets or necklaces. Thank you!

Dates for the diary



Monday 15th January - Start of Y5 swimming session - see below

Thursday 18th January - Census Day - see message below about lunches

Monday 22nd January - Dental surveys (5- year-olds)

Tuesday 23rd January - Viking Day for Y4 (no cost)

Friday 9th February - End of the half term

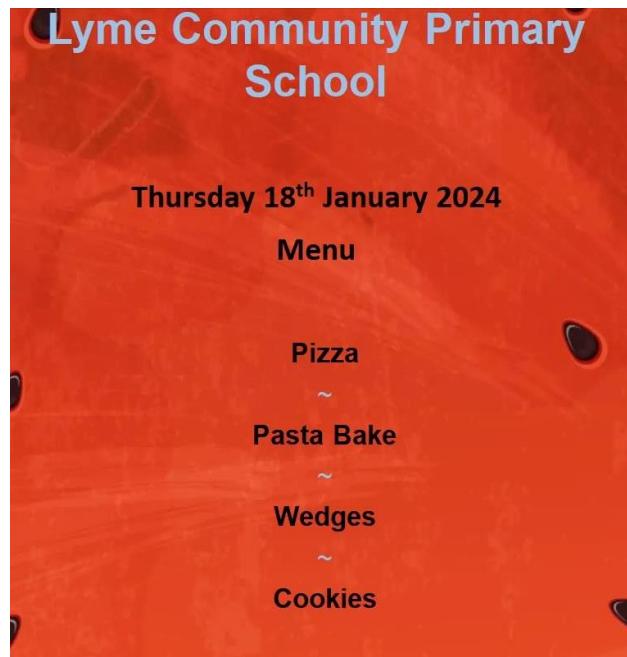
Monday 19th February - Start of Spring Term 2

Census Day

Next Thursday (18th January), our Cook is making the children's favourite meal from the menu; so we would like to encourage all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to try our school dinners on this day. They are all entitled to Universal Free School Dinners, so there is no charge. If your child is in KS2 and is entitled to free school meals but currently has packed lunches we would like to encourage them to try one too.

Lots of children enjoyed the Christmas Dinner and have now switched to hot school dinners.

Please see the menu below.



After school activities

*Mondays (3.20-4.20pm) - **Rugby** (Y5 and Y6)*

*Tuesdays (3.20-4.20 pm) - **Benchball** (YN and YR)*

*Wednesdays (3.20-4.20 pm) - **Basketball** (Y1 and Y2)*

*Thursdays (3.20-4.20 pm) - **Dodgeball** (Y3 and 4)*

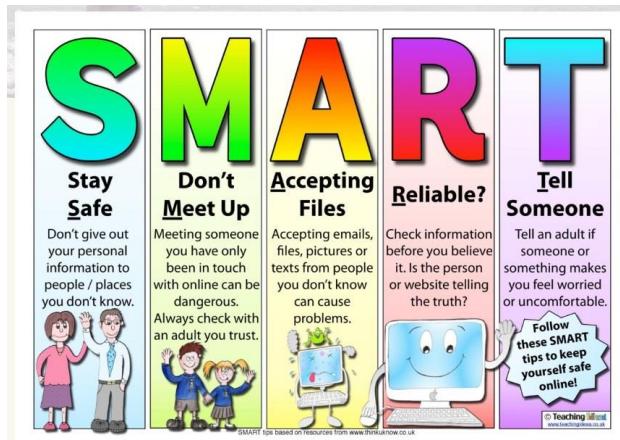
Magical Maths - Miss Burns (*by invitation - letters to be sent out after the holidays*)

Friday - (3.20-4.30 pm) - **Brass Band - Mrs Chadwick (KS2)**

Please pay for all clubs on School Money - £12.50 per half term.

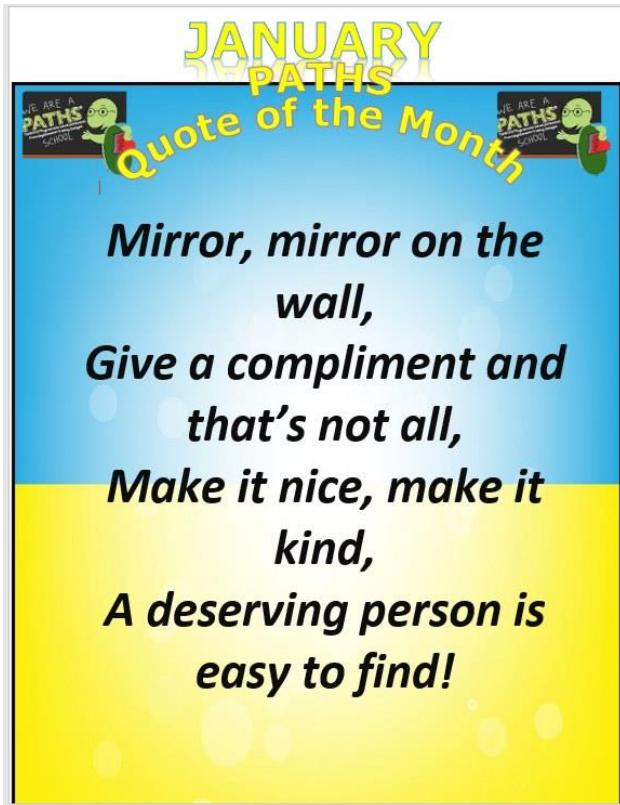
Online Safety

Please see <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/young-people/resources-for-3-11s> for support at home with online safety.



PATHS - quote of the month

Using PATHS (Promoting Alternate Thinking Strategies) across school is helping to teach our children about their feelings and how to manage them. Mrs. Reid is leading our school towards achieving model school status through the work the staff and children are doing together. This months the focus is on treating others fairly.



Twitter/ X



Lyme now has a Twitter/ X account! We will be posting photos about our school day on there so please follow us @SchoolLyme .

And finally...

It has been lovely to see everyone back in school after the holidays. Our value this half term is about positivity and encouragement. In our assemblies we have talked about different things we can do to help us to think on the positive side as well as mindfulness activities to support this.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Roberts
