

LUDLOW PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER



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School Uniform

A polite reminder that trousers, skirts and pinafores should be dark grey, not black. Please also note that leggings should not be worn as they are not part of our school uniform.

All children should wear black school shoes please, not trainers.

Full details of our uniform can be found on our website:
<https://ludlowprimaryschool.co.uk/parents/school-uniform>

Christmas Tree Decorations Appeal

If anyone is upgrading their Christmas Tree decorations, we would be very grateful if any old ones could be donated to our School.

Thank you!



Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 17th December will be Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day. Children are welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper with their school trousers or skirt.

Please see the menu below and book through Arbor. Please note that we will be on week 3 of the menu and Tuesday and Wednesday's choices will appear as normal. If your child wishes to have Christmas lunch, please book Fish Stars for Roast Turkey or Mac 'n' Cheese for Festive Quorn Fillet. On the Wednesday, Fish Stars (Arbor will state Roast Beef) and Mac 'n' Cheese (Arbor will state Quorn Balls) will be served for those children not attending the Pantomime.



Pantomime Lunches

If your child is attending the Pantomime, they have the choice of bringing a packed lunch from home or having a school packed lunch. Children have been sent home with a school packed lunch request slip this week.

If your child wishes to have a school packed lunch, please complete and return the slip to school by Wednesday 4th December, and make the booking through Arbor, as per the message on Dojo.

Alternatively, if you wish to send a packed lunch from home, please book this option through Arbor but there is no need to return the slip.

Thank you

PACC

A second parent/carer group meeting was held on the 26th November at the Sandpits Road site.

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend.

Feedback was shared with school following the meeting, and key areas will be addressed.

A closed Facebook group has been set up. If you would like to join, search PACC Ludlow Primary School <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3804080376525365>

Another meeting will be held in the spring term. We will let you know when this will be.

Top tips on how to keep your child healthy at school

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On the 28th August, the DfE blogsite published a blog: Top tips on how to keep your child healthy at school.

[Top tips on how to keep your child healthy at school – The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](http://www.blog.gov.uk/2014/08/28/top-tips-on-how-to-keep-your-child-healthy-at-school/)

• This outlines that parents should ensure that children are up-to-date with vaccinations such as measles.

It also covers basic hygiene:

- Wash their hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water.
- Use tissues for coughs and sneezes then throw them in the bin.
- Avoid touching their face, particularly their eyes, nose and mouth

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A message from our PCF Partners:

Thank-you for your support in sharing and promoting the Parent Survey. We had a great response with 329 returned in total, of which 191 were from Parent Carers who were supporting a child with SEND or suspected SEND.

A wide range of experiences were shared by parent carers but there are consistent themes across the 20 Shropshire schools. A significant number of responses regarded the benefit of improving communication between schools and families, frustration over difficulties accessing support, and delayed responses to concerns. Parent carers valued continuity and cohesion across the whole school. They felt that some teachers had a good level of SEND



knowledge while others had less understanding of how best to support individual children. They report that this leads to inconsistencies in approaches and provision which they say impacts the learning and progress of their children.

Parent carers shared their concerns over accessing specialist support as well as support from teaching staff. Funding at a school and county level was mentioned multiple times in relation to diagnosis and access to specialist advice, therapies or interventions.

Many parents reported a lack of knowledge of the support that their child receives while in school and many would value more regular updates on issues relating to their child's additional needs.

Parent carers would like there to be a better understanding of masking and the implications that this has on their child's education in school and life outside of school.

Parent carers greatly value where staff listen to them and take account of behaviours that happen at home in addition to those they have seen in school. Multiple parent carers report good relationships with schools when this has been the case.

Children's anxiety, and parental anxiety over a child's SEND while they are at school, were also raised as areas of concern. Where this was raised, it was also mentioned alongside communication and a lack of understanding of how their child is being supported in school.

In addition to issues that parents were worried about, there were also many comments praising individual members of staff, the schools and support that families had received. These included parents saying that they had 'chosen a school because classroom environments were particularly inclusive for neurodivergent children', they valued how 'approachable,' 'understanding' and 'supportive' staff were and that they 'felt listened to.'

We are now booking the second Parent Carer group meetings with schools, all of which will be completed by the end of November. These will take place during the hour after drop-off or the hour before pick-up and will be open to any parent carer with SEND attending the school. The meetings will be a chance to discuss the themes in the school's survey responses, to identify the top 3 issues that Parent Carers would like to discuss with the school leaders, and to talk about how everyone can keep in touch and up to date with SEND news. Each Parent Carer group has a closed Facebook group hosted by PACC. These will support ongoing discussions and enable information about the support and services available in Shropshire and wider community to be shared.

After meeting with each Parent Carer group, PACC will work with the school leaders to understand the feedback from families and to work together to respond to the key areas for improvement. While PACC will host a further Parent Carer group meeting in the New Year, ongoing communication and discussion between schools and their Parent Carer community will be encouraged. Thank-you once again for welcoming us into your schools, replying to e-mails quickly and supporting us in setting up the parent carer groups. We look forward to seeing you again soon.

Simone Goward
Parent Carer Liaison Lead
PACC

PINS update Autumn 2

Since September we have been participating in the 'Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools' (PINS) programme, which aims to improve support for children with additional needs.

In October, all staff received some training from Niki McGarvey, Outreach Specialist Advisor, titled: Practical strategies for creating inclusive and supportive environments for neurodiverse and ALL children.

This week we have conducted a language audit across school. This will help us to think about how we can further improve the way we use language to communicate, both written and orally, to ensure we are inclusive of all learning needs. Staff will receive further training on this in January.

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Celebration Time

Congratulations to the following children who were celebrated in Assembly on Friday 22nd November 2024. Well done all!

James Morris Dylan Matthews Sienna Bennett Reuben Bishop Rhys Laird
Lucas Brookes Amelie Hiles Keanu Bennett Imogen Burgoyne Noah Booth
Marcie Preece Maisie Siveter Archer Tidd



Ludlow Primary School's Nativity Concert

We would like to invite the parents and carers of Year 2 and 5; to attend a nativity concert performed by Year 2 and Year 5, in St Laurence's Church. The performance will be on Tuesday 10th December 2024. It will start at 1.30 pm and we aim to finish by 2.30 pm.

You may take your Year 2 or Year 5 children from one of the side chapels after the performance. All other year groups will be taken back to school. Please be patient with us at this time as we have to dismiss children safely.



Nut Allergy Awareness Policy

The school Nut Allergy Awareness Policy was recently shared on Dojo. Some children in school have nut allergies so it is important that all parents and carers read and take note of the policy.

Thank you.

Childcare through the DFE

The DFE have launched a new site for parents to check if you are eligible for free childcare:

<https://www.gov.uk/check-eligible-free-childcare-if-youre-working>

There is also a childcare account that parents must log into every three months to ensure they get free childcare if they are working or for Tax-Free Childcare:

<https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account>

Contacting Teachers and Senior Leaders

If any parent has a concern to raise with a teacher or senior leader, we respectfully ask this is done via the school office or admin email – admin@ludlowprimaryschool.co.uk and not Dojo or individual email addresses. This will enable your query to be dealt with more effectively and efficiently.

Thank you

This month's newsletter contains crucial article on new technology, Roblox and Positively online. Here are some snippets:

New Technology

With Christmas nearly here and with some children receiving new technology or related games, here is a quick reminder of the importance of setting up appropriate parental controls.

Roblox

You may have seen the recent investigation about Roblox by Hindenburg, which highlights very worrying concerns about the content that can be seen on Roblox, even when users have listed their age as under 13. You can read the full report here:

<https://hindenburesearch.com/roblox/>

Positively online

The NSPCC have published six tips to help you improve your family's online wellbeing. They also provide you with a guide on how to talk to your child about what they are doing online as well as a quiz that you can play together.

Please access the full newsletter here:

[online-safety-newsletter-december-2024_pdf_ludlow.pdf](#)

Parking

There have been reports of people parking on the zig zags outside school recently. Also, of cars being dangerously parked or blocking driveways on St. Julian's Road.

Please be considerate when dropping off and picking up your children, and only park where it is legal and safe to do so.

Thank you

Term Dates 2024 – 2025

Autumn Term ends: Friday 20th December 2024

2025

PD Day: Monday 6th January 2025

Spring Term starts: Tuesday 7th January 2025

Half Term: Monday 17th February 2025 – Friday 21st February 2025

Spring Term ends: Thursday 10th April 2025

PD Day: Friday 11th April 2025

Summer Term starts: Monday 28th April 2025

Bank Holiday: Monday 5th May 2025

Half Term: Monday 26th May 2025 – Friday 30th May 2025

Summer Term ends: Friday 18th July 2025

As you will be aware, we are not able to authorise holidays in term time due to government legislation introduced in 2013. Please note that other schools in the area may be different as schools have the flexibility to plan their own PD days. This information will also be on our website.

SEND Opportunities

Please see below some further opportunities for pupils with SEND.

Actio are excited to share their new video highlighting the All-In programme. Actio is a collaboration between Energize Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and PACC (Shropshire's Parent Carer Forum). Actio aims to improve activity opportunities for children and young people with SEND in Shropshire. Parent Carers and All-In members are encouraged to learn how Actio can support their child's wellbeing and explore new activities.

Watch the video to find out why and how you can become an All-In member. Or if you're already an All-In member, you may be surprised at how many other activities are available for your child to attend.

Please watch the new video on Actio's website here: <https://actioconsortium.wixsite.com/website/>

Dates for your Diary 2024-2025

Friday 6th December- Festive Fun Run at Clee View

Monday 9th December - Year 3 to Whitcliffe

Tuesday 10th December - Years 2&5 Carol Concert

Tuesday 10th December - Year 1 Christmas Performance 5.30pm

Wednesday 11th December - Year 1 Christmas Performance 2pm

Wednesday 11th December - Reception classes Christmas Performance 5.30pm

Thursday 12th December - Reception classes Christmas Performance 2pm

Tuesday 17th December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 18th December - Pantomime for Reception Robins and Ash Classes

Thursday 19th December - Pantomime for Reception Wrens and Oak Classes

Tuesday 1st July- Yr 6 Induction Day Ludlow CE School

Tuesday 8th or Wednesday 9th July- Yr 5 Taster Day Ludlow CE School