



NEWSLETTER



CHULMLEIGH
ACADEMY TRUST



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	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
11-15 Dec	3:30pm FLS Cake Sale		Robins trip to Dear Santa at Northcott Theatre, Exeter LAST DAY TO ORDER CHRISTMAS MEAL	2:30pm Key Stage 2 Christingle Service to parents/carers at Lapford Congregational Church	Christmas Lunch Over 60s lunch at Victory Hall
1-5 Jan	NEW YEARS DAY	NON PUPIL DAY	CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL		

Dates for your Diary - please see page 4 for a full list of our Christmas Events

11 December	3:30pm FLS Cake Sale
13 December	Robins Dear Santa trip to Northcott Theatre, Exeter
14 December	2:30pm Years 3-6 Christingle Service to parents/carers at Lapford Congregational Church
15 December	LAST DAY OF TERM
	Christmas Lunch here and Over 60s lunch at Victory Hall
3 January	CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL
9 February	LAST DAY OF TERM
	Skylarks Great Fire of London Day
10-18 February	HALF TERM
19 February	CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL
1 March	Year 6 Secondary School Allocation Day
6 March	Skylarks trip to Exmoor Zoo
28 March	LAST DAY OF TERM
29 March-14 April	EASTER HOLIDAYS

Dear Parents/ Carers

This is the last newsletter of 2023 and what a superb week we've had. Monday saw our KS2 children travel to the Waie Inn for their final swimming lesson. They have really enjoyed their weekly lessons and have all gained in both confidence and ability so we are extremely grateful to Wendy, our swimming teacher. It was fantastic to see so many children return to school with badges and certificates to celebrate their success.



Wednesday was all about Nativities as we were treated to not one, but two different performances. Our EYFS performance of Nursery Rhyme Nativity during the afternoon was just magical. The children (some as young as 2) retold the Christmas story through well known nursery rhymes. They spoke their lines clearly and performed with confidence in front of a packed audience.



Later in the evening it was the turn of Skylarks, who dazzled us with their performance of Christmas Counts. Once again, the children sang their hearts out and performed so confidently with total enthusiasm.

I am so proud of all the children and incredibly thankful to our wonderful staff who worked tirelessly: rehearsing, making props, sorting costumes and ensuring that everybody is in the right place at the right time – not an easy task!



On Thursday, Kingfishers were fortunate to have a visit from Mary-Ellen Whalley, a planning officer for Torridge District Council. In their Geography unit on settlements, Kingfishers have been learning about how settlements have changed over time and have begun planning and designing their own new village or town. Mary-Ellen was able to talk to the children about their ideas as well as explain more about her job and set them a challenge of designing their own dream home. Huge thanks to Mary-Ellen – this type of visit really helps to make the learning relevant for the children.

Wednesday and Thursday also saw many of our Herons take part in a Bikeability course. This involved two intense days of cycle training, teaching the children how to ride safely on the local roads. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't very kind to us and on day two the children ended up slightly damp and windswept! Despite the difficult conditions, all the children completed the course successfully and the trainers complemented the children on how well they listened and followed instructions. Well done Herons.

The week was rounded off with a brilliantly well attended School Disco. Huge thanks to FLS who organised and supervised the event.

We have another busy week to end the term with a cake sale, theatre trip for Robins, KS2 Christmas service and our Christmas lunch all lined up. Please remember, children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers again on the last day of term, when they will be enjoying their Christmas lunch and serenading the Over 60s at their annual Christmas lunch too.

I wish you all a fantastic Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs Wright



Christmas Carols on the Green

Led by

The Hatherleigh Town Band

Supported by

Lapford Handbell ringers

14th December 2023

Lower Town Place (Victory Hall if wet)

From 7.00 pm



Refreshments available

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Lapford Community Church



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CALLING ALL YEAR 6 AND YEAR 7 GIRLS NEW PLAYERS NEEDED!

UNDER 12 GIRLS RUGBY AT CREDITON RFC



Do you want to have fun?

Do you want to keep fit?

Do you want to be part of a team?

Do you want to make new friends?

Join us on **THURSDAY NIGHTS** for Training and **SUNDAY AFTERNOONS** for Matches!

For more information, contact:

Chris Jackson on 07854 784881 or jackson.2008@hotmail.co.uk

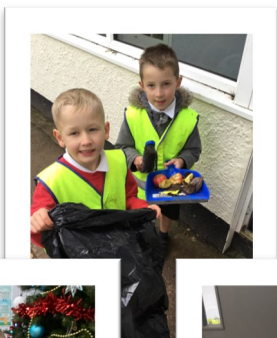
TEAMWORK ~ RESPECT ~ ENJOYMENT ~ DISCIPLINE ~ SPORTSMANSHIP



Opal Gold Award



Congratulations to Charlie and George for winning our OPAL Gold Award this week for choosing to keep our playground tidy. What a great example you have shown us all!



CHOOSE AND CUT CHRISTMAS TREES

CHULMLEIGH HILL CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

OPEN FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS



Fri 24th, Sat 25th & Sun 26th Nov

Fri 1st, Sat 2nd & Sun 3rd Dec

Fri 8th, Sat 9th & Sun 10th Dec

Fri 15th, Sat 16th, Sun 17th Dec

9.30am - 3.30pm

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Christmas Services and Events run by the Three Churches of Lapford

SERVICES FOR FAMILIES

Carols by Candlelight
Sunday 17th December
6 p.m. @ Lapford Congs

Christmas Eve Crib Service
at 4 p.m. @ the Parish Church

Christmas Day at 10.30 a.m.
@ the Parish Church & @
Lapford Community Church

Events

1st & 2nd Dec
Christmas Fayres
@ The Ark

Host of Angels workshop
@ Lapford Congs 10-12.00
2nd December

Christmas Fayre
@ the Parish Church 10-12.00
9th December



Lapford Community Primary School Festive Events

Wednesday 13th December

Robins class Dear Santa trip to Northcott Theatre

Thursday 14th December

2:30pm Years 3-6 Christingle Service at Lapford Congregational Church

Parents/carers are warmly invited to attend

Friday 16th December

Christmas Lunch: please order your child's meal through MyEd under the dedicated listing for the day.

WEDNESDAY DEADLINE TO ORDER ONLINE

Children can wear Christmas jumpers on the last day of term





SEND Newsletter

Autumn 2023

Welcome to our first SEND newsletter of the academic year. As Lapford Community Primary School's Special Educational Needs & Disability Lead, I am here to offer support and advice regarding additional needs and SEND support for your child. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself for support and/or advice around your child's development. You can contact us via email or make an appointment by phoning the school office.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Miss Rebecca Tooms



The Local Offer:

Devon's SEND strategy for 2012-2024 has been produced in collaboration with families and set out how we will improve outcomes for children and young people with SEND in their families.

A local offer gives children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families information to help them find the right help and support in their area.

It has two main purposes:

- To provide clear, comprehensive and accessible information about the support and opportunities that are available
- To make provision more responsive to local needs

The Local Offer bring together information about education, health and care services, voluntary agencies, leisure activities and support groups in once place. It includes:

- **Education**—support in early years, schools and college, including transport
- **Health**—specialist clinics, support and advice for children and young people with medical needs
- **Social care**—support for personal care and practical assistance, short breaks and personal budgets
- **Transitions**—moving between phases of education and preparing for adulthood
- **Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)** - the statutory EHCP process explained, including applying for a plan, transfers and reviews
- **Information, advice and support**—where to get impartial and confidential information, advice and support.

The Local Offer allows children and young people with SEND , their families and service providers to get involved in reviewing and developing services and support in order to make the offer more responsive to local needs and aspirations.

To find out more, search for 'Devon Local Offer' online.

Our Graduated Approach to SEND

Here at Lapford Community Primary School, some children will take part in a variety of interventions to help meet their individual needs. For certain children, this will be a short catch up intervention or additional emotional support, whereas for others a more intensive program of support might be needed. Wherever possible, our interventions take place at certain times during the week, so that children do not miss out on the curriculum. They are also delivered in a fun, supportive and positive way by either teaching or support staff. We always welcome your feedback regarding SEND provision so please share your views with us.

Any interventions that take place are tracked in childrens' class exercise books or in a separate intervention book, depending on the content. Where progress is seen, the interventions will be either adapted or stopped. Where progress is not seen over time, the child may need to be placed on our SEN register and require an Individual Education Plan (IEP) . Before this happens, a meeting will be held with parents/carers, class teachers and our SEN Lead to discuss their child's progress, and a space will be created whereby concerns can be shared, support plans discussed and targets agreed upon. In some instances, we may ask outside agencies to become involved to help support a child's needs or complete further assessments. Where a child has a significant and /or complex needs, an Educational, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) may be required.

If you would like more information, please get in touch or see our SEND Policy and SEND Report which can be found on our website.

SEND Parents Forum

At Lapford Community Primary School, we want parents/carers of children with SEND to feel involved, valued and listened to. With this in mind, we would like to start a Parent/Carer Forum where all those with children with SEND are invited to come together and share their experiences, concerns, and any feedback around their child. This will take place once a half term from 3:00-3:30pm at school.

The dates for this academic year are:

- 25th January 2024
- 21st March 2024
- 23rd May 2024
- 11th July 2024

Staff Training

During the last academic year and for the new school year, we have had lots of SEND training booked into our calendar for both teaching and support staff.

This training has focused on:

- Speech & Language Needs
- Developmental Language Disorder (DLD)
- Using Makaton
- Delivering Precision Teaching Interventions
- Autism Awareness
- Assessing for Dyslexia
- Trauma

National Dates

23rd September—International Day of Sign Language

2nd-8th October—Dyslexia Awareness Week

10th October—World Mental Health Day

9th-15th October—Dyspraxia Awareness Week

13th November—World Kindness Day / Odd Socks Day

13th-19th November—Anti-Bullying Week

4th January - World Braille Day

15th January—Blue Monday

27th January—Parent Mental Health Day

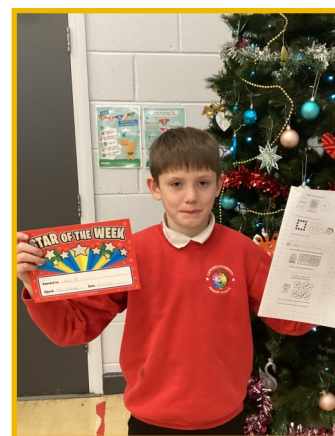
2nd February—NSPCC Number Day

5th—11th February—Children's Mental Health Week

12th February—International Epilepsy Day



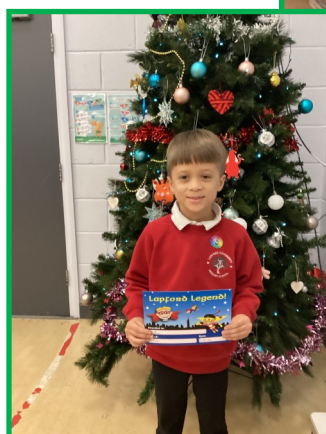
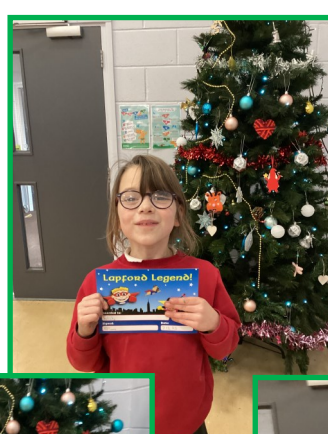
Stars of the Week - 8th December



Congratulations to Poppy P, Bonnie, Zeph and Alfie!



Lapford Legends—8th December



Congratulations to Poppy H, Felicity, Nathan, Lily and Edward!



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Applications are invited to join our Academy Catering Team as a Catering Assistant at Chulmleigh Community College. We are pleased to offer a permanent post covering 20 hours per week x 39 weeks per annum (term time, including Non-Pupil Days).

The preferred working pattern is Monday to Friday, 10:30am – 2:30pm although there may be some flexibility and will be discussed at interview.

The post involves preparing and serving meals, washing up and cleaning the dining area. A qualification in food hygiene would be an advantage, but training will be given if a Food Hygiene Certificate is not held.

You will join a hardworking, friendly, and highly valued catering team who are committed to our ambition to offer the best provision to all our pupils across all areas of their education.

Employment benefits include eligibility to join the Local Government Pension Scheme.

We are committed to promoting equality of opportunity and access for all, irrespective of age, background, race, gender, religion, ability, disability, or sexuality. We welcome applications for employment from the whole community.

The full job description, application form and information about our dynamic and exciting school are available on our [website](#).

Please email the completed application form to personnel@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk by 10am on Friday 6th January. Please indicate on your application your preferred working pattern. All applications will be acknowledged.

As employers, we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment and in that regard, we have appropriate policies and procedures. All staff undertake a criminal record check via the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and interviews will include questions about safeguarding children.

In line with Government guidance, we may carry out online searches against shortlisted applicants' names as part of our due diligence checks



Closing date: Friday 6th January 2024

Interview date: Week beginning 9th January 2024

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School Terms and Holiday Dates - 2023/2024 Academic Year

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Five days selected from within the term dates to be determined by the Board of Directors

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