Lydden Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas Decorations Afternoon: We are looking forward to welcoming families into school for an afternoon of Christmas craft on Monday 1st December from 1.45pm. Parents/carers will have the opportunity to make decorations with their children which will be displayed in school and the brought home to be enjoyed over Christmas at the end of term. We are also inviting the children to wear a Christmas jumper with their normal school/PE uniform on Monday to help celebrate the start of Christmas at Lydden Primary. They can wear a Christmas jumper or something Christmassy eg hat/ hair band etc if they wish.

Movie Night: Don't forget to buy your tickets for our Movie Night on Thursday 11th November. Key Stage 1 children and Foundation Stage children will be watching Christmas cartoons and Key Stage 2 children will be watching 'That Christmas'(PG), a popular family Christmas film which was released last year. We are asking that Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 are collected at 5.30pm and Key Stage 2 at 5.45pm. This will ensure a smooth exit and parents/carers won't have to wait long in-between. By the time the first group are released the second group will then be ready to be released to parents/carers.

Parent Governor Vote: Earlier in the week information on how to vote for our current parent governor vacancy was sent to all parents/carers. Please do make sure you have your say and get the votes back to us by either email or on hard copy by Wednesday 3rd December. As this role sits on our federation governing body it is important to have fair representation of both schools so we would appreciate your time to send in a vote.

Donations: We are in desperate need of rolls of wallpaper or large paper. If anyone has any they could donate to the school, it would be greatly appreciated.

Bounceathon: Thank you to all our families who supported our Lydden Bounceathon, we have seen some very generous donations come in and please don't forget that absolutely every penny counts, well done to all the children, they're absolute stars! We will let you know the final amount raised once it has all been counted. If anyone still has their money to hand in please do so, so we can get a final figure.

Parent Survey: Many thanks to all those who completed our parent survey, your feedback is important to us. This year we have had double the number of responses as in previous years, which is great. As you can see from these very positive results the children are happy and feel safe at school with many responses saying that they would recommend the school to another parent. Feedback from parents/carers help us identify areas for development and to celebrate what is working well.

On reflection of this feedback there are few areas we would like to discuss. We provide opportunities to support the children's wider development, which do unfortunately sometimes, come with a cost. We try to spread these activities out across the year as we are fully aware of the financial demands on families and we always advise that if parents/carers are having trouble covering the cost, to make contact with the school to discuss any support we can offer. Please also do visit our school website for information about your child's learning. Each class has a class page which details learning for the term and any day- to -day arrangements. We will look at how we can better inform parents/carers of what their child is learning in a way that works for everyone.

Some of the feedback did question family events being held during the school day. The home school relationship is important to us and we feel it is important to invite families into school to be part of their child's learning experience and of our school community. We are mindful that parents/carers have work commitments so we do try to hold these events at the start of the school day or at the end before pickup. Although, this may not work for all families, we cannot hold these activities out of school/work hours for obvious reasons and we do welcome any family member into school if parents are unable to make the event.

Thank you for the lovely extra comments that parents/carers have made, it is great to have such positive feedback from individual families. The staff team work extremely hard to ensure the children are happy and are making good progress with their learning and for this to be recognised is wonderful.

Home /School communication is key and we thank you all for taking the time to provide feedback

	Strongly Agree/Agree	Neutral/Don't Know	Disagree/Strongly Disagree
My child is happy at school.	98%	2%	0%
My child feels safe at school.	91%	6%	3%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	83%	3%	11%
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with it quickly and effectively.	17%	My child has not been bullied – 77%	6%
The school makes me aware of what my child is learning.	71%	9%	20%
When I have raised concerns, they have been dealt with properly.	78%	11%	11%
My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need.	44%	My child does not have SEND-52%	4%
The school has high expectations of my child.	70%	18%	12%
My child does well at school.	91%	9%	0%
The school lets me know how my child is doing.	83%	6%	11%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child.	83%	14%	3%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	94%	3%	3%
The school supports my child's wider development.	72%	14%	14%
I would recommend this school	86%	3%	6%

Important dates:

1 December	Christmas Craft Afternoon
11 Dec	Christmas Movie Night
16 December	Nativity Performance
17 December	Christmas Dinner/Carols around the tree
18 December	Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Parties.
	Last day of term

Best wishes

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Term Dates 2025-26

Term 2	27.10.25- 18.12.24 (SDD 19.12.25)
Term 3	5.1.26- 13.2.26
Term 4	23.2.26- 2.4.26
Term 5	20.4.26- 22.5.26
Term 6	2.6.26- 17.7.26 (SDD 1.6.26)