



Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
Fri 9 th Jan	All	Deadline response to school closure
Fri 16 th Jan	Phoenix Families	Family celebration assembly begins
Attendance Roundup:		
Unicorns 94.7% Elves 94.8% Griffins 95.2% Phoenix 94.9%		

Welcome Back

Happy New Year everyone and welcome back to a new 'Spring term'. Thank you all for your support and understanding as we juggle some unusual times at present. I really do appreciate it.

As we look forward this term, we are currently planning our next annual careers week and this year our theme will focus on Climate Action and 'Green Living'. We are therefore looking for any kind volunteers working in the industry to visit our school w/c 2nd February to either lead a school assembly or visit classes for smaller talks/workshops. If you or someone you know would be willing to help, please contact the school office asap.

On a separate note please can I ask that children are attending school in the correct uniform each day. We have yet again returned to school with a large quantity of children wearing sports trainers. I, of course understand unavoidable emergencies but we are seeing a pattern of children wearing trainers for days/weeks at a time and this is not acceptable. Your support in the matter would be most appreciated.

Kind regards, Mrs Whiting



Celebration Assemblies for families next term

Celebration Assemblies for families next term will be:

Phoenix 16th January

Griffins 23rd January

Elves 30th January

Unicorns 6th February

School Admissions: If your child is due to start school in Reception or move to Middle school for Year 5 then you need to apply for a place with your local authority. For Somerset applications please visit the following link below. If you live outside of Somerset then please apply to North Somerset by visiting the link below. **The deadline for applications is Thursday 15th January.**

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/apply-to-start-school-for-the-first-time/#How%20to%20apply>

If you live in North Somerset, you apply via their applications process but you can list your choice of schools as in East Brent or Hugh Sexey Middle school if they are in Somerset.

<https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/school-admissions/apply-school-place/applying-school-place>

Useful Information

Further information can be found on our website: www.lympshamcofeacademy.co.uk

Our values
'Hope, Enjoyment,
Aspiration, Respect,
Thankful'

Our Christian Value this
term
'Compassion'

Safeguarding

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. If you are worried about a child, please email

office@lympshamcofeacademy.co.uk

Designated Safeguarding Lead:
Katie Whiting

Reporting Absence

If your child is feeling unwell, please contact the school office on 01934 750473, or email using the school email address: -

office@lympshamcofeacademy.co.uk

Contact must be made on each day of absence.

Lympsham CofE Academy
Rectory Way, Lympsham
Somerset, BS24 0EW
Main Office: 01934 750473

Email:

office@lympshamcofeacademy.co.uk

ATTENDANCE

Every day counts!

Below 90%
Serious Concern.
Persistent absence.

90 - 95.9%
Concern.
Low attendance

At least 96%
Expected attendance.

Expected attendance means having no more than seven days off this school year!



Stay Safe Online:

I am writing to inform you that I have recently published a new guide, [What I wish my parents or carers knew: A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives](#). (ctrl + click the underlined link)

Supporting children's safety is a shared responsibility between families, schools and wider society. For parents and carers, this responsibility has become increasingly complex as children's lives are now deeply intertwined with the digital world. Many parents face difficult decisions about how to balance protecting children from online harm with enabling access to spaces that are now central to learning, socialising and play.

As parents, carers, and educators, our job must begin and end with our children's care and safety. It's what they expect and what they want from you. As one young person told me: "Don't be afraid to be firm... If you are worried [that] your child is seeing harmful content and you don't know what they're watching and it's affecting the behaviour, just take it that you know best – they don't."

I hope this guide will be a useful resource for your school community, and I encourage you to share it with staff and parents where appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

Dame Rachel de Souza

Children's Commissioner



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