



# LINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

### School Car Park

I would like to again thank the vast majority of you for your co-operation with regards to the new car park rules. We have devised, with school governors, a car parking notice for a very small minority of offenders, explaining that details of the vehicle and log are being kept. Any necessary action will be taken in due course.

### Car Parking - Grass Verge, corner of Vicarage Road + Old School Place

Please avoid parking on the grass verge on the corner of Vicarage Road. We have recently received complaints from local residents. This is 'The field of Hope' and appropriate respect should be kept for this area. Please avoid parking in Old School Place. Residents have, understandably, been complaining that the blind and dangerous corner is often double parked, making it hazardous for all. The local police, as well as Tandridge Highways Department, have been informed and may well send parking attendants to observe.

### LPSA Events

Congratulations and very well done to the LPSA organisers for two recent and exceptionally successful events. I refer to the Firework Display and the Christmas Shopping Evening. We are now all looking forward to the LPSA 'Festive Friday', on 10<sup>th</sup> December from 3.30 to 6 p.m., when a mini Christmas Fair will be organised for the children. The LPSA will be sending out further details.

### Reading

Please listen to your child read on a regular basis at home. We appreciate that 21<sup>st</sup> century living means we are often very busy. However, I should remind you of the important role each parent plays in the reading process. Of course, your child will receive reading tuition at school, but these skills need to be practised at home too. Please work with us and help your child.

### Science Challenge

Ten year 5 pupils will be set a Science challenge by Oxted School students next week, as part of our close links with the our feeder secondary school. More details to follow when we have them.

### Christmas Lunch

Final reminder to parents that Christmas Lunch forms/payments must be received by the School Office by **Wednesday 24th November at the latest - TOMORROW**. We cannot accept any further requests for Christmas Lunch after this date and there can be no further changes between sandwiches and school meals prior to the end of the Autumn Term. Please note that if a child already has school meals, then there is no need to submit a request, as they will already have been catered for.

### Christmas Entertainment and Events

Reception class children will perform their Christmas entertainment to parents on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15 p.m. in the hall. A separate letter, with more detail, will be sent out next week. The KS1 Christmas performance to parents, 'The Donkey Seller', will be performed on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15 p.m.

### Christmas Carol Concert

Please join us for a traditional Christmas Carol Service at St. Peter and St. Paul's Church on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7 p.m. Children from Key Stage 2 will present readings and carols for us all to enjoy. This is always a joyous and lovely occasion and it is wonderful to fill the church with our Lingfield Primary School family; please come and join us.



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### **NFER Parent Questionnaire**

At this time of the year, for the last three years, we have sent out school designed parent questionnaires. This year we have ordered NFER (National Foundation for Educational Research) attitude surveys for parents. We hope that parents will give up 10 minutes to complete the on-line survey so that we can use the information in our school development plans. This service has been developed by NFER to support schools in consulting with parents. The questionnaires have been specially designed to provide data for self-evaluation. You will find a letter at the foot of this newsletter explaining how to complete the survey. Thank you in advance for your help in this important matter. Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November is the last opportunity to do this.

### **Playtime Snacks Clarification**

Some uncertainty has been raised regarding snacks at playtime. While we are happy for children to have a playtime snack, we are actively asking parent not to send in chocolate or nut bars at this time. We do encourage fresh fruit, fruit bars or cereal bars.

### **School Meal Payments**

Dinner money for the second half of the Autumn Term is now due. The cost is £70.30. Please ensure all outstanding monies are received at the school office by the end of this week. Thank you.

### **After School Club Payments**

The deadline for payments was last Friday 18<sup>th</sup> of November. If you haven't paid as yet, please do so by the end of this week.

### **Year 6 School Council News**

Thank you to all those parents who have assisted or encouraged their child to complete a shoebox for 'Operation Christmas Child'. We have received 51 shoeboxes. These will be taken to the regional organiser in East Grinstead for distribution.

Well done to the School Council children who, as you know, organised a mufti day at school last Friday to support the Children in Need charity. £372.12 was raised. Thank you to parents for supporting this.

The School Council have organised a children's disco for Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December, the last Friday of term. The Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 disco is from 5 to 6 p.m. and the Key Stage 2 disco is from 6.15 to 7.30 p.m. The theme of 'Whacky Wonders' is being encouraged, but is not compulsory.

### **Tandridge Youth Council**

Year 6 pupils, Jasmine Morgan and Gus Nye, have been selected to represent the school at the Tandridge Youth Council. The first meeting is on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December at Oxted Council Chambers where they will meet and work with pupils from other local primary and secondary schools.

### **Collection Arrangements**

If you need to get a message to your child, via the school office, to change home time arrangements, please try to let us know before 1 p.m. if at all possible. We appreciate at times parents might have an emergency and that this might not always be possible.

### **Library Help Needed**

Help is needed on a Wednesday or Thursday in our school library. If you can spare an hour or two to restock book shelves and help tidy up please contact Mrs Nicki Dervishi on [ndervishi@lingfield.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:ndervishi@lingfield.surrey.sch.uk)

### **Holiday Dates**

We no longer list school holiday dates in the newsletter as they are easily accessible from the school website. If you require a hard copy please ask at the school office.

### **Lingfield Youth Club**

More volunteers are needed to run this new club. There is a danger of the club not starting unless help comes forward. If you or anyone you know would be interested in helping out please call either Alison Skinner on 07920 194037 or Nicole Cole on 07720 885790.

### **East Grinstead Community Play**

The play 'Matters of Chance', by Jon Oram, might well be of interest to Lingfield residents and families. This promenade play is to be performed at Sackville School from 29<sup>th</sup> November until 11<sup>th</sup> December. It is set during the Second World War and part of it linked to events in Lingfield. More information can be gained from East Grinstead Museum or 01342 302000.

Yours sincerely,

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