



LINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

School Council News

The Year 6 School Council Children have been busy this term. In addition to the events already published in previous newsletters, they have recently sent off 38 shoe boxes for the Operation Christmas Child Charity. They have also organised a KS1 and KS2 Talent Show.

Christmas Entertainment and Events

Reception Class children will perform their Christmas entertainment to parents on Friday 16th December at 2.15 p.m. in the hall. A separate letter, from the Reception Team has been sent home. The KS1 Christmas performance to parents, 'The Wiggly Nativity', will be performed on Tuesday 13th December and Thursday 15th December at 2.15 p.m.

The Wiggly Nativity – KS1 Performance, IMPORTANT INFORMATION

It is the intention, as in previous years, that the LPSA record and sell a DVD of this performance by the KS1 children. I will assume that parents are giving consent for this, as the DVDs will be sent out to Lingfield families only on the understanding that they are used within the household and not copied or used electronically in any way (i.e. images uploaded to the Web). If, however, you do not grant permission for your child to be recorded in this way, then please put this in writing to me by Monday 12th December.

Nativity Costumes

Year 2 children are rather short of costumes for this year's nativity play. If you have a nativity costume that you could spare us for this year's performances we would be very grateful.

Christmas Carol Concert – (NOTE date that was incorrect on last newsletter)

Please join us for a traditional Christmas Carol Service at St. Peter and St. Paul's Church on Thursday 15th 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 Greenhouse – More Plastic Bottles Please

Year 3 (as part of their context 'What a Load of Rubbish') are building a greenhouse for the kitchen garden, made from recycled materials. We are still in need donations of clean 2 litre plastic drinks bottles. There is a box at the children's entrance for bottles as well as the patio entrance. It would be really helpful, but not essential, if parents could cut the bottom off the bottles - there is an example for people to see. We anticipate that maybe during the festive season lots of these plastic bottles will be used, emptied and brought to school in the New Year. Thank you in anticipation!

School family; please come and join us.

Mrs Iris Parsonage

After 38 years sterling service at this school Mrs Parsonage has requested a reduction in hours. This has been granted by the Governing Body and will take effect from the start of next term. I am pleased to tell you Mrs Parsonage will still be working in the Reception classes for two and half days per week. Mrs Rachel Staples has been appointed to cover for the additional hours. Mrs Staples is the ideal person as she already works part time with Red and Green class and knows the children and teaching routines well.

Mrs Jane Aylett

As you are aware, Mrs Aylett will be leaving at the end of term. I would like to thank her for her dedicated work as school cook over the years and wish her well for the future.

Clerk to Governors

Mrs Jacqui O'Sullivan has decided to down from this role. I would like to thank her for her commitment to the job and sterling efforts during her time supporting the Governing Body in their work at Lingfield.



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Appointment of New School Cook

I am pleased to tell you that Mrs Sue Hopkins has been appointed our new school cook from the beginning of next term. Mrs Hopkins has a wealth of experience, having been second in command in our kitchen for some years. We are now in the process of appointing an assistant to work 15 hours per week covering such duties as preparing food, washing up, serving and other general kitchen duties. If you would be interested in applying for this post, please contact Mrs Blatcher, Bursar, in the school office.

Appointment of new Clerk to School Governors

Mrs Penny Batty has been appointed as the new Clerk to the Governing Body and starts next term. As a former parent of the school, she will have a valuable background knowledge and we welcome her back.

Chess and Draughts

If parents have draught or chess sets at home that you wish to donate to school for a Year 5 after school club we would be very happy to receive them and make good use of them.

Parking

I am very concerned to hear that there are increasing numbers of cars parking on the pavement just outside the school gates, and in particular, on the hazard markers immediately to both the left and right of the entrance. Witnesses have seen parents with pushchairs trying to navigate past these cars, resulting in them having to take to the road, which of course is regularly busy with traffic. The Parking Attendants at Reigate and Banstead Council have been contacted and we anticipate they will make further spot checks and prosecute offenders. I must remind you that there is a free car park within a short walk in Gun Pit Road. Please use it!

New Security Gates

Following advice from our last Ofsted inspection and the Local Authority we have gone ahead with the installation of security gates. Electronic gates are currently being fitted to the staff car park pedestrian entrance and outside the main reception entrance. Also, additional gates are being fitted to the patio area. The new gates will take a little getting used to, but will mean additional security for the school community. Parents and visitors will need to indicate to the office (via a buzzer) that they wish to come into the building from one of the perimeter gates monitored by CCTV. I ask parents to be patient and understand that the new arrangements will also mean the patio area is out of bounds until 3.15 p.m. each day. However, the electronic gates will automatically open at 8.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. for dropping off and collecting children.

School Policy

School Governors have asked me to let you know that all school policies are available on the school website. If you follow links via the 'about us' tab you will find them. A hard copy of each policy is also available for viewing from the school office.

School Library

As part of our plans to redesign the school library, we would like to paint a mural and are looking for any artistic volunteers who would be willing to join a team to make our vision happen. If you are artistic and have time to make this project happen, please email Nicki Dervishi (ndervishi@lingfield.surrey.sch.uk), Library Manager, with your details, so that in the New Year we can get a plan in place.

Morrisons 'Let's Grow' Vouchers

I would like to thank parents who sent in Morrisons 'Let's Grow' vouchers. We collected a total of 3,147 vouchers, more than double last year's total. This will mean more equipment for our children to use in the near future, thank you.

School Web Site and Newsletters – reminder

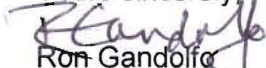
If you misplace a school newsletter you can view it, along with other information, via the school web site at www.lingfieldschool.com

If you have any queries or concerns please contact me.



Happy Christmas to you all

Yours sincerely,


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Headteacher.