



LINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Partners in Learning

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Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, there has been some unrest outside school at the end of the school day, with parents being asked to sign a petition. We want the whole of our school community to know that we have the safety and well being of our children as paramount importance. Lingfield has a strong tradition of pastoral support and this has been noted by every Ofsted team over the years. In addition, our Investors in People Award commended the care and support that we provide for our children and the special relationship between staff and children. Lingfield is a caring school where everyone looks out for and supports each other. We welcome parents and family as "Partners in Learning" and will continue to do our utmost to ensure that all children are happy and secure at school. If you have any concerns I am available to discuss matters with individual parents.

Louise Dupont

Sadly, we say farewell to Ms Louise Dupont who has been working in the Reception Classes for several months as a Teaching Assistant covering maternity leave. I know she will be very much missed by children and staff and I thank her for her excellent contribution to the children's learning. Next week we welcome back Mrs Selina Connelly returning from maternity leave.

School Governors

If parents wish to contact school governors about any school matter an email address has been set up. You can contact Lingfield School Governors at governors@lingfield.surrey.sch.uk In addition to this, we will shortly have a governors' post box separate from school post box. The new post box for Governors will shortly be mounted on the wall in the children's entrance and appropriately labelled.

Year 6 School Council News

Well done to the School Council Children for organising a very successful disco in January. It was lovely to see that so many children made an effort to join in with the 'Wacky Wonders' theme. The children raised £85.25 for a charity still to be decided.

Story Telling at Lingfield Library

As part of the Children's Book Festival, Janet Dowling will be storytelling at Lingfield Library on Thursday 24th February 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. (half term holiday). The cost is £3 per child and is recommended for children between the ages of 6 and 10 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Janet Dowling is a professional storyteller who specialises in telling stories to inspire, to create and to make a difference. She tells stories with an inspiring energy that comes directly from her heart. Tickets for the whole festival are available on line or by visiting any host library.

www.surreycc.gov.uk/childrensbookfestival Telephone enquiries can be made on 01483 543599.

Two Day Science Extravaganza

Next week, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the KS1 and KS2 children will be involved in two days of Science, concentrating on the themes of communication and forces.

Year 5 Parents' Meeting - Residential Trip to Sayers Croft

There will be a meeting for parents of children in Year 5 on Wednesday 9th February starting at 6 p.m., concerning the forthcoming residential trip to Sayers Croft in March.

Old CDs or DVDs

Fifteen Year 12 students from Oxted School are collecting old CDs and DVDs in exchange for football kits for children in India. Please bring to school any unwanted CDs and DVDs and place them in the labelled box next to the children's entrance. Jasmin Wheeler, ex Lingfield pupil, is co-ordinating this project to support primary aged pupils in Manali, India.



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INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

School Improvement Partner

Our Local Authority School Improvement Partner, Mrs Carolyn Bane, will be visiting the school next week to assist in the assessment of teachers programme and to discuss school targets and progress to date. This is part of the LA agenda for all schools regarding self assessment and continuing professional development.

Great British Elm Experiment

The school has registered to take part in the Great British Elm Experiment, a project organised by the Conservation Foundation to reintroduce disease resistant elm trees to Britain. We have just received our elm tree sapling. We will be monitoring its growth and development and recording its measurements for the next ten to twenty years! The information will be passed to the Conservation Foundation. Mrs Dixon, Year 4 Teaching Assistant, is organising and co-ordinating this project for us. Groups of interested children and, where appropriate, classes of children will get involved where contexts for learning themes link to learning.

Year 3 Swimming

Two opportunities occur at Key Stage 2 for the children to learn to swim and improve their stroke techniques and confidence. Year 3 started swimming lessons this week. Year 5 had swimming lessons before Christmas.

Nursery Classes Starting September 2011 and 2012

If you have a child born between September 2007 and August 2008 and would like to consider a nursery class place at Lingfield Primary School, please come and visit and see our current class of children learning in an exciting and motivating environment. If you have a child born between September 2008 and August 2009, they can start the nursery class in September 2011. We are now taking names for our register. To make an appointment, please telephone the school office on 01342 832626.

LPSA Request – Final Reminder

The Lingfield Primary School Parents' Association have asked permission for the school to release parents' email addresses so that they can more easily communicate with you. As I think this is a very good idea, I must ask you to opt out if you do not agree. Therefore, if you do not agree with your email address being passed to the LPSA, please contact the school office and let us know.

Sickness Bug

We currently have a number of children suffering from sickness and stomach upsets. It is a Surrey and school requirement that children stay off school for 48 hours following the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.

Telephone Answer Machine Messages

It has sometimes been difficult to decipher telephone answer machine messages. In the event of your child's absence, when leaving a message, please ensure you leave your child's full name and class. It is also necessary to give some detail as to the reason for the absence; 'unwell' is not sufficient.

Holiday Dates

Inset training day – Friday 18th February

Half term break - Monday 21st to Friday 25th February

The rest of the school holidays, including inset days, are easily accessible from the school website. If you require a hard copy, please ask at the school office. However, please note the extra inset day, on Friday 8th April 2011. There is also an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 29th April, for the Royal Wedding.

School Dinner Money Spring Term 2011

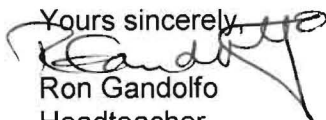
School meals cost £64.60 for the first half of the term and £70.30 for the second half. This is a total of £134.90 for the whole term. Please pay promptly to support the hard working office staff. Cheques should be made payable to Lingfield Primary School.

Lingfield and District Twinning Association

A Barn Dance is to be held in aid of the Lingfield and District Twinning Association on Saturday 12th February at The Victoria Club, Lingfield. The cost is £10 and the price includes a live band and Ploughman's platter. Please contact Helen 01342 870672 or Margaret 01342 712325 for further details.

If you have any queries or concerns please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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