



# LINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

### **Mrs Cook**

We wish Mrs Cook well as she starts her maternity leave at the end of today. I would like to thank her for her hard work, doing a great job teaching 3C. From next week we welcome Ms Howton who will be teaching 3C until the end of the school year.

### **School Art Gallery**

Thank you for the overwhelmingly positive comments Mrs Barlow and I have received regarding this event, and thanks to Mrs Barlow for organising it. It was certainly wonderful to see the progression of children's art across the school, and presented in the way that it was. It has also been a positive experience to do to concentrate on a different area of the curriculum.

### **Zambia Exchange**

You will be aware from my last newsletter, of the imminent first stage of the Zambia exchange. Mrs Perera and Mrs Storer will be visiting Tujatane School and we look forward to several Zambia teachers visiting Lingfield in June. For the final four days of the term, Mrs Perera's class will be taught by Miss Quigley, one of our well known supply teachers from the agency 'Class Cover'. She has taught this term in both our Year 4 classes. Red Class will be taught by Mrs Gul, an experienced teacher we have got to know well, over the last three years, who recently covered Mrs Storer's absence.

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

Congratulations to the outgoing School Council who, with your help, raised £289.00 from organising the mufti day on Red Nose Day for the Comic Relief Charity.

Last week, a new Council was elected by Year 3, 4 and 5 pupils. The following children will lead the Council's work to the end of the school year: Diana Bessinger, Heather Brooks, Mark Farmer, Johnny Hands, Jamie Horner, Philomena Idro, Hayley Sasserath, Nessa Shoesmith, Hannah Whitehouse and Becky Wilkes. Congratulations to the new team as we all look forward to the decisions they make to develop the school for the benefit of all the children. Further congratulations to the officers who have been appointed by the group. They are: Hayley Sasserath, Chairperson; Heather Brooks, Secretary and Mark Farmer, Treasurer.

### **Easter Hat Parade - reminder**

After the success of the Easter Hat Parade for several years, we have decided to go ahead and organise it again this year. On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April, the last day of term (as Friday 8<sup>th</sup> is an Inset Day), we intend to organise for the whole school to walk around the village wearing their very own Easter hat/ bonnet. We would like all children to make their own hat for the occasion. The children should come to school as usual but with their home made hat. We will leave school to walk around the village at approximately 9.15 a.m. I am asking the local police to be on duty. The children will walk around with their 'buddy' (see next item) as well as their class teachers and teaching assistants. We would like parents to help walk around with us, perhaps two or three per class, and, of course, as many parents as possible to be in the village to support us and give us a wave. If you can help, mention this to your child's class teacher (and make a hat to join in!). Please inform as many people as possible in the village; we'd love lots of

spectators. After the procession, there will be an Easter assembly in the gym. This will be for children and staff only due to lack of space. I apologise that we cannot invite parents as well. Reverend Stephen Gendall and Reverend Jenny Attwood will be leading the Easter Assembly.

### **School Buddy System - reminder**

In case you are unaware of our school buddy system, you should know that each older class of children is linked with a younger class. From time to time, older and younger children get together to share learning and activities. We find this is an excellent way to develop a 'family' atmosphere within the school and to help younger children, as well as promoting responsibility for older ones. We find there are many benefits as a result of this system. Ask your child about their buddy.



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### **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.

### **School Dinner Money Spring Term 2011**

The cost for this half of the term is £57 and payment is now due. Please pay promptly to support the hard working office staff. Cheques should be made payable to Lingfield Primary School. Please ensure that you speak to the Office staff before changing from school meals to sandwiches and vice versa, as notice is required.

### **Inset day**

#### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April is an additional inset day**

This is an additional Inset day granted by the former labour Government to introduce a new curriculum which has since been rejected by the Coalition Government. However, the present Government have honoured the additional inset day. Staff will be working on the Lingfield Contexts for learning Curriculum on this day.

### **Holiday Dates**

As we approach the Easter break I thought I should just clarify the forthcoming holidays including inset days and Bank Holidays.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Last day of term including Easter Hat Parade

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Inset, Staff Training Day (The Lingfield Curriculum including Contexts for Learning)

**Tuesday** 26<sup>th</sup> April – First day of the Summer Term (Monday is Easter Monday)

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Bank Holiday, Royal Wedding

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – May Day Bank Holiday

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – The term continues uninterrupted!

If you have any queries or concerns please contact me.

### **Lingfield Nature Reserves**

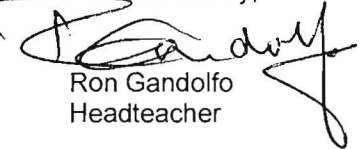
The new season of 'Pond Open Days' will shortly begin, with the first two scheduled for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May, between 10 am and 12 noon. As in the past, nets and display equipment will be provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For the first time, it will be possible to use the smaller top pond for dipping, as a smaller dipping platform and display bench have also been installed. Please note that children should not run between the ponds using the nets in both. They should be kept separate to prevent the spread of water diseases or unwanted pond weed.

### **Coffee Morning**

**On Monday 28th April from 10a.m. to Noon at the Lingfield Community Centre**

A Yummy Mummy coffee morning is being hosted (by parents of pupils at the school) at the Community Centre in aid of CLIC Sargent for children with cancer. Please come along for a slice of cake and a cuppa to raise money for this worthwhile cause. Yummy Mummies, Carers, Grandparents and Daddies welcome too!

Yours sincerely,

  
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