



# LINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

### Day of Action - Thursday 30 June 2011

The Chairman of Governors, Mr Michael Kenrick and I would like to inform you of the following information regarding two teachers' unions taking industrial action. As you will be aware from the media, teachers in NUT and ATL will be taking industrial action on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June. The action (a one day strike) will result in class or whole school closures across the country. The decision to close the school or send pupils home is never taken lightly, but in this instance, where staff have elected to take lawful industrial action, I will have no choice but to take appropriate steps to ensure the health, safety and well being of all pupils. We are aware that class/school closures inconvenience parents and carers and so we are writing to give you advance notice of the impact of the action on this school. **The following classes will be closed on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June** Nursery, Red Class, 1M and 1K, 3H and 3P, 4I and 4C, 5A and 5J, and 6W. If you have a child in one of these classes you should not send them to school on this day, as their class teacher will not be in school. Teaching Assistants are not legally allowed to take duties for a striking teacher. Teachers not striking are in unions other than NUT and ATL. Therefore, they are not legally allowed to strike. The After School Care Club will operate as normal from 3.15 to 6 p.m. The school will re-open, as usual on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

### Sports Day

Unfortunately, we postponed Sports Day. The next available day for sports is Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July with the same arrangements, as previously planned: KS2 9.30 start and KS1 1.30 p.m. start.

### Dance and Singing Festival

Well done and thank you to all the children who took part in the Singing and Dance Festival two weeks ago. This was a wonderful Lingfield School event. I congratulate the Year 6 School Council children for organising the occasion and holding the auditions. Thank you to numerous members of staff for giving up their lunch times to prepare the children for the event.

### Class Arrangements 2011-2012

Staffing arrangements are still being finalised and I am keen that children (and parents) do not focus on next year just yet! However, in readiness for the new school year, children will be told about September arrangements on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July. On this day you will receive your child's 'Record of Achievement' (school report) as well as a newsletter outlining staffing arrangements for the new school year.

### School Open Afternoon

The school will be open to parents and the local community on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July from 1.30 p.m. Year 6 pupils will act as guides and school tours will be available for all those who can make it. It is also the designated afternoon and evening for pupil report discussions with class teachers. More detailed information will follow in the next newsletter.

### Transition

We are all aware of the importance of ensuring children are ready for any changes they may meet in September. Children need to be prepared for such changes when moving to a new class and year group. Each year we arrange transition so that children spend time in their new classroom with their new teacher. This enables the children to feel confident about new routines, new places and new procedures and for teachers to be ready for September. Transition for Nursery and Reception children has already started. For the rest of the school this will be starting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July.



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### **Readathon**

Thank you to everyone for such an enthusiastic response to the Readathon activities and for raising an amazing £1,171 for children's charities! Reading for pleasure will continue to be high profile in school and we hope at home).

### **Nursery Induction Day**

The normal Nursery Day will not take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July as we will be holding an Induction Day for the new children starting in September. I apologise for any inconvenience, but there is no other way we can manage this important event.

### **Feeling Good Week**

Launched in 2004, Feeling Good Week (FGW) is an annual mental health awareness campaign which runs every July, aimed at children and young people attending schools and youth organisations in Surrey. Each year FGW has a different theme; this year's is 'Me and my world', focusing on the world around us, different cultures and how we are feeling emotionally. Each class will be doing some appropriate learning during FGW, exploring different emotional themes, giving children the chance to think about, and understand how to manage and cope with their feelings.

### **After School Care Club Invoices**

Invoices for After School Care Club were sent out two weeks ago and payment is due today. If you have not yet paid please do so by Monday or Tuesday of next week at the latest.

### **Mufti Day**

To support the LPSA's Summer Fun Day on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, there will be a 'mufti day' at school on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June. It has been designated 'silly sock day'! Children may wear socks of their choice and have them on show! The LPSA is asking for bottles of any description for the bottle stall.

### **LPSA Sponsored Bounce**

You will know from the recent LPSA newsletter that there is to be a sponsored bounce in the school gym on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July. You will find all the details on the LPSA newsletter. Please support the event to help us make improvements to the school library.

### **School Dinner Money Summer Term 2011**

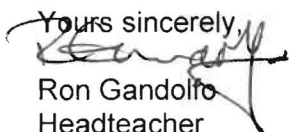
The cost for the second half of this term is £64.60. This totals £106.40 for the whole term. Details of the Nursery classes costs are on the school website and available at the school office. Cheques should be made payable to Lingfield Primary School.

### **Tandridge Leisure Arts**

If you're looking for things to do over the summer holidays and have a child aged between 3 and 17 years, look up [www.tandridgeleisure.co.uk](http://www.tandridgeleisure.co.uk) and click on their Big Summer holiday activity brochure. The 2011 highlights include: Own A Pony Day, Mountain Boarding, Pond Dipping in Godstone, Make Me A DJ with Heart FM, Cheerleading and Streetdance to name a few. Plus there's art, drama and an exciting mix of sports, swimming and other fun activities at de Stafford Sports Centre in Caterham and Tandridge Leisure Centre in Oxted.

If you have any queries or concerns please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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