



LINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

This is the first newsletter of the year and so I wish you all a belated happy New Year.

Attendance

I am delighted to tell you that last term, for the first time ever, we managed to achieve our attendance target. Attendance for the autumn term 2011 was 94.9% just 0.4% above our target. It is very important for us to continue this. Mrs Blatcher, school Bursar, records the weekly attendance percentage for everyone to see. If you haven't yet spotted it, you will find it displayed just inside the children's entrance.

Curriculum Information for Parents

Over the next few days, you will be receiving, if you haven't already, curriculum information regarding the learning taking place in your child's year group this term. This information will cover the whole curriculum, not just English and mathematics, and also include any useful additional information regarding year group activities up to Easter.

Friendship Issues and Anti-Bullying

As part of our PSHE (Personal, Social, and Health Education) learning this term across the school we will be discussing with children not only 'What makes a good friend', but also 'What is bullying behaviour?' We have put together an advice booklet that we will be using with the children in school, but also send a copy home for you to share with your child. Children need to be aware of the different forms of bullying and have opportunities to discuss the issues around the theme.

School Clubs

Club lists will be on the school website and on the club notice board (opposite the gym in the main corridor) by Thursday 19th January. If your child is not successful in their choice then they will be put on the waiting list. Please check the list before enquiring at the office. Thank you.

New School Security Gates

Please could parents ensure younger children do not press the entry buzzer once the gates are open or opening. This has been occurring mainly at the end of the school day. As you are aware this is a particularly busy time for office staff. Thank you.

School Council News

The Year 6 School Council Children have organised three events for the next half term. Firstly, there will be a children's disco on Friday 20th January. Nursery, Reception and KS1 children from 5 to 6 p.m. followed by KS2 at 6.15 until 7.30 p.m. The cost is £1.50 including a sweet and a drink. The theme is 'Wear what you want'. Secondly, there will be a cake sale on Thursday 2nd February. Thirdly, the Buddy Bench will receive its final gloss coat of paint at the start of February and will be in use from Monday 6th February.

School Greenhouse

I am delighted to tell you the school greenhouse is now complete. As you know, as part of the Year 3 context 'What a Load of Rubbish' the children (as well as some staff and parents) have been working very hard to make a greenhouse out of recycled plastic bottles. The goal has been achieved. Very well done to all involved. Special thanks to Mrs Perera, Mr & Mrs Louis and Mrs Smith. There will be a grand opening of the new school greenhouse on Tuesday 31st January.

NO MORE Plastic Bottles Please! Thank you for those that you provided.

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 we can get a plan in place.



EducationCity

Last year some parents subscribed to EducationCity, as this subscription is now coming to an end we would like to re offer this opportunity to all.

EducationCity is a resource that we have in school, but there is also a version that can be subscribed to and used at home. EducationCity provide fun educational games in the form of online activities for children and interactive whiteboard resources for teachers. They are inspiring, engaging and have won many awards in education circles. EducationCity is ideal for children aged between 3 and 12 years old, as well as for older children with special needs (SEN). The games and resources are ideal for use at school or home and consist of highly engaging interactive activities including revision and assessment tools. A mathematics homework module for independent learning is available for parents to purchase at £2 per pupil. You might like to take a look at their website before making a decision. If you would like to purchase the homework module please send in £2 (per pupil) in an envelope marked EducationCity, with your child's name/s, class clearly printed by Friday 27th January. Please visit www.educationcity.com to discover more.

Kitchen Arrangements

Sue Hopkins is our new school cook and Pam Saunders is second in command. They have taken on their new roles with great commitment and enthusiasm. I know from children and staff their meals are already very popular. They are doing particularly well as we are currently understaffed. We are in the process of appointing an assistant. In due course there will be opportunities for parents and children who are not currently taking school meals to sample some of the scrumptious food. We hope to increase school dinner numbers considerably in the forthcoming months.

School Dinner Money

If you have received a letter this week regarding overdue dinner money for the Autumn term please pay promptly as the first half of the Spring term is now due. Cheques should be made payable to Lingfield Primary School. The cost is £54 for the first half of the term and £114 for the whole term. However, if your child is in one of the Nursery classes the costs are: Blue Class £20 for the first half of half term and £44 whole term, Yellow Class is £22 half term and £46 whole term.

School Crossing Patrol

It is some months since Mrs Clarke moved out of the Lingfield area leaving the vacancy of School Crossing patrol or indeed 'Lollipop Person'. We are very keen to appoint a new person to this role as I am very aware of the difficulty and dangers of crossing Plaistow Street during the school run times. If you are interested please contact the school office.

Holly Run

Forty-five children represented the school in the annual Holly Run at Reigate just before the end of last term. All those children taking part finished the tough one mile course in very creditable times and were very pleased to be awarded a medal to signify the occasion. I am particularly delighted to tell you that our fastest three boys finished third overall in the team event. Congratulations to all our runners and particularly Harry Hardisty, Dylan Page and Louis Jones.

Zambian Teachers

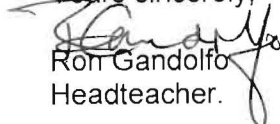
I can now tell you that the five Zambian teachers have successfully obtained their visas to enable them to travel to the UK. They will be with us at Lingfield Primary School from Monday 23rd April for two weeks. If you would like to be a host family please let the school office know. If you have already kindly offered then I will be in touch with you shortly.

Enterprising Girls in Year 4

Several girls in Year 4 displayed some excellent team skills to organise a cup cake sale last November and raised £41.47 for charity. The charities to benefit were Children in Need and the RSPCA. Well done to Lilly Agombar, Robyn Bailey, Mia Davies, Else Dean, Chloe McMillan, Eliza Rees, Katie Saunders and Lauren Scrivener, and thank you to all the parents in Year 4 for your support in this matter.

If you have any queries or concerns please contact me.

Yours sincerely,


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Headteacher.