



# Lingey House Primary and Nursery School



## Newsletter 12 – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023



Good afternoon,

The children have really enjoyed our first snow day in school today. They have had lots of fun playing out in the snow! The tree and the rest of our Christmas decorations are going up and we are starting to feel very festive!

Best wishes, Mrs Wilkinson



## Safeguarding

At Lingey House Primary School, we regard the safeguarding of children as our main priority. We believe that we all have the right to be happy, to be safe and to learn; we all have the responsibility to make this happen.

We are all responsible for ensuring that each child remains safe, however the Designated Leads for Safeguarding are Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Wrightson, Mrs Flowdy, Miss Bell & Hannah.

This poster is displayed throughout school.

**KEEPING YOU SAFE**

You can speak to any adult in school about anything that is worrying you. The 6 adults below are Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) and have had special training to keep you safe.

MRS. WILKINSON  
HEADTEACHER

MRS. JACKSON  
DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

MISS BELL  
SENIOR MENTAL HEALTH LEAD

MRS. WRIGHTSON  
ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER

MRS. FLOWDY  
ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER

HANNAH  
FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER

SAFEGUARDING GOVERNOR - MRS CROZIER

## **Christmas Jumpers**

All children in school (Nursery to Year 6) are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper on the days below. Please don't feel like you need to go out and buy something special, a bit of tinsel or some baubles can make fabulous Christmas jumpers!

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**



Some KS1 children may be asked to wear a Christmas jumper for their performance but individual messages will be sent home for this.

## **Bikes/Scooters in School**

Just a reminder that all children and adults should dismount from bikes and scooters on arrival at the school gates. We have noticed particularly that on drop off and collection, children and siblings are riding their bikes in the EYFS garden. For health and safety reasons, we request that you stop all children from doing this.

## **Out of School Achievements**

We love to celebrate achievements both inside and outside of school. If you would like to celebrate your child's achievements with us, then please email the details including photographs to [office@lingeypouse.org](mailto:office@lingeypouse.org). We will then publish this on the next newsletter.

## **School Lunch Change 12<sup>th</sup> December**

As part of our Opal Winter Award celebration, there will be a special school lunch on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Please see the picture below for changes to the menu on that day. Although reception children will not be involved in this event, the menu change will include them too. (EYFS will have other festive treats - watch this space.) This menu should not be confused with our Christmas lunch which we will be holding on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December.



## School Uniform and Christmas Jumpers

For the next few weeks, there will be an opportunity to purchase second-hand Christmas jumpers, school uniform and winter coats at our Thursday coffee mornings. These are held in the Lodge on a Thursday morning from 9am -10am. Please come along to grab yourself a bargain! We would also welcome donations of any of the above items to add to our stock.

## 123 Magic

Is a Parenting programme which is delivered by the Early Help Service, within Gateshead Council. It offers support to parents and carers to positively manage your child's behaviours, feelings and emotions. They can also offer support with routines and boundaries, giving tools and strategies to effectively manage behaviour. They offer informal two-hour sessions, which can either be held over TEAMS or face-to-face. Please see our Family Support Worker Hannah, to be sign posted.



## Christmas Support

We understand at this time of year everyone may be struggling and we would like to offer our support in any way possible. We are working closely with local organisations and charities, which may be able to support your family, during the winter months, including Christmas support.

Please see Hannah, our Family Support Worker, to have a confidential discussion if you require Christmas Support.



## PTA News

### **School Pantomime Visit!**



Amazing news! After numerous fundraising events, the PTA have managed to raise enough money to secure tickets and travel for all of our children in Year 1 – 6 to go to see Peter Pan at the Tyne Theatre and Opera House! We are very excited to be able to offer our children this opportunity and it's thanks to the generosity of our parents at our fundraising events!

Details about when each class will be attending are as follows –

**Year 1 and 2** – Wednesday 20th December 2023

**Year 3 and 4** – Thursday 14th December 2023

**Year 5 and 6** – Wednesday 13th December 2023

Parental consent is now live on Arbor. Please note that the timings of the pantomime do not clash with any Christmas performances or our Carol Services.

*Please contact the school office if you cannot access your Arbor account.*

## PTA Request



We're sure you're all very excited about our OPAL Winter Festival. The PTA will be running a number of stalls at the festival including the very popular 'Mystery Tombola!'

### We're looking for donations of prizes and need your help!

We're looking for the following –

- Donations and prizes from local businesses
- Bottles of alcohol big and small
- Donations of chocolate (anything from a Freddo to a large box)
- Christmas gift sets
- Bath bombs and smellies

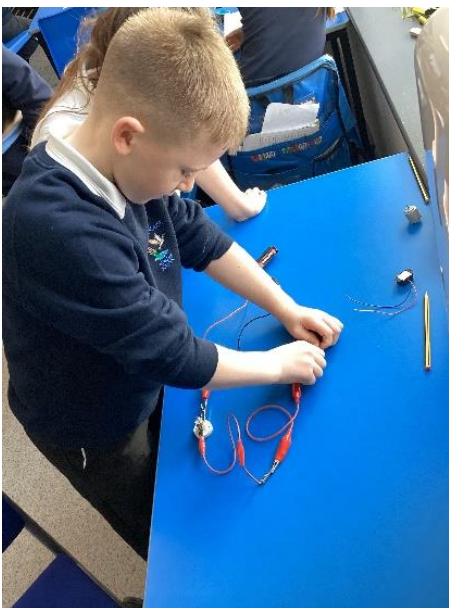
If you have any donations, please bring them into the school office by **Friday 8th December 2023.**

It's not too late to get involved in our PTA. If you're interested in helping out, please email [kayleighwatson@lingeypouse.org](mailto:kayleighwatson@lingeypouse.org) or contact the school office and ask to speak to Mrs Watson.



Our scientists in Year 4 have been learning about electricity.

They explored the components of a series circuit and then made their own. After that, our young scientists learned that the components of a circuit are represented using symbols. They then tried to draw their series circuit using the correct symbols.



## Opal Winter Festival – Less than 2 weeks to go!

Its nearly here. The much-anticipated Opal Winter Award Festival. We have been hard at work planning the whole process and we would like to take this opportunity to share all the finer details with you.



### Child Collection Times:

On Tuesday afternoon (12/12/23) children will be available for collection from 12pm. To prevent too much congestion, each year group will be designated a collection point, which will be listed below:

- **Year 6**- MUGA
- **Year 5**- Normal collection door
- **Year 4**- Main office/reception
- **Year 3**- Normal collection door
- **Year 2**- Normal collection door
- **Year 1**- Normal collection door

### What gates will be open?

For safeguarding reasons, we are unable to open every gate so we ask that **all parents/guardians enter the school via the main gate.**

For making your way around school to the collection points, initially only the two inner front gates will be open. Parents/carers will need to sign their child out upon collection; we do not expect children to return to school after our event.

### Be sure to check below for the collection points and the gates mentioned:



We cannot open the gates any earlier than 11.55 so we ask parents to please not arrive early.

### Additional Details:

**Please don't send anything other than essentials into school that day.** There will be many activities on the day and let's face it, the first thing the children will do is lumber you with their all stuff. We want you all to enjoy the activities we set out!!

Packed lunch trolleys will be pulled out from their usual places, at 3pm to allow collection. **Also, did we mention all of our activities will be free!?** The Opal winter festival is a not only a celebration for achieving Opal Platinum school status, but also a reward for all the children's excellent work throughout the year.

The only optional charges we will have, will be the refreshments and raffles, which will take place in the school hall. These are provided by and are to raise money for our PTA. **The hall doors will open (see map above for the hall entrance) from 12.30PM.**



### **Somebody is coming...**

We have a very kind volunteer coming who is usually busy in the North Pole at this time of year. However, he has taken time out of his busy schedule to come and see what Lingey House have been up to. He will be taking donations for Save the Children; there will be collection buckets out on the day. Please only donate if you can and want to, there is no obligation.

### **Ice-Rink Times**

Each year group will have a time-slot to ice-skate. Where there are siblings, we will try to accommodate them skating together, if they want to, but this is subject to there being enough space.

Please just head to the rink for your child's time slot to check. The ice-rinks are run by an external provider who will have to remain within their safe operating numbers. All children with permission to skate will be given a ticket to hand in at the start of their session. **There is no charge for this!**

**Year 6** 12:00- 12:25  
**Year 5** 12:30- 12:55  
**Year 4** 1:00- 1:25  
**Year 3** 1:30-1:55  
**Year 2** 2:00- 2:25  
**Year 1** 2:30- 2:55

There will be two ice rinks. One will be for Class A and one for class B in each year group. Please see signs on the MUGA at the time, for where to wait for the changeover.

### **Choir**

Finally! At 2:15 our wonderful KS2 choir will be performing some Christmas songs (location TBC). We will let you know where abouts they will be asap!!

**This is all in an ideal world! Please note if locations need to be adapted slightly or a more weatherproof plan put in place, we will let you know on the day or in advance if we are able to.**

**Michaela Flowdy**  
**Assistant Headteacher**

## EYFS Newsletter



### Nursery

Thank you to all parents/carers for their continued support on Seesaw!

This week Nursery have started to get into the Christmas spirit. We have enjoyed decorating the classroom, making our own shape Christmas trees and writing Christmas cards.



### EYFS Updates

- **Nursery Christmas Stay and Play** - Nursery Stay and Play will take place on **Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 9-11am** for all our 15-hour AM/PM and 30-hour children. Children are welcome to stay until the end of their session or can be taken home with their adults at 11am.
- **Reception Christmas Performance** - Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am-10:30am. Children are performing 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'. All costumes will be provided by school. This performance replaces the earlier advertised Reception Stay and Play. We hope to offer a stay and play for reception parents next term.
- **EYFS Christmas Party** - Our Christmas party will be on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> January. Children should come into school wearing their party clothes.
- **Doctors** - We have a doctors role play area in Nursery. If anyone has any leaflets, bandages, boxes, prescription boxes and bags not being used, we would love to add them to our doctor's surgery.
- **Catalogues and Magazines** - If you see any food or toy catalogues whilst shopping in the supermarkets, we would be grateful if you could pick some up for EYFS.
- **Christmas Decorations** - If anyone has any spare decorations, EYFS would love to have them! Baubles, Christmas wrapping paper, bows, cards, gift tags, lights. Thank you so much for the kind donations we have received so far.

- **Labels** – Thank you for naming and labelling all items of clothing. This makes it so much easier for us to return any lost items to Parents.
- **Library Books** – Nursery library books should be returned every Thursday, ready to be changed and handed out again on a Friday. Please see Seesaw for details of arrangements for changing library books in our reception classes.
- **Reading Books** – The children in our reception classes will be provided with a reading book and reading record to support their phonics development. Please see Reception staff for any questions in relation to Phonics.
- **Returning Clothes** – A reminder to please return any spare clothes which your child has borrowed from school's stock, especially socks and underwear.
- **Updates** – Please remember to check Seesaw every week for homework tasks and photos of your children. We would be grateful if you could upload photos of your child completing activities that they enjoy doing at home. This allows us to share these activities with your child and their friends.
- **Bags** - Please could you ensure that your child has a bag which is left in school (can be a carrier bag) with multiple spare clothes (tops, bottoms, underwear and socks). This is beneficial if children are engaging in messy play and need a change of clothes. Thank you.
- **Clothes** – Any donations of spare children's clothes would be extremely welcome for us to add to our school stock.
- **Lost Property** – Some children are missing bobble hats, cardigans and other items from nursery. These items have named labels. We know that children often have the same or similar items of clothing so can we ask all parents to check that they have the correct clothing at home.
- **Bikes** – We would like to remind parents NOT to allow children/siblings to ride around on bikes or scooters in the EYFS outdoor areas. For health and safety reasons, all bikes and scooters should be dismantled on arrival at the school gates.
- **Snack Money** – Thank you to all parents who are giving towards our voluntary snack money each week. The money collected allows us to cook with the children and buy additional snacks for them. Donations from as little as 50p per week would be most welcome and can be handed to staff at the nursery door.
- **Recycling** – We need the following items for Junk Modelling: boxes, tubs, kitchen roll tubes, bottle tops, cake trays and bottles. We would be grateful for any donations you can provide.

**Thanks**

**Miss Hamilton, Miss Smith and Mrs Clydesdale**



# Let's Celebrate!

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>This week's attendance</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>This week's attendance</b>
Each week, the class with the best attendance will have an extra 10 minutes of playtime.  If any class has 100% attendance, they will have an ice cream/hot chocolate playtime!	YRA	94.1%	Y3B	96.4%
	YRB	90.7%	Y4A	94.2%
	Y1A	91.3%	Y4B	95.4%
	Y1B	94.4%	Y5A	94.6%
	Y2A	95%	Y5B	95.1%
	Y2B	95.8%	Y6A	94.4%
	Y3A	94%	Y6B	95.9%
	Whole School Attendance:			<b>94.35%</b>

 **This week's Superstars**  
I would like to say a huge well done to all this week's superstars watch out for their special certificate given out in Assembly! Our superstars for this week are as follows:

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Superstars</b>
Reception	William G and Ivy B
Year 1	Lenny Mc and Jack R
Year 2	Ollie J and Connor F
Year 3	Emilie D and Ava B
Year 4	Freddie M and Mollie M
Year 5	Hallie L and Lacey H
Year 6	Lola D and Georgie G

## **Times Table Rockstars**



<b>Minutes Played</b>	<b>Class</b>
Finlay C	Y4A
Jack S	Y5B
Georgie G	Y6B
<b>Biggest Increase in Speed</b>	
Dean K	Y5A
Freddie J	Y3A
Yahya I	Y6A
<b>Golden Guitar Winner – Y6A</b>	

## **This week's House Tokens**

This week's winner is **Bamburgh!**



<b>Bamburgh</b>	<b>245</b>
Hylton	160
Warkworth	170
Lumley	165
Dunstanburgh	110
Alnwick	240

# Out of School Achievements

A huge well done to...  
**Maisey**

Maisey was awarded 4 certificates at her swimming lesson last week and she has only been going for 8 weeks! She is super proud of herself and so are we!

Well done, Maisey!



## Dates for the Diary

Date/time	Event	Who's involved
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas Stay and Play 9AM – 11AM	Nursery Parents
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu Immunisations	Reception – Year 6
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Opal Award Special Lunch	Reception – Year 6
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Opal Award Winter Festival 12PM	Year 1 – Year 6
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas Performance 9:30AM – 10:30AM	Reception Parents
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Panto – Peter Pan	Year 5 and Year 6
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service – St Andrews	Y4 & Y6 & Choir 9.30AM – 10.15AM Y3 & Y5 & Choir 10.30AM – 11.15AM
AND	Panto – Peter Pan	Year 3 and Year 4
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Performance 9:30AM – 10:30AM 1:45PM – 2:45PM	Year 1 and Year 2
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Early Years Christmas Party	Nursery and Reception
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Party	Year 1 and Year 2
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch	Reception – Year 6
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Lower KS2 Christmas Party	Year 3 and Year 4
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Panto – Peter Pan	Year 1 and Year 2
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Upper KS2 Christmas Party	Year 5 and Year 6
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Break Up for Christmas	Whole School
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Return to School	Whole School