

Lingey House Primary and Nursery School



Newsletter 15 - 23rd December 2022

A Christmas Thankyou ...

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your kind words and support this year. It was lovely to see so many of you at our Christmas events over the last few weeks- I hope you enjoyed them as much as the children and staff did.

I have been at Lingey House for two years in January and I couldn't be prouder of our children, staff, governors and parents. We have all worked so hard to make Lingey House the best it can be and I couldn't wish to be headteacher of a better school.

We have had a fantastic year in school and would like to share some of this year's accomplishments with you:

- We had a local authority review and the inspectors commented that our staff and children were a real asset to Lingey House (we already knew this of course but it's great that it is also being recognised by others).
- Our staff have celebrated milestone birthdays, had babies, announced pregnancies, been married, retired, had promotions and we have welcomed some wonderful new staff to our team.
- We leased 300 new iPads which means that most children have their own iPad to use in school to support teaching and learning.
- Every classroom was fitted with a new top of the range interactive whiteboard which has made a huge difference to all children.
- We have developed our whole curriculum to ensure that children are receiving a broad and balanced curriculum which is unique to our school and our children's needs.
- Our special needs (SEND) and mental health provision in school has gone from strength to strength and these are real areas of strength in our school.
- We have continued to have a private counsellor in school one day every week to support children in school who need this specialist support.
- We have had two amazing libraries fitted in school and purchased thousands of new books for our children to enjoy.
- We have massively improved our playtime offer and the amount of time children get to be outdoors and this has had a huge impact on our children in such a short space of time.



I hope you all have a lovely Christmas filled with love, fun and happiness and wish you all the best for 2023. See you all on 9th January.

Mrs Wilkinson x

Christmas Raffle

Usually at this time of year, our PTA would arrange a number of opportunities to raise money for our fund to offer additional opportunities to our children in school. We know that Christmas can be a challenging time of year and, this year, we would like to give back instead! In the next week, all of our children in school will be entered into a raffle to win a bike in time for Christmas. The bike is a fully refurbished mountain bike which was kindly donated to our PTA and would make a wonderful Christmas present! If your child is the lucky winner, you will be contacted and offered the opportunity to accept the prize or pay it forward to another ticket drawn out at random - we don't want to ruin any surprises already arranged by Santa!



First Aid

We have reviewed our first aid procedures in school and have made some changes which we implemented this week.

All children who receive first aid in school will bring a white slip home at the end of the day explaining the first aid they have received and details of the accident. If a child has a bump to the head or a more serious injury, parents will be contacted to be given further details.



After School Clubs

We are delighted to offer a wide range of after school clubs **next** half term. The clubs run from 3.15-4.15pm and are FREE OF CHARGE.

If you would like to book a place in a club, please do it via Arbor. You will be able to book your child in from 4pm this afternoon. Please only book into one club per child so that we can offer places to as many children as possible.

Places are limited so we will let you know if there are any spare places in January.

Day	Club	Year	Ran by	Places
Monday	Multi-Skills	Year 3	Mr Burrell	Places available - please book via Arbor
Tuesday	Lego	Year 2	Miss Adamson Mrs Brunnock	Places available - please book via Arbor
	Multi-skills	Year 4	Mr Burrell	Places available - please book via Arbor
Wednesday	Dance	Year1 & 2	Miss Mather	Places available - please book via Arbor
Thursday	Phonics Fun	Year 1	Miss Bell Mrs Crawford	Places available - please book via Arbor
	Mindfulness	Years 1-3	Mrs Cook	Places available - please book via Arbor
	Puzzle Club	Year 4	Mrs Lillie	Places available - please book via Arbor
	Dance Festival	Year 5 & 6	Miss Mather	Places available - please book via Arbor
	Art	Year 6	Mrs Dellow	Places available - please book via Arbor
Friday	No Clubs			

OPAL

Brrrr!! It's been a cold one this last couple of weeks! Thanks to everyone who has kitted their children out with warm coats, hats, gloves and scarves. If you put names in them as well another huge thank you from all the staff, we are so grateful. 😊 There are many benefits to playing outside in all weathers which is something we are developing in school; it helps so much when children are dressed appropriately for the weather. We know in the current climate times are difficult and Hannah, our family support worker, is available to offer support should anyone be struggling to provide these things.



Each playtime before the children go outside, members of staff assess the whole school grounds to see if it is safe and suitable. We would then let staff and children know which areas (if any) are open outside and adapt our activities as needed. When it hasn't been safe to go outside (recently due to icy conditions) children have an indoor break as we have always done in the past. These last few weeks our safety checks and monitoring included considering the temperatures and when it has been very cold, we have made alterations as needed including reducing the length of time children are outside to ensure they do not become too cold. If conditions change during the play time then staff would change what is being done to make sure children were safe and happy.

That being said during our monitoring last Friday we decided it was perfect for sledging!!! Look at how much fun we had! A few children have asked if they can bring in their own sledges but unfortunately, they can't as we need to check all sledges are safe to use but also, we'd hate anything to happen to anyone's sledge. (If you have any old sledges that you would like to donate to school and make those smiles even bigger, we'd be very grateful.)



Stay and Plays

Early Years have enjoyed welcoming our parents in for stay and plays. We enjoyed Christmas crafts with our grown ups, eating delicious treats and singing the songs we have been learning in class. Thank you for celebrating with us!



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Nursery Bags

All children have had their bags sent home with them which were in Nursery. Please ensure that your child's bag contains **spare, named** sets of clothes in case of any toileting accidents and wet/ messy play as well as anything needed to support toilet changing e.g. nappies, wipes, nappy cream.



Collections please

We would like to enhance some of our areas after Christmas with some items you may end up with over the festive period. We would love donations of:

- Bottle corks
- Sweet wrappers
- Pebbles / stones / sticks
- Yoghurt pots

PE Kits

Can I please remind parents that on PE days, children should come to school dressed in their PE kit. We have made this decision because no time is wasted in getting changed, children do not need to worry about getting changed in front of others and children with sensory issues do not need to change or put back on clothing e.g. socks.

PE kit consists of:

plain white t-shirt or polo shirt
navy school sweatshirt

navy joggers or shorts
plain black trainers



More and more children are coming to school dressed in coloured tracksuits, football shirts, large logos and other items which are not part of the PE kit uniform. **If children continue to come to school in incorrect PE kits in January, parents will be contacted to bring correct clothing into school.**