

Newsletter 1 – 8th September 2023

Welcome Back

I hope you have all had a lovely summer and that you are all feeling refreshed and ready to go. It is wonderful to see all our pupils and staff back (smiling)! We are sure the start to the new term has been particularly exciting, or maybe a little nerve-racking, for our newest pupils (and their parents) starting Nursery and Reception. We have



been delighted with the way our youngest pupils have settled so far and we are confident all new children and their families will quickly get to grips with school routines.



<u>Uniform</u>

It has been lovely seeing children returning to school looking so smart in their new uniforms and I'd like to thank parents for their support with this. We all know how much lost property accumulates in school so can I please ask that all uniform items, coats and shoes are clearly labelled with children's name and class as this makes it much easier to return items to their owners.

PE Kits

During COVID, children began coming into school in their PE kits on their PE days. This has had a real positive impact:

- no time is wasted in getting changed
- children do not need to worry about getting changed in front of others
- children with sensory issues to not need to change or put back on clothing e.g. socks

Therefore, we have decided that children will continue to come into school on PE days in their PE kit (see timetable below). NO LOGOS OR FOOTBALL KITS TO BE WORN. If children come to school in incorrect PE kits, parents will be contacted.

PE kit consists of:

- plain white t-shirt or polo shirt
- navy joggers or shorts
- navy school sweatshirt
- plain black trainers

PE Days

Year 1 - Wednesday and Thursday

Year 2 - Tuesday and Thursday

Year 3 - Monday and Wednesday (Swimming)

Year 4 - Tuesday and Friday

Year 5A - Monday morning and Monday afternoon (Swimming)

Year 5B - Monday (Swimming) and Tuesday

Year 6 - Monday and Wednesday



After School Clubs

We are excited to offer new clubs next half term. As places are limited, please only sign up to one place per child. We will let you know if there are any spare spaces.

Day	Club	Year	Ran by	Places
Monday	Sports Club	Year 2	NUFC	Places available –
				please book via Arbor
Tuesday	Futsal	Year 1	Mr Burrell	Places available –
				please book via Arbor
	Science Club	Year 3	Mrs Crawford/Mrs	Places available –
			Masson	please book via Arbor
	Lego Club	Year 3	Mrs Moyle/Miss Hill	Places available –
				please book via Arbor
	Bootcamp	Year 4	Mrs Jackson	Places available –
				please book via Arbor
	Mindfulness	Year 5	Mrs Clydesdale/Mrs	Places available –
			Atkinson	please book via Arbor
	Sports Club	Year 6	NUFC	Places available –
				please book via Arbor
Wednesday	Street Dance	Year 4	Miss Mather	Places available –
				please book via Arbor
	Cheerleading	Year 5/6	Coach	Places available –
	Breakfast Club			please book via Arbor
	Football	Year 5/6	Mr Bloomfield/Mr	Places available –
Thursday			Rippon	please book via Arbor
morsady	Craft Club	Year 2	Mrs Watson	Places available –
				please book via Arbor
Friday		No Clubs		

Homework

Children in Years 1-6 will have a homework task set on Seesaw by Monday 11th September. There will be a variety of activities for children to complete over the half term linked to one of their current topics. There will be activities from many different subjects to offer a wide variety of interests. Homework remains voluntary and children can complete as many activities as they choose. They will receive house tokens at the end of the half term:



- 1-3 pieces of work 1 token
- 4-6 pieces of work 2 tokens
- More than 6 pieces of work 3 tokens

Photos, videos, writing, drawing or physical projects are all welcome as we love to see how creative the children are. These can be shared on Seesaw or if it is a bigger project (often art based) we would love children to bring them into school to share with their class. This can be done at any point throughout the half term. Thank you for your continued support with homework.

Our Bus

I'm sure you will have seen our amazing double decker bus in the school grounds. This is a wonderful new addition to our play offer and we can't wait to share its renovation journey

with you!



Wellies

What glorious sunshine we have had in our first week back, the children have enjoyed getting stuck right back into OPAL. Knowing our lovely British weather, the sunshine might soon change to rain and we want the children to be ready. Children need to bring a pair of wellies to keep at school so they can access all the school grounds and keep their new school shoes nice and clean. If you need any support with this, please speak to Hannah as we have lots of pairs that were kindly donated last year. We have also numbered all the sheds so each child will be allocated a number for their welly shed making it easier to find and put away their wellies. The children are very excited about our new water area that is in progress and as a treat the first class to fill their welly shed will be the first class to try our fantastic water area.



<u>Playing out in all weather</u>

A big part of our OPAL journey is having all children playing out come rain or shine. In order for this to happen please send your child to school with a waterproof coat. Let's hope this beautiful sunshine last for a while longer but also be ready for our children to enjoy the fun that comes with rain too.





Attendance

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!

	This week's attendance	Class	<u>This week's attendance</u>
YRA	87.6%	Y3B	97%
YRB	93.7%	Y4A	97.8%
Y1A	94.2%	Y4B	98.3%
Y1B	94%	Y5A	92.6%
Y2A	99.1%	Y5B	92.1%
Y2B	99.2%	Y6A	91.5%
Y3A	93.3%	Y6B	97.5%
Whole school attendance:		95.1%	

Out of School Achievements

A huge well done to ... Jack!



Jack's under 9s football team came runner-up in the Redheugh football tournament. The tournament involved playing against lots of different teams and Jack was very proud to have scored a goal for his team! We are very proud of you Jack- well done!

You've got a new story to write.
And it looks nothing like your past.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

If you have any concerns or queries, please don't hesitate to contact me on 0191 4381287 or via email at:

office@lingeyhouse.org

Best wishes, Chloe Wilkinson (Headteacher)