

Lingey House Primary and Nursery School



Newsletter 14 - 9th December 2022

Christmas Events in School

We are delighted to share details of our
Christmas Events with you ...



Date/Time	Event	Those Involved
Monday 12 th December 1.30-3pm	Nursery pm (15hr) & 30 hr Christmas Craft Stay and Play Sing- along	15 hr Afternoon nursery and 30hr nursery parents
Tuesday 13 th December 10.00-11.30am	Nursery am (15hrs) Christmas Craft Stay and Play Sing- along	15hr Morning nursery parents
Tuesday 13 th December 1.30-3pm	Reception A & B Christmas Craft Stay and Play Sing- along	YRA and YRB parents
Wednesday 14 th December 9.30am and 2.00pm	Year 1 and 2 Nativity	Year 1 and 2 families
2 tickets per child		
Thursday 15 th December	Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day	Whole School
Thursday 15 th December 9.30-10.30am	Year 3 & 5 Carol Concert at St Andrews Church - Confirmed	Year 3 and 5 families - 2 tickets available per child
Thursday 15 th December 10.45-11.45am	Year 4 & 6 Carol Concert at St Andrews Church - Confirmed	Year 4 and 6 families - 2 tickets available per child
For all parties, children to come to school dressed in party clothes for a day of fun.		
Monday 19 th December am	Nursery Christmas Party - am	All 15hr children All 30 hr children
ALL 15 hr (am and pm) and 30hr children to attend at 9am in party clothes. NO 15HR AFTERNOON SESSION ON THIS DAY.		
Monday 19 th December	Reception Christmas Fun Day (Movie, Party and Fun)	YRA and YRB children
Tuesday 20 th December	Year 2 Visit to Beamish Museum	Y2A and Y2B
Please note that party day for Y1 and Y2 has changed due to a clash with this visit.		
Tuesday 20 th December	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Fun Day (Movie, Party and Fun)	Year 3 & 4 children
Please note this date has changed		
Wednesday 21 st December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Fun Day (Movie, Party and Fun)	Year 1 & 2 children
Please note this date has changed		
Thursday 22 nd December	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Fun Day (Movie, Party and Fun)	Year 5 & 6 children
Friday 23 rd December	Break up for Christmas	Whole School

Health Message from the UK Health Security Agency

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s),



UK Health
Security
Agency

Re: Increase in scarlet fever

We are writing to inform you of a recent increase in notifications of scarlet fever to the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), above seasonal expected levels.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the signs, symptoms and the actions to be taken if you think that you or your child might have scarlet fever.

Signs and symptoms of scarlet fever

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by *Streptococcus pyogenes*, or group A Streptococcus (GAS). It is not usually serious, but should be treated with antibiotics to reduce the risk of complications (such as pneumonia) and spread to others. The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours, the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on darker skin, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present. Patients typically have flushed cheeks and be pale around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a bright red red 'strawberry' tongue.

If you think you, or your child, might have scarlet fever:

- contact your GP or NHS 111 as soon as possible
- make sure that you or your child take(s) the full course of any antibiotics prescribed. Although you or your child will feel better soon after starting the course of antibiotics, you must complete the course to ensure that you do not carry the bacteria in your throat after you have recovered
- stay at home, away from nursery, school or work for at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection

You can help stop the spread of infection through frequent hand washing and by not sharing eating utensils, clothes, bedding and towels. All contaminated tissues should be disposed of immediately.

Invasive Group A Strep (iGAS)

The same bacteria which cause scarlet fever can also cause a range of other types of infection such as skin infections (impetigo) and sore throat. In very rare cases, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive group A strep (iGAS). Whilst still very uncommon, there has been an increase in iGAS cases this year, particularly in children under 10 years old. It is very rare for children with scarlet fever to develop iGAS infection.

As a parent, you should trust your own judgement.

Contact NHS 111 or your GP if:

- your child is getting worse
- your child is feeding or eating much less than normal
- your child has had a dry nappy for 12 hours or more or shows other signs of dehydration
- your baby is under 3 months and has a temperature of 38C, or is older than 3 months and has a temperature of 39C or higher
- your baby feels hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest, or feels sweaty
- your child is very tired or irritable

Call 999 or go to A&E if:

- your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- there are pauses when your child breathes
- your child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake

Stop the spread

During periods of high incidence of scarlet fever, there may also be an increase in outbreaks in schools, nurseries and other childcare settings. Children and adults with suspected scarlet fever should stay off nursery / school / work until **24 hours** after the start of appropriate antibiotic treatment. Good hygiene practice such as hand washing remains the most important step in preventing and controlling spread of infection.

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!



LAST CHANCE FOR TICKETS MONDAY 12/12/22



Tickets for our KS1 and 2 Christmas Performances are still available today and on Monday from the school hall door before and after school.

KS1 - Due to limited space in the hall, each child in KS1 can have 2 tickets in total. This can be two tickets for the same performance, or one ticket for the morning and one ticket for the afternoon performance.

KS2 - Due to limited space in St Andrew's Church, each child can have 2 tickets for the performance they are in: Y3 and Y5-9.30am Y4 and Y6-10.45am

Class 4B Trip to the Discovery Museum

Y4B visited the Discovery Museum yesterday and learnt more about our history topic WWII.

The children researched facts for a news report. They handled objects and had to work out what they might have been used for and came up with some fantastic ideas. They also planned a menu using rationing coupons, producing some very interesting meals indeed. Throughout the day, the children listened carefully, were really engaged, thoroughly enjoyed the visit and were an absolute credit to Lingey House.



First Aid

We have reviewed our first aid procedures in school and have made some changes. From next 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.



This half term in Year 1 we have been learning all about the different seasons. So far, we have identified the four seasons, talked about which special events happen in each season and discussed how we know what season we are in. This week Year 1 looked at the different weathers we experience in each season, and we worked in teams to sort them into the correct seasons then we had a go ourselves. We were very excited that we got to see some snow this Winter!



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 joggers or shorts
- navy school sweatshirt
- 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.**

Holidays During Term Time

Lingey House Primary School is committed to maximising the potential of every child. You too want the very best for your child therefore good, consistent attendance at school is crucial to give your child the best chance of success.

We need your support in ensuring that holidays are not taken in school time so that your child has the very best opportunity to succeed.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Our attendance target is 96% for this academic year.

Head Teachers are not able to grant any leave of absence for holidays during term time unless there are proven exceptional circumstances. Therefore, as a school we have adopted a standard practice of not authorising any family holidays in term time. This is in line with government guidelines and the local authority. If parents/carers, contrary to what the school has said, still decide to take their child out of school for a holiday then the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

If you wish to make an application for your child's term time leave of absence, you must fill out an application form, which can be requested from the school office. The application form asks you to outline the reasons why you feel your application for leave of absence during term time should be regarded as 'exceptional'. Following the submission of your application, you will be notified as soon as possible of the school's decision.

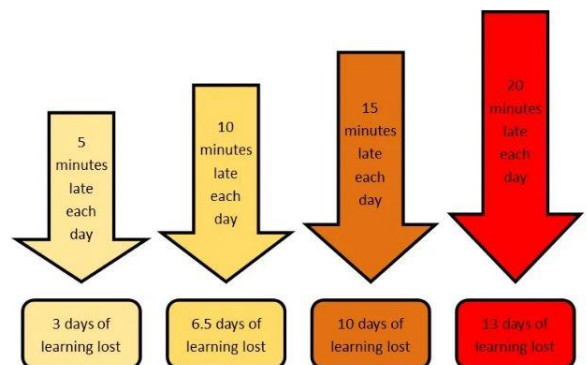
Parent/carers should be aware that if you take leave of absence during term time without making a prior application to the school, or if you make an application but your requested leave of absence is not authorised and still take your child out of school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. Similarly, if you keep your child away from school for longer than agreed/authorised, the excess absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Unauthorised absences on your child's attendance record may mean that you are liable to incur a Fixed Penalty Notice or could face prosecution. A fixed penalty notice will be issued to each person with parental responsibility for the child/children who is deemed liable for the offence/offences.

Lateness

There are more and more children coming to school after the bell has gone and entering school via the main entrance. The yard doors open at 8.45am and children are expected to be in school by 8.55am at the latest. Lateness can have a huge affect on children's education.

If you need any support with this, please contact our family support worker, Hannah.



Figures based on 1 school year

Let's Celebrate!

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!

Class	This week's attendance	Class	This week's attendance
YRA	89.06%	Y3B	88%
YRB	75.38%	Y4A	96.07%
Y1A	95.33%	Y4B	90.77%
Y1B	84.67%	Y5A	84.83%
Y2A	92.76%	Y5B	96.77%
Y2B	91%	Y6A	84%
Y3A	89.67%	Y6B	87.92%
Whole school attendance:		86.7%	

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:

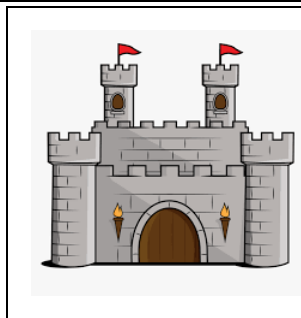
Year Group	Superstars
Reception	Archie-Lee GG & Sapphire D
Year 1	Harry J & Dylan N
Year 2	Layla D & Shay C
Year 3	Anna G & Olivia N
Year 4	Ryan R & Aleksandar D
Year 5	Lola D & Alexa J
Year 6	James P & Harvey R

Times Table Rockstars

	Top earners this week	Most improved speed
1st	Mia M 4A	Florence 6B
2nd	Mia F 4A	Charlotte 6B
3rd	Jack 4B	Ellie 5A
Golden Guitar Winner		4A
Well done everyone!		



This week's House Tokens



This week's winner is

Hylton!

<u>Bamburgh</u>	<u>140</u>
<u>Hylton</u>	<u>195</u>
<u>Warkworth</u>	<u>170</u>
<u>Lumley</u>	<u>120</u>
<u>Dunstanburgh</u>	<u>140</u>
<u>Alwick</u>	<u>120</u>