



# Lingey House Primary and Nursery School

## Newsletter 2 - 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Hi everyone,  
Hope you have all had a lovely week and have enjoyed the warmer weather and sunshine. I am off to Harry Potter Studios this weekend with my oldest son, Tate. We are both huge Harry Potter fans so are very excited!  
Hope you all have something nice planned this weekend. Our after-school club letters will go home next week.  
Best wishes, Mrs Wilkinson



### School Photographer

Don't forget that Tempest Photography is in school on Tuesday (21<sup>st</sup> September) to take individual and sibling photographs. PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS, CHILDREN WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO HAVE THEIR PHOTOS TAKEN WITH BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN OUR SCHOOL (no younger/older children or parents).

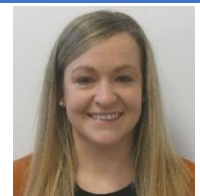


### Hannah, our Family support worker

Hannah is our new Family Support worker. She is in school on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon. Look out for her on the yard and say hello. Hannah will be getting in touch if she thinks she could help you in anyway. If you would like some advice and support or just a chat, ring school and ask for Hannah. She will get back to you as soon as she can.

### Chats with our SENCO

Next week, Miss Brown will be contacting parents of children with additional needs to organise review meetings and identify next steps. Watch out for a text inviting you into school the following week.



### Gates

Gates will open on a morning at 8.35am to allow parents and children to enter school. Children can go straight to their classroom between 8.45am and 9am. On a night, the gates will be opened at 2.50pm to allow children to be picked up at 3pm (KS1) and 3.15pm (KS2).



**Please do not allow children to climb on the play equipment/climbing frame before or after school as we cannot be held responsible for any injuries caused.**

## PE Days

Please make note of your child's PE days for this half term. Children will receive two lessons of Sport per week. Children are to come to school dressed in their PE kit on these days.

Reception - Tuesday & Friday

Year 1 - Monday & Wednesday

Year 2 - Monday & Thursday

Year 3 - Tuesday & Friday

Year 4 - Wednesday & Friday

Year 5A - Monday (Swimming) & Wednesday

Year 5B - Wednesday & Friday (Swimming)

Year 6A - Wednesday (Swimming) & Thursday

Year 6B - Tuesday (Swimming) & Thursday



Nursery will have PE at a convenient time but do not need to dress in a PE kit.

## Homework

Homework across school will focus on basic skills and life skills. Although homework will not be set on seesaw or sent home, we would love you to support your child at home as much as you can manage and in a way that fits in with family life.

We would like you to support your child at home in the following ways:

- Reading- please read to your child and give them opportunities to read to you. This can be a recipe, a magazine, subtitles on favourite programmes, something online as well as a book.
- Times tables- please support and encourage your child to practise their Times tables at home.
- Every week, we will also set a 'life challenge'.

This week's challenge is ...

### Using Knife and Fork Together

- Using a knife and fork together is a complex task; demonstrate using the fork to hold the food down and the knife to saw food separately.
- Encourage the child to hold knife and fork in correct hands with index finger pointing out towards the front of the utensil (shown in pictures) 'pointer fingers'.
- Children often hold the knife very tightly and do not adjust it at first, encourage movement of the knife within the hand as this will assist with control and ability to monitor grip.
- Stab with the fork and keep it still. It is ok for the fork to be held vertical initially to stabilise the food, but once your child has the concept of cutting, encourage them to hold the fork correctly too. The correct hold is to hold the fork pointing down with the index finger extended along the back.
- Cut by sawing the food back and forth. Start off with soft easily cut food, e.g. boiled potatoes. Then progress to more tough foods.
- It is ok that your child initially changes the fork into the dominant hand to place food in mouth.
- Teach one thing at a time!!
- See YouTube Online Link of Learning to Use Knife & Fork  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cau5cevLg2U>



**Children will be awarded with stickers and rewards if we see them trying hard to use their knife and fork together.**

## A letter from Public Health

Dear parent/carer,

### **RE: Managing Cases of Covid-19 in Schools**

As you will be aware, there have been a number of changes to the measures in schools regarding the management of Covid-19. The most significant change has been in relation to a school's response to positive Covid-19 cases. Currently where a pupil or member of staff has a positive PCR test, schools are no longer required to identify close contacts, send close contacts home or close 'bubbles/year groups'.

#### ***What will happen if someone in school tests positive?***

Where a pupil or member of staff tests positive, it is now the responsibility of NHS Test & Trace to manage contact tracing, rather than schools. This means schools will no longer send messages or letters when a case arises.

Although the system has changed it is important to understand that over the school term there is the potential for Covid-19 cases (pupils and staff) to be identified within schools. There is also a likelihood that there will be asymptomatic people in school that are undetected, who could pass the virus on.

#### ***What should parents/carers do?***

As school will no longer inform families of cases, it is essential that parents/carers regularly monitor their children's health for the main signs of Covid-19:

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss or change in their sense of smell or taste

If your child becomes symptomatic, you must:

- Keep your child away from school
- Book a PCR Test for your child as soon as possible
- Report the result to school

#### ***What happens if other household members have tested positive for Covid-19 but my school age child has not?***

If a member of your household has tested positive for Covid-19, NHS Test and Trace will advise that your child should have a PCR test, and how to book this test. Your child should still attend school whilst awaiting the result of the PCR test. The test result should be reported to your child's school.

You will be aware that people who live in the same household as someone with Covid-19 are at higher risk of developing Covid-19. There may be instances where, following public health advice, your child's school asks that they do not attend school until the PCR test result is received.

You should not however arrange for your child to have a PCR test if they have previously received a positive PCR test result in the last 90 days. unless they develop any new symptoms of Covid-19. This is because it is possible for PCR tests to remain positive for some time after COVID-19 infection.

To attend school, children should be brought to and from school by an adult who does not have Covid-19, or is not required to isolate as a close contact of someone who has Covid-19.

The aim of the new measures is to support children to attend school with as little disruption as possible. If there are changes to the requirements from Government, we will inform you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely



Alice Wiseman  
Director of Public Health

# Let's Celebrate!



## Attendance

Every week we will be looking at each class' attendance and the class with the best attendance will have an extra 10 minutes of playtime. If any class has 100% attendance, they will be awarded with an ice cream playtime!



<u>Class</u>	<u>This week's attendance</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>This week's attendance</u>
YRA	95.6%	Y3B	96.9%
YRB	90.7%	Y4A	96.6%
Y1A	100%	Y4B	96.6%
Y1B	83.7%	Y5A	98.4%
Y2A	99.7%	Y5B	97.1%
Y2B	97.6%	Y6A	97%
Y3A	99.3%	Y6B	90%
Whole school attendance:		95.6%	

## This week's Superstars

Today, we held our celebration assembly. I would like to say a huge well done to all this week's superstars - watch out for their special postcard in the post!

Our superstars for this week are as follows:



<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Superstars</u>
Reception	Alfie L & Harry B
Year 1	Emilie D & Layla D
Year 2	Preston D & David T
Year 3	Logan W & Lexi-Mae D
Year 4	Kenny R & Ella-Rae S
Year 5	Amelia N & Anya S
Year 6	Said H & Eleanor P

## Our House Team Winners

All children in school are organized into 'House' teams which are named after local castles. Each week in our celebration assembly, we will announce which house has collected the most house tokens that week. We have also created a running leaderboard. Children receive house tokens for good manners, hard work, acts of kindness, good effort and a whole range of other things.



# House Token Results

w/c 13/09/21

Bamburgh	48
Hylton	50
Warkworth	55
Lumley	45
Dunstanburgh	53
Alnwick	45

This week's winners are... **Warkworth!**

## Quote of the Week

This week I would like to share this wonderful poem...

*Not* By Erin Hanson

You are not your age,  
Nor the size of clothes you wear,  
You are not a weight,  
Or the colour of your hair.

You are not your name,  
Or the dimples in your cheeks,  
You are all the books you read,  
And all the words you speak,

You are your croaky morning voice,  
And the smiles you try to hide,  
You're the sweetness in your laughter,  
And every tear you've cried,

You're the songs you sing so loudly,  
When you know you're all alone,  
You're the places that you've been to,  
And the one that you call home,

You're the things that you believe in,  
And the people that you love,  
You're the photos in your bedroom,  
And the future you dream of,

You're made of so much beauty,  
But it seems that you forgot,  
When you decided that you were defined,  
By all the things you're not.

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 [lingeyhouseprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk](mailto:lingeyhouseprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk)

Best wishes,  
Chloe Wilkinson  
(Headteacher)