



Lingey House Primary and Nursery School

Newsletter 14 - 14th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week seems to have flown over and I am ready for this weekend. Hope you all have a lovely week-end- let's hope the weather's not too cold. Don't forget, if you have any issues or questions, don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Sometimes a quick chat can really put your mind at rest.

Mrs Wilkinson.

Inappropriate Play

We have found out recently that some of our older children in school have been discussing drugs and acting out drug taking and police raids in their play. A lot of children seem to view drug taking as cool and do not fully understand the dangers involved. I am concerned at how the children see drugs (particularly cocaine) as normal and know about things that are not appropriate for their age. We have spoken to the children and will be carrying out lessons on the dangers of drugs.

Please be assured that NO drugs have ever been brought into school.

Please be mindful what your children are watching online and on TV and check you have parental controls set-let's try and keep our children 'little' for longer.

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



Bullying



We take issues of bullying very seriously in school and urge you to contact us if you think your child is being bullied. We will do whatever we can to sort the problem as we want all children to be happy and enjoy coming to school.

Some problems can be sorted out straight away, but other issues take longer to solve as they involve long-term work with a child to help them react differently to situations. This could include anger management work, counselling, mental health support,

nurture sessions and many more.

Please rest assured that if you have told us about bullying, we will be doing something about it!

Please contact your child's teacher, Hannah or myself (Mrs Wilkinson) if you'd like to discuss any issues.

After School Clubs

<u>Day</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Ran by</u>	<u>Places</u>
Monday	Dance	4	Coach	FULL
Tuesday	Puzzle	3	Mrs Jackson	Places available- please contact the office
	Reading	1	Mrs McEnaney and Mrs Martin	Places available- please contact the office
Wednesday	Forest School	2	Mrs Crowe	Places available- please contact the office
	Futsal	3	Coach	FULL places will be available after February half term
Thursday	Science	5	Mrs Masson and Mrs Crawford	Places available- please contact the office
	Drama	5 & 6	Miss Hewitt and Miss K Bell	Places available- please contact the office
	Makaton	R	Miss Harris	Places available- please contact the office
Friday	Basketball	4	Coach	FULL places will be available after February half term

Year 6 boosters take place throughout the week- each group has a different day due to staffing etc. Year 6 will be offered a wider range of clubs in the Summer term.



Jigsaw

When we asked, parents said they wanted to be informed of what was being covered in our PSHE Jigsaw lessons. You can find this information on our website in the curriculum section (PSHE and RSE).

Big School Bird Watch

We're joining in with the RSPB's 'Big Schools' Birdwatch', from Wednesday 26th - Friday 28th January. By counting how many of each local species of bird we see, we'll be helping our environment by adding to the national RSPB database. During that week, we'll also gather evidence for the RSPB's Wild Challenge. This is an award we can earn for school, linked to science and outdoor learning. Out of the three certified pathways, we're aiming for gold! At the end of the month, the RSPB are launching their annual 'Big Garden Birdwatch', which is one of the largest UK citizen projects linked to the environment. Why not take part in at home? Find out more on the RSPB website.



Reading Books

At Lingey House Primary School, we have changed the way we teach phonics. It is a requirement that we teach a systematic synthetic phonics programme (SSP) so we teach children in Reception to Year 2 to read using the Sounds-Write programme. You may have noticed that your children have brought home a Dandelion Readers decodable reading book. This book is matched to the sounds we are focussing on in class (target sounds). We spend roughly 2 weeks reading, spelling, manipulating and exploring the target sounds in words. We complete a range of activities in school to help your children recognise each sound and segment (break up) and blend (read) the sounds to read and write the word. It is important to give children the opportunity to practice the words that they have been taught in school so please read and re-read the book every night to develop fluency and accurate word reading.

Re-reading benefits:

- improved confidence
- fluency
- more word recognition
- embedded taught sounds
- improved spellings in writing.



Every child will bring a book home on the Monday that focus on the target sounds. Your children need to read this book for the week and return it on the Friday. They will receive another book with the same target sounds the following week which they will bring home on the Monday and need to send back to school on the Friday. When we change the sounds we are teaching in school, the books will change to reflect this.

In Year 2, we are working hard to plug gaps from school absences during the pandemic which is why we are repeating phonics. As many children can already recognise many taught sounds, we are concentrating more on the spelling side of phonics to improve their writing. This means, that your child may be able to decode their reading book easily. Playing spelling games will help your child further.

Ideas will be shared via Seesaw.

Please continue to use the Home Reading Record to record words that the children have struggled with and any comments you feel are appropriate to share with your child's class teacher. There will be further phonics advice for parents sent out in the coming weeks.

KS2

Children in KS2 will bring home their accelerated reading books every night as this will be their reading book. Children will need these in school daily so please make sure they come back every day. It would be great if you could listen to your child read at home at least three times a week- you or your child can make note of this in their reading record. Children will complete quizzes at school based on these books and will be given rewards.

Christmas Jumpers

Hannah has thought of a brilliant idea to make better use of Christmas jumpers (or sweatshirts, t-shirts etc.) and we are asking you to send in any you'd like to donate to school. We will keep them safe and then next Christmas, we will be able to sell

Christmas jumpers at a very small cost to any of our families.

Please send in your Christmas jumpers with your children or bring to the main office if you'd prefer.

Thank you in advance for your donations.



Last term's Overall House Winners

Last term, the children in Bamburgh (red) house received the most house tokens in school. To celebrate, they were awarded with an ice cream at playtime today. I wish I was in Bamburgh house!



Well done,
Bamburgh!



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 playtime!

Class	This week's attendance	Class	This week's attendance
YRA	97.9%	Y3B	100%
YRB	87.6%	Y4A	91.6%
Y1A	93.9%	Y4B	91.3%
Y1B	93.1%	Y5A	93.5%
Y2A	95.3%	Y5B	90.6%
Y2B	90.6%	Y6A	97.7%
Y3A	94.8%	Y6B	95%
Whole school attendance:		93.74%	

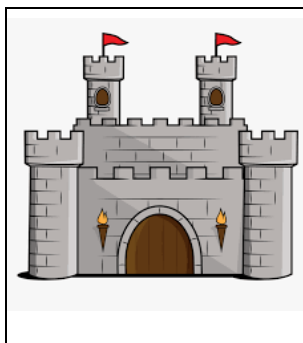
This week's Superstars

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:



Year Group	Superstars
Reception	Cameron G and Annabelle M
Year 1	Ahmed A and Lee G
Year 2	Finlay C and Liam W
Year 3	Poppie W and Aleksandar D
Year 4	Darcey R and Dexter P
Year 5	Harry H and Mason Q
Year 6	Harry D and Sophie W

This week's House Tokens



This week's winners are...
Hylton

Bamburgh	163
Hylton	177
Warkworth	173
Lumley	175
Dunstanburgh	173
Alwick	160

Key Dates for your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Who is involved?</u>
Spring Term		
Friday 18 th February	Break up for half term	Whole school
Monday 28 th February	Back to school	Whole school
Friday 8 th April	Break up for Easter break	Whole school
Monday 25 th April	Back to school	Whole School
Summer Term		
Monday 9 th May	Year 6 SATS week	Year 6
Friday 27 th May	Break up for half term	Whole school
Monday 6 th June	Back to school	Whole school
Friday 1 st July	School closed - Queen's Jubilee BH for Gateshead schools	Whole school
Monday 4 th July	School closed - Occasional Day	Whole school
Friday 22 nd July	Break up for Summer holidays	Whole school

Quote of the Week

When you have
a bad day, a
really bad day,
try and treat the
world better than
it treated you
- Patrick Stump

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@gatehead.gov.uk

Best wishes,
Chloe Wilkinson
(Headteacher)