



# Lingey House Primary and Nursery School



## Newsletter 1 – 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### 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.

If you need to have a chat about anything, please don't hesitate to contact me.  
Best wishes, Chloe Wilkinson



### Uniform

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.

We understand that some children have sensory issues and may struggle with certain items of uniform. Please contact school and ask to speak to Hannah (family support worker) or Kayleigh Watson (our SENDCO) if you need to make us aware of anything or discuss any adjustments needed.

### PE Kits

**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.**

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 – Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 2 - Monday and Thursday

Year 3A-Monday (swimming) Thursday (Forest School starting 12<sup>th</sup> Sep)

Year 3B - Tuesday (swimming) Thursday PE

Year 4- Tuesday and Friday

Year 5 - Tuesday and Friday

Year 6 - Monday and Wednesday



## **Warning – Fake bottles of vodka**

We have been made aware of the production and distribution of counterfeit vodka in the Gateshead area. The counterfeit vodka is labelled as Glen's Vodka (350ml bottles) and may have a strange smell and taste differently to genuine vodka.



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The counterfeit vodka has been found to contain isopropyl alcohol which is an industrial solvent and is not intended for human consumption. Consumption of isopropyl alcohol can quickly lead to alcohol poisoning and in severe cases death.

If you have purchased any 350ml bottles of Glen's Vodka, please don't drink it. Store it somewhere safe (out of the reach of children) and contact the school office as we can advise how to identify a counterfeit bottle.

### **Article 33: You have the right to be protected from dangerous drugs**

## **Asda Rewards**

Asda have launched the Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools scheme, if you already have the app, please can you link it to Lingey House Primary, please can you ask family and friends to do so, as this will benefit our students greatly.



## **Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools**

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**1**

### **Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app**

Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.

**2**

### **Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com**

Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.

**3**

### **Asda does the rest**

The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

**Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started.**

Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.





## Changes to Attendance

The Department for Education (DfE) is changing the guidance on unauthorised leave taken in term time. As of the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024, school will be following the guidance a summary is in the image below, full guidance is available via

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65f1b048133c22b8eecd38f7/Working\\_together\\_to\\_improve\\_school\\_attendance\\_applies\\_from\\_19\\_August\\_2024\\_.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65f1b048133c22b8eecd38f7/Working_together_to_improve_school_attendance_applies_from_19_August_2024_.pdf)

# PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.



**The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.**

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance)

## SEND Update

Next week, you will receive an up-to-date copy of your child's SEND Support Plan via email with a link to digitally give your consent to the plan. Once you have received this, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our SENDCO Mrs Watson to discuss further.

## Bike Shed

Please note that the Bike shed is only accessible before and after school, any latecomers will not be able to take their bikes/scooters in through the school office.

## After School Clubs

This half terms after school clubs will start on the 16<sup>th</sup> September and run until the 25<sup>th</sup> October.

After school clubs will be available to book on next weeks Newsletter.

**Article 15 : You have the right to be with friends and joining clubs.**

## Dogs

Please note that dogs are not allowed on school grounds.

**Article 24: We all have the right to information which keeps us safe and healthy.**

## Smoking & Vaping

Reminder that our whole school site is non-smoking, this includes vapes and e-cigarettes. Please refrain from using these on school grounds.



## Parking

Please can all Parents/Carers ensure that at school pickup and drop off times that they behave respectfully towards residents and other parents, parking and park responsibly. A number of incidents have been reported to school of confrontations and abusive language being used around children which as a school we do not condone.

**Article 24: We all have the right to information which keeps us safe and healthy.**

## Arbor

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Parent App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The [Parent Portal](#) works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Parent App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

We are going to be using Arbor's features more this year, below are some examples:

- Check your child's attendance
- Book After – School Clubs
- Book Parent Consultations
- Pay for School Meals
- Any Trips/Activities will need parent consent via Arbor
- All Parent Consents will be set via Arbor
- Parents can update contact details – ensuring we have the most up-to-date emergency contact numbers available
- In App communication is free and an efficient way of getting school updates immediately.

**Please speak to the school office if you are unable to access Arbor.**

**Article 17: We all have the right to be given safe and honest information, which is not harmful and we can understand.**

Welcome back everyone! It sounds quite a cliché “first day back thing” to say, but that was the **fastest** six weeks ever. We are back already and our children have taken no time at all, in getting outside and making the most of our play offer.

This week's newsletter is not going to be anything too exciting but we want to ensure your children can make the most of our play offer and have the best possible time in doing so.

## Opal play, what do we need?

The O in opal stands for outdoor. Where possible we want our children to ensure they get a quality hour of play every day. In the Winter months, especially after school, it becomes increasingly harder to get outside and play due to the dark nights. However, this is also when we get the worst of the weather. So, what do we do about this?



### **Waterproof coat**

Can all parents/guardians ensure that their children have a waterproof coat. It doesn't have to be anything fancy! An old coat that could be left in school would be perfect.

### **Wellies**

Once again, nothing flash they just have to keep your feet dry! They are to be left in school in our lovely welly sheds.



## **What is the opal newsletter for?**

Things can change quite rapidly in opal, as we are constantly looking at ways to adapt our play offer so that there is plenty to do for each and every child.

We will update the newsletter regularly to inform you of any changes that may be happening but sometimes we will even use our news slot to simply celebrate our children's play. So, keep an eye out!

## **You can be part of something amazing**

If you feel you could contribute in some way to our play offer, please don't hesitate to offer your input. Whether you want to donate some old toys, pallets or even an unused World War 2 plane that you have lying around please let us know!

Thanks,  
Mr Burrell

## Ducks Feeding 2024 – 2025

On your day, children are welcome to bring in food from home to feed the ducks with their class.

Feeding		
Monday	Toddlers	30 Hours Nursery
Tuesday	Rec A	
Wednesday	OPAL / rest of school	
Thursday	Nursery 15 hours	
Friday	Rec B	

### **What do ducks like to eat?**

- Sweetcorn and peas (frozen or tinned)
- Lettuce (bag or a ball of lettuce)
- Tinned potatoes
- Tomatoes (cherry or normal)
- Oats
- Veg – beans, cucumber, cabbage, broccoli, spinach, kale
- Hard boiled eggs
- Seeds – squash, pumpkins, tomatoes, melons, mangos, pomegranates
- Greens, herbs and weeds – cut grass from the garden, fresh herbs like oregano, basil, mint, calendula, parsley
- Fruits – strawberries, blueberries, watermelon, melon, pears, peaches, banana (they like frozen berries too)
- Don't feed them – oranges, mushrooms, avocados, bread, crackers, cereals

### **Coffee Morning**

Hannah, our Family Support Worker is continuing our coffee mornings. These take place every week, on a Thursday morning from 9 – 10am in the Lodge. Please come along, everyone is welcome!



**Article 5: We have the right to be given guidance by our parents and family.**

**Article 26: We have the right to help from the government if we are in need.**

# 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	100%	Y3B	94.64%
YRB	95.56%	Y4A	99.17%
Y1A	94.58%	Y4B	100%
Y1B	97.41%	Y5A	95.69%
Y2A	95.83%	Y5B	99.17%
Y2B	93.95%	Y6A	97.08%
Y3A	98.33%	Y6B	97.92%
Whole School Attendance:		<b>97.2%</b>	

## This week's House Tokens

This week's winner is **HYLTON!**



<b>Bamburgh</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Hylton</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>Warkworth</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Lumley</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Dunstanburgh</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>Alnwick</b>	<b>80</b>

## Times Table Rockstars



Biggest Earner	Class
Jack S	Y6A
Ayla C	Y6B
Kenver H	Y6B
Biggest Increase in Speed	
Harley S	Y4A
JJ W	Y4B
Carlton W	Y4B
Minutes Played	
Penelope W	Y4B
Max O	Y5A
Amber C	Y5B
<b>Golden Guitar Winner – Y6B</b>	



## Dates for the Diary

<u>Date/time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Who's involved</u>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	School Re-Opens	Whole School
28 <sup>th</sup> October -1 <sup>st</sup> November	Half Term	Whole School
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term	Whole School
<b>Spring Term</b>		
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	School Re-Opens	Whole School
24 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Half Term	Whole School
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Last Day of Term	Whole School
<b>Summer Term</b>		
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	School Re-Opens	Whole School
5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Bank Holiday	Whole School
26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Half Term	Whole School
2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025	Occasional Day	School Closed to Children
3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025	Inset Day	School Closed to Children
18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Last Day of Term	Whole School

# *Out of School* Achievements

Please email Out of School Achievements to [office@lingeypouse.org](mailto:office@lingeypouse.org)

## **A huge well done to ... Josh!**

Josh has signed his pre contract for Sunderland Academy for the 24/25 season. He has worked so hard with non stop football to get where he is now.

**Well done, Josh.**

