



Newsletter 3 Friday 9th October 2020

WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER

Current COVID update

Thank you so much for continuing to adhere to the rules and timings that we have put in place to keep your children and the staff safe at our Academy.

The children are continuing to enjoy learning and being with their friends in their bubbles. It is lovely to see all the children happy, smiling and talking. We are really pleased that the children have settled so well.

We continue to review our risk assessment for keeping everyone safe during this time. It is very important that, as a community, we do not get complacent and allow this virus into our environment. In the event of a bubble closure or even whole school closure, the staff have been working on an improved 'remote learning' offer. Details will follow if need be.

- Thank you to all the parents and carers who are supervising their children with their scooters and bikes on the playground, by making them walk with them to the gate. This is working really well thank you!
- Please follow us on Twitter to get regular updates of what the children are doing.
- Please could we ask that only one adult (if that is possible) to walk on site at arrival and pick up times for the Reception children. This will decrease the amount of parents on the playground.
- If you need to communicate with the class teacher, please email the office and the teacher will get back to you.
- As the days get colder, please can we ask the children to wear extra layers as doors and windows are open for ventilation as outlined in our COVID risk assessment. Obviously when it gets too cold we will close them.
- We have taken the decision to stop year group assemblies as a precautionary step.
- Please can we ask that KS2 continue to bring in their own pencil case and so do not share unnecessarily with their class / bubble mates.
- As the weather turns, please make sure the children wear appropriate footwear, to keep their feet warm and dry. We will be going outside a lot!
- As a family, if you do receive a positive test result, you must notify us so that we can take the necessary action. Please contact the academy office in the usual manner.
- Finally, **please park safely and considerately in the neighbouring roads at drop-off and pick-up time.** We have contacted West Sussex Highways, West Sussex Road Safety and the Police regarding dangerous parking.

The first school trip under COVID restrictions takes place!



The Year 6 classes took part in a fantastic series of visits to Wings Museum in Balcombe to enrich their topic of 'The Battle of Britain'. The children listened avidly to a talk about life on the home front, evacuees and the constant threat of air attacks. Exhibits were shown and a real air raid siren was sounded to create a true wartime experience. The classes also had an opportunity to explore the museum's engaging exhibits and memorabilia, which provided a fascinating insight into World War II. It was a successful, immersive experience that launched this term's focus of study in the most vivid and enlivening way. Thank you to parents for supporting the year group and their Wings educational visit.



STARS of the Newsletter!

Congratulations to 16 Lindfield Primary Academy pupils who have been elected as School Councillors for the first half of the academic year! Our School Council is vitally important as members are elected by their peers to represent their collective views. It is a meaningful way in which our pupils can voice their opinions on decisions that impact them and our academy. We're delighted to announce our new School Councillors. We wish them well in their new and exciting role this year.

School Councillors have been announced!

YEAR 2	FREDDIE SLOAN	NAOMI ROBERJOT	SOPHIA SMITH
YEAR 3	LEXI PADGETT	ALFRED HARDING	ALICE BEECROFT
YEAR 4	OSCAR ALLEN	ARCHIE MUNRO	REUBEN SEYMOUR
YEAR 5	BEN BONNINGTON	CAMERON NICHOLSON	LILIA KEATING
YEAR 6	HARRY JAMES	ISSAC PETTE AND GEORGE THOMPSON-CLARKE	KOLADE ADIGUN

ADVICE ABOUT KEEPING SAFE ONLINE
'TEAM'

Please find below guidance about online safety from the NSPCC-just follow TEAM!

T-Talk about staying safe online
E- Explore their online world together
A-Agree rules about what is ok and what is not
M- Manage your family's settings and controls.

You'll find lots more information on the NSPCC website- www.nspcc.org.uk
or give the NSPCC a call on **0808 800 5002** to chat to one of their expert advisors
For more information, please follow the link www.nspcc.org.uk

Job opportunities at our local secondary school

Oathall Community College is currently recruiting for a Cover Supervisor/ Faculty Assistants. If you are interested in applying please see [their website here](#) for more details.

Spotlight on Safeguarding

Over the next few newsletters we will be introducing our Safeguarding Team at Lindfield Primary Academy. Another Designated Safeguarding Lead is the Principal **Marcus Still:**



If you have any concern about a child you can contact Mr Still through the academy office. It is also possible for you to make a referral to the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub

Pupil Premium

Have your personal circumstances changed?

Are you unemployed, long term sick or a single parent?

If you are in receipt of any of the following :-

- Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7,400 or less)
- Income support
- Income-based job seeker allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

you may be entitled to Pupil Premium support. This does NOT affect any of your benefits but allows the school to access extra funding for your child, to support them with visits and any curriculum needs they may have. It also entitles them to a free school meal which you may or may not wish to take up. Please see Mrs Jerbi in confidence at the front office or follow the link below if you think you may be eligible:[://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/#how-to-apply](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/#how-to-apply)

Family fund

The Family Fund is a charity which aims to help families with disabled children (this may be in any form e.g. physical, mental, Autistic, etc.) They offer grants for a variety of needs e.g. funding for a trampoline, a wellbeing break, etc. To check whether your family or child is eligible, visit <https://www.familyfund.org.uk/faqs/how-do-we-apply>

Attendance update

Whole Academy attendance:
25th Sep–8th Oct 98.4%
Highest KS1 class:
Maple (Y2) & Apple (Y1) – 99.7%
Highest KS2 class:
Copper Beech (Y3) – 100%

PTA News

What a fantastic response to our **Annual General Meeting** taking place next week, Tuesday 13th October. Due to current guidelines, we will now be hosting our first-ever virtual AGM!

This means we can accommodate more of you. For your chance to find out more and get involved, there's still time to pre-book your place your Virtual AGM ticket here.

Despite these uncertain times, fundraising has started positively. Our recent pre-loved uniform sales raised an incredible **£250**. Thank you to everyone who supported and donated.

Our brilliant PTA adult choir, The Larynx, are back singing (albeit virtually for now) and have already raised **£200** this term. We are grateful for their support and look forward to hearing their latest melodies!

As always, keep in touch by email lindfield.pta@gmail.com or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LindfieldPTA.

Thank you.

Harvest Festival

This coming Wednesday (14th October), we will be celebrating our annual Harvest Festival. This year, we are supporting UKHarvest - a charitable organisation which provides meals for those in need around Sussex.

If you would like to find out more, please visit their website at <https://www.ukharvest.org.uk/>. Teachers will also be sharing a special Harvest video produced by UKHarvest. To ensure a Covid safe collection, children will be able to drop off any donations within their own class bubble. We really appreciate any food donations you are able to provide.



As you may have noticed we have two Twitter feeds on our website, you can follow us on @lindfieldsports or @lindfieldpri for all academy news and updates.