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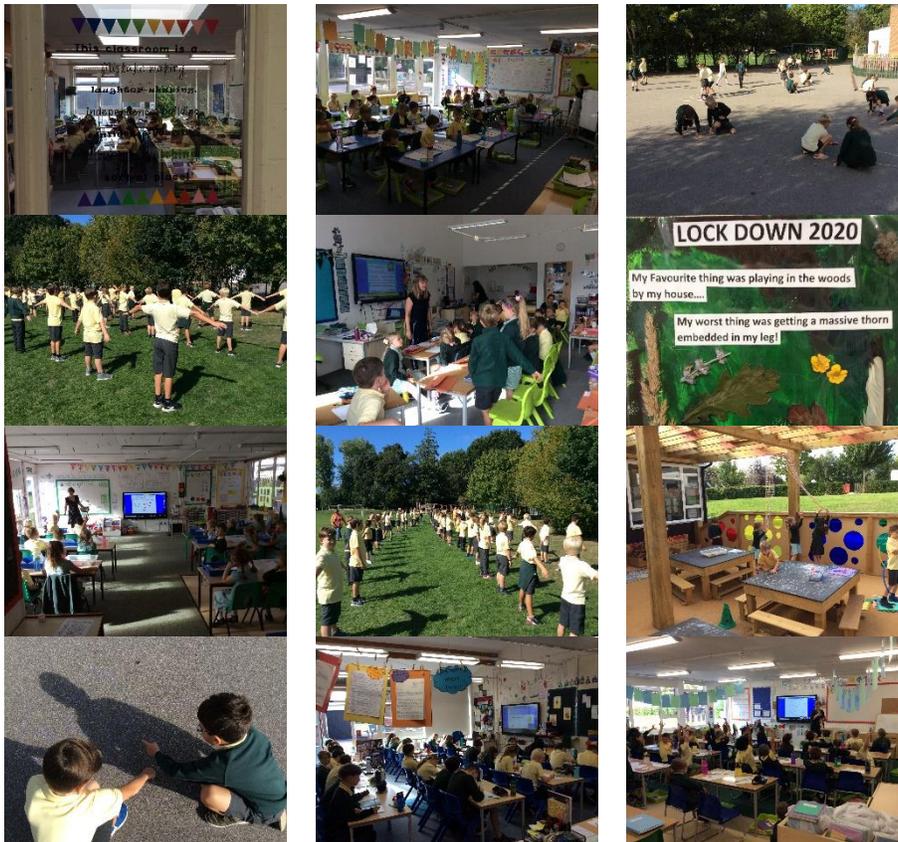
WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

It is so lovely to see all the children back! They all seem happy, smiling all the time and engaged in their learning. As an Academy we wanted to thank you all for doing such a good job with home learning during lockdown. We know at times it was hard. We hope that families can get back to some sort of normality, safe in the knowledge that your children are once again surrounded by friends and in a happy and safe learning environment.

We also hope that you had a lovely summer break and managed to relax, enjoy family time (without home learning!) and enjoy the weather.

The children have come back in a truly wonderful way. They are listening and being very good at washing hands and social distancing as the pictures below will show. The children are remaining in their class and year group bubbles, playing well with their friends and listening to adults. Our Academy risk assessment to enable us to be safe is holding up well and is under constant review. We would like to thank you all, as well, for enabling the drop off and pick up of children to work so well. More on this on page 2. We are making sure your children settle into new routines, whilst also lightly assessing their academic and emotional well-being. This is called our 'Recovery Curriculum' and more information will be coming to you soon about this.

So, thank you for being patient with us and we hope that this is the start of a very happy and productive school year!



STARS
of the Newsletter!

All the children of Lindfield Primary Academy!

The children are showing excellent behaviour that covers all the school values! They are being **respectful**, by keeping social distant rules in place, **independent** when starting their work, good **team work twins** for working well together in their bubbles, **persevering** when the work challenges them, constantly **enthusiastic** during the school day, continuing to achieve **success** when completing work and **celebrating** achievements for themselves and others!

Reviewing Drop off and Pick up times

We are constantly reviewing the practice that we have put in place to enable children to arrive and leave the Academy premises safely. We would again like to thank you for working with us to enable this to happen. Below are some details to note:

- 1) the key to the smooth arrival and departure is turning up during the allotted time slot; the aim of this is to prevent long queues;
- 2) at the present time, bikes and scooters are not allowed; we hope to change this w/c 21st September;
- 3) from Monday, 14th September, the 'no more than 6' rule will be in place issued by the Government; please, once you have left the Academy, do not meet in groups on the Common;
- 4) any children that are late arriving, please go to the Academy office and continue to keep to the one way system;
- 5) please try to keep your distance from others when walking to and from the Academy;
- 6) thank you all for your comments and suggestions regarding siblings; we are continually reviewing how to improve this process.

Reporting accidents home

This term we have introduced a new 'online medical needs and accident reporting tool' across the Academy, known as 'Meditracker'. This will allow all the information about children's medical and care needs to be stored centrally, shared with those staff that need to know and also to keep an electronic record of any accidents and incidents. This is a great addition to the wider safeguarding provision for our children.

One of the main changes that parents will notice is that the new system allows us to email parents to notify them of any minor head bumps and other injury as they happen in school, rather than relying on a note home at the end of the day. Obviously any more significant incidents would be communicated by telephone from the office as usual. From the beginning of next week, you may therefore start to receive accident email notifications from us.

If you have any questions about this please do call the office to talk to Mrs Robinson (SENCO) or Mrs Mitchell (medical officer).

Sports Update

PE at Lindfield Primary Academy has got off to a great start. The daily run is up and 'running' again. We've seen many children practicing their throwing and catching skills, some children learning some super football skills, while others have been developing their ball skills and their reaction and response times.

We really value the importance of the children being active every day and encourage children to keep active at home too. As always, keep tagging us @LindfieldSports on Twitter with pictures of the children keeping active. It has been lovely to see children taking their Maths, Reading, English and topic lessons outside too and making the most of the weather and space we have at the academy. What a lovely first week back!

ADVICE ABOUT KEEPING SAFE ONLINE

3 of the biggest tips to help start the conversation about online safety with your child-

1. Explore sites and apps together and talk about any concerns.
2. Ask your child if they know how to stay safe online.
3. Talk about personal information and what to share online

You'll find lots more information on the NSPCC website – or give the NSPCC a call on [0808 800 5002](tel:0808 800 5002) to chat to one of their expert advisors

Safeguarding

Lindfield Primary Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This means that we have a Child Protection Policy and procedures in place. Parents and carers are welcome to read the Policy on request or via our website.

Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that any concerns are discussed with a child's parents/carers first, unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.

Thank you for your understanding.

May we take this opportunity to remind you that we are a nut-free school and to avoid all nut products in lunches and snacks.

Please note that the bi-weekly Foodbank deliveries terminated at the end of August; should you wish to continue to access this, you are asked to reapply each month - please let the Academy office know.

Absence

Should your child be unwell and unable to attend school, please would you telephone the Academy office before 9.15am to advise us of the reason for the absence. It is important that we are aware of the whereabouts of all children as soon as possible in a school day. When telephoning, please leave a message in our 'Absent Child Mailbox' by selecting option 1 when you get through to the Academy's answer message. Alternatively, you can email office@lindfieldprimaryacademy.org.uk.

Attendance update

Whole Academy attendance: 7th – 11th Sep
98.7%

Highest KS1 class: Holly (Y2) – 100%

Highest KS2 class: Poplar (Y3) & Elm (Y6) - 100%



As you may have noticed we have two Twitter feeds on our website, you can follow us on [@lindfieldsports](https://twitter.com/lindfieldsports) or [@lindfieldpri](https://twitter.com/lindfieldpri) for all academy news and updates.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 14th Sep: Reception children begin their transition to school
Wed 16th Sep: Year group meetings via TEAMS - 3.30pm Yr 2, 4pm Yr 3, 4.30pm Yr 1
Fri 23rd Oct: INSET Day – academy closed to pupils
Mon 26th – Fri 30th Oct: Half term break
Mon 2nd Nov: INSET Day – academy closed to pupils
Fri 6th Nov: NHS flu vaccinations – all year groups
Fri 18th Dec: Autumn term ends