



Newsletter 6 - Friday 20th November 2020

Welcome to our newsletter

COVID update

We carry on through this second national lockdown. The children continue to be brilliant in the Academy and the staff are working incredibly hard to keep everyone safe.

Our children and staff from Year 6 Ash class returned yesterday from self-isolation. The remote learning on offer for the children proved highly successful and all were happy to be back in the educational environment, especially the staff!

In the previous few weeks, we have learnt a lot about working with Public Health England and in particular our risk assessment has been put to the test. It is clear that the restrictions we have put in place have had a positive impact on the number of children having to self-isolate. Without them, we would have undoubtedly had to close more bubbles and send more children home to self-isolate. It is also clear that self-isolation works. The Trust have been looking into all the positive cases across the Academies and where parents have followed the guidelines to self-isolate at home, it has had an impact on the amount of bubbles that have been closed. So please, if we happen to send your child home to self-isolate, please follow the guidance and keep them at home at all times.

Full guidance can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-taxon/education-and-childcare>

If any children do test positive for COVID you must let the Academy know immediately. During out of school hours, please use our new email address which is checked regularly: covid19@lindfieldprimaryacademy.org.uk

Could we remind parents not to congregate before and after school in groups, as this goes against Government guidance during lockdown. If you are waiting for siblings to come out of school, please be responsible for your children while you wait. Wearing Lindfield Primary uniform, they are ambassadors for our Academy.

Please can we also remind you to park considerately in our neighbouring streets and if walking, cross where our school crossing patrol officers are for your safety.

Thank you for your continued support!

WHAT WILL CHRISTMAS LOOK LIKE AT LPA?

As we all know 2020 has been a little different and therefore Christmas at LPA will also be a little bit different. We want to make this time of year as special as we can for the children in the current circumstances, so have a few exciting things planned.

New -Friday 11th December - Christmas Decoration Day. Christmas jumpers.

Children across the entire academy will spend the day making a variety of decorations for your Christmas trees at home. These will be quarantined at school and safely sent home to you on Tuesday 15th December. Children will be allowed to wear Christmas jumpers to school on this day.

New Friday 11th December – Virtual class ‘meet up’

Each class has been paired up with another class in the academy. The children are going to read/perform a Christmas story to the other class. The children will be able to see each other on the screens and be able to share some Christmas spirit across the year groups. We are really looking forward to seeing each other and sharing some of our fantastic Christmas jumpers!

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Lunch

Our fantastic Christmas lunch will still be happening. The children will spend the morning making Christmas hats and decorations for this special event. Christmas jumpers can be worn on this day. There will be a Christmas film in the afternoon with a treat from our lovely PTA.

Friday 18th December – Last day of term

On the last day of term the children will be taking part in a range of fun Christmas quizzes in their classes with their friends and the rest of the year groups (virtually). The whole school will meet virtually for a final Christmas celebration during the day.

A few requests from us:

Please remember, due to Covid restrictions, we cannot have any of the usual board games or toys brought into school, or any Christmas accessories over the festive period.

Christmas cards must not be brought into school to be swapped by the children.
Thank you for your understanding during this very strange time.

Anti-Bullying Week

This week we have participated in National Anti-Bullying Week. We like to pride ourselves on our proactive approach and policy to anti-bullying all the time. However, this week, the children have been taking part in special Anti-Bullying Week activities. The theme this year, created by Anti-Bullying Alliance is ‘United Against Bullying’. On Monday we held an ‘Odd Socks Day’, representing a celebration of being unique and the whole school uniting to work towards a common goal of stopping bullying. Each class have taken some fantastic photos which will be displayed in the William Allen Hall. The children watched a fun and interactive whole school virtual assembly. In class the children took part in discussions based upon how we all have a role to play in stopping bullying. The KS2 children created wonderful poems and the KS1 children designed an anti-bullying super hero!



Anti-Bullying Week 2020:

Little Reminders of How We Can All Be Kind Online

Monday marked the start of Anti-Bullying Week 2020. The theme for this year is 'United Against Bullying' with a focus on the positive power that society can have when we come together to tackle a common challenge. In support of this positivity, National Online Safety are celebrating how children and adults can bring positivity to the online world by simply being kind. Online bullying remains a common problem but showing empathy and compassion goes a long way to countering these negative interactions.

That's why National Online safety are re-releasing two guides on how trusted adults, parents and children can show kindness online.

Visit their website for these guides.

You'll also find lots more information on internet safety 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

Attendance update

Whole Academy attendance:
6th – 19th November **98.6%**
Highest KS1 classes:
Willow (YR) & Chestnut (YR)
– **99.7%**
Highest KS2 class: Palm (Y5)
– **99.8%**

Staff news

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Jane Robinson has been appointed to a new position of Assistant Principal, with a focus on Inclusion, here at Lindfield Primary. Mrs Robinson will sit alongside Mr Geddie (Assistant Principal – Attendance, Educational Visits, More Able), completing our new Senior Leadership Team line-up. She will continue in her roles of SEND Co-ordinator and Safeguarding Lead. Congratulations Mrs Robinson!

PTA News

Lindfield PTA are feeling very festive with all our Christmas events. We have lots of different events this term for both children and adults, look out for the ParentMails with all the details.

- The Christmas Raffle
- The Tea Towel Project
- The Christmas Quiz – Get those entries in!
- Santa Letters
- Christmas Lights – sign your house up!
- Children's Christmas Jumper Day
- Children's Virtual Quiz.

A big thank you to Brett Hudson, a well-known local artist, who has kindly agreed to donate 20% of all Christmas card purchases made by Lindfield Academy parents. Look out for the details on ParentMail soon. Another large thank you to Amanda Saunders, who is an Independent Usborne Organiser. She has very generously donated the prize for the winner of the Christmas Lights Treasure hunt. And finally, the PTA are very grateful to all the local businesses and contributors to our Christmas Raffle. It is going to be a good one!

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

STARS of the Newsletter

Charlie Stay in Ash class has been skipping all last week, whilst self-isolating, for Children in Need and raised £388! What a star!

Thank you to everyone for donating to our Children in Need collection buckets last Friday – total to be confirmed!



Year 3 Pirate Day

On Wednesday this week, Year 3 enjoyed Pirate Day. It was wonderful to see many swashbuckling pirates and a few of their pets! Our pirates worked so hard on polishing up their pirate skills. They were fantastic at climbing the rigging, sailing the seven seas, map reading and designing a door hanger for their cabin! A fun day was had by all, me hearties!



ArtsMark renewal

We are so proud of our achievements in the arts at Lindfield Primary Academy and we are particularly thrilled this week because we have successfully renewed our Artsmark Silver Award.

The Arts Council provided the following feedback about our wonderful Academy.

"Lindfield Primary Academy is to be commended for its ongoing commitments to arts and cultural activities for pupils. You demonstrate strong partnerships with parents and the community by organising a range of events including; grandparent day, parent exhibitions, art festivals and class performances. Both the Role Model Week and Arts Week are again excellent examples of how you keep the Arts in high profile across the wider school community. The lockdown during the Covid-19 pandemic has, of course been a challenging time for pupils, staff and parents, but it is good to hear that you have adopted a positive stance and engaged both teachers and pupils in creative artistic challenges."

Spotlight on Safeguarding

Another member of our Safeguarding Team is the Vice Principal, Vanessa Smith.



If you have any concern about a child you can contact her through the academy office. It is also possible for you to make a referral to the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) directly on 01403 229900

Poppy Appeal-well done everyone!

A message from Gordon Upton, Poppy Appeal, Honorary Organiser

Dear Pupils, Teachers & Staff of Lindfield Primary

Thank you all for your generous donation of £346.05 to the Poppy Appeal.

On behalf of the Poppy Appeal of The Royal British Legion, the vital funds you raised enable The Royal British Legion to help Armed Forces community past and present.

Yours sincerely, Gordon