



Newsletter 5 - Friday 6th November 2020

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful break and are ready for the next half term.

COVID update

Having completed the first two days of the new COVID National Lockdown, I can tell you the children have been brilliant! They continue to be aware of social distancing, maintain regular hand hygiene and respect their peer's space. And today the vast majority of children have received their annual flu immunisation.

Our risk assessment has been updated in line with the new lockdown guidance and will be on the website shortly. We continue to put in place a number of measures to keep our Academy operating as a safe space for your children to learn in. Our teachers are working very hard to ensure that our creative curriculum is being delivered alongside maintaining hygiene measures and safely managing resources. Staff at LPA all agree that this is the best place for the children to be in at this time. We want to keep all the children here and keep them on track with their learning. As of this current time, we have not had to close any bubbles. This is not only because our school is a COVID safe space, but also your attitudes outside of school by being sensible in your choices. We really appreciate your support in asking the children to walk to school in much smaller groups and adhering to the lockdown guidance and rules about visiting friends over this period. Full guidance can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-taxon/education-and-childcare>

Unfortunately, in line with this new guidance, we have had to cancel some of the provision planned for this half term, including: after school clubs, trips and curriculum enrichment visitors.

As an extra safety measure, we would also like to advise **parents and carers to wear face masks** when they come on to the playground at the beginning and end of the school day during this lockdown. Thank you so much for listening to this advice and acting on it. We are also keeping our staggered arrival and pick up times. Again, we really appreciate your support on this.

If any children do test positive for COVID you need to let the Academy know immediately. If this happens during out of school hours, please use our new dedicated email address which will be checked constantly: covid19@lindfieldprimaryacademy.org.uk

You might have noticed that new signs have been erected on the way to school. This is to remind some parents about parking considerably, especially not parking in the bus stop and for pedestrians to be aware that cars can and will use School Lane to access the houses past our school. Please be vigilant. We also welcome back our School Crossing Patrol Officer, Susan, who will be operating on Backwoods Lane. Ian will continue to patrol on High Street down by the pond.

Finally, we wanted to take a moment to say how proud we are of all our children for the amazing way they have coped with life back at the academy since the summer. Our Recovery Curriculum has been highly effective in identifying and supporting those pupils who have been anxious or worried about the 'new normal', as well as ensuring that any academic gaps formed during the Coronavirus disruption are swiftly addressed through our catch-up provision. Our work in these areas will, of course, continue. We would like to thank all parents, carers, local board members and the rest of our village community for their support in helping all our children to feel happy, safe and ready to learn.
Thank you for your continued support!

The Great Fire of Lindfield!

There was great excitement in the KS1 playground on Tuesday as the annual 'Great Fire of Lindfield' occurred. Based on Year 2 topic work, we were very impressed by the attention to detail which had gone in to the homework task of making Tudor houses. Some were jettied, many with pitched rooves and some were even decorated with flames already. Thanks as ever must go to Mr Jantasz who set the scene wonderfully and kept us all safe too. What a talented lot of families we have!



National Online Safety

With the UK now into a second period of lockdown, the DfE expects schools to have strong contingency plans in place for remote education provision should individuals or groups of pupils need to self-isolate. However, remote education isn't always straightforward, and several factors should be considered to ensure safe and secure delivery. That's why National Online Safety have created guides to help parents and carers get the most out of their remote education experience. Click on their website 'National Online Safety' to access the 10 top tips for Remote Education for parents and carers.

Cross Country News

During the w/b 23rd November all children across the Academy will be taking part in Cross Country week.

Children in each year group, EYFS through to Year 6, will be running! This falls in line with the local Mid Sussex Cross Country competition that would usually happen at this time of year. Many schools across the local area will also be joining in with this competition and our children's scores will be submitted to Mid Sussex Active to represent Lindfield Primary Academy. Keep a look out for more information on ParentMail.

Get those running shoes on and see if you can get a PB!

PTA News

Our Christmas virtual PTA meeting takes on place on Tuesday 10th November. All are welcome, please rsvp to Lindfield.pta@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

Don't forget to sign up to Easy Fundraising, it is such a simple way to raise money to support the school.

We hope to let you know about our Christmas events very soon, so watch this space.

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

Attendance update

Whole Academy attendance:

3rd – 6th November **98.7%**

Highest KS1 classes:

Maple (Y2) & Rowan (Y2) – **100%**

Highest KS2 classes: Palm (Y5),
Ash (Y6), Elm (Y6) – **99.6%**

STARS of the Newsletter

Lindfield Primary Commemorates

Below are some examples of wreath messages, poems and pictures that the School Councillors and House Captains have created for Remembrance Day.

All Saints Church are unable to hold the usual service for everyone to attend this year, but will be streaming a service via You Tube. The Royal British Legion will be laying a wreath on our behalf at the Church and LPA have donated to this worthy cause.

“Thank you for sacrificing your future for our future. You will not be forgotten.”

Charlie – House Captain

“Thanks from all the children at Lindfield Primary for fighting for this country. We remember you and thank you.” **Archie – House Captain**

“Thank you so much for the sacrifices that you made to give us our freedom that sometimes we take for granted but never forget on this special day.”

Ava – House Captain

