



Newsletter 1 - Friday 10th September 2021

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

It is so lovely to see all the children back! They are all so happy, smiling all the time and engaged in their learning!

We hope that you had a lovely summer break and managed to relax and enjoy family time.

At the end of our first week back, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you all so much for your support in getting your children off to a fantastic start to the year. The systems, procedures and support we have put in place are working well and helping the academy community to continue to feel safe and secure. We even started the week off with an assembly in the hall ... the first for many months!

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

I would like to update you all about staff. I sure you will join me in wishing good luck to our two new Early Career Teachers, Miss Kearney in Early Years and Miss Siddaway in Year 5. Both have settled in well to our academy. I would also like to wish all the best to Mrs Russell, who is now training with us to become a teacher. She is currently training with Year 4, after being a very successful teaching assistant with us for several years.



Look what the children are getting up to.....

Reception children will be joining us next week, how exciting!!

Year 1 - The children in Year 1 have made us all incredibly proud this week. They have settled nicely into their new routines and it's been wonderful to see so many smiley faces coming into school in the morning. The children have enjoyed exploring our outdoor area and have loved reading the story of The Jolly Postman!

Year 2 - each class were thrilled to receive mail from Australia! Inside the package was a didgeridoo, they are looking forward to our visitor next week and being treated to a performance with the instrument.

Year 3 - were very excited to find a message in a bottle! In their best pirate voices, they read out a letter from Captain Blackbeard introducing our fantastic topic all about pirates.

Year 4 - children had a fabulous time working together across the year group completing Team Building activities.

Year 5 - In PE this week, Year 5 have been having a super time practising their curling skills!

Year 6 - children have been sharing their WWII propaganda posters with their classes. The teachers are thrilled with the wonderful quality of the work. As you can see the children have very busy days!



Building work update

You may have read in the media over the summer about the state of schools across the country and how under-funded they are to physically maintain their buildings. Once again, we buck the national trend and are fortunate to have quality investment being made in the Academy. Over the summer, surveyors, architects and builders have been busy on our site. Two new spaces have been converted to meet our needs for this new academic year and beyond: last year's Poplar class (year 3) has been converted to become our fourth Early Years class, complete with toilets and outside space; and the computing room and music studio have been converted into a new classroom for year 6 class, Ash (pictured). Scaffolding is currently in place around our KS2 building, ready for roof replacement work, which will commence next month.



STAR of the Newsletter!

Year 4 pupil Nathaniel Downie set himself a challenge to crawl 2km around the Common to raise vital funds for the Teenage Cancer Trust over the summer holiday. It was tougher than he thought, but he was a perseverance pirate helped on by his emperor of enthusiasm friends and achieved it in an amazing 1hr21m! Well done Nathaniel! Star of Success!

Covid Safety Protocols

The safety of our school community at Lindfield Primary Academy is paramount. We have put in place a clear set of protocols for staff, pupils and parents to ensure we continue to keep safe.

These protocols follow DfE guidance and are protective measures for children and staff. Our current Risk Assessment, which can be found on our website, mirrors this.

Please note the following:

- Staff or pupils with Covid symptoms should not come to school. Anyone who starts to display symptoms during the day will be isolated and sent home as quickly as possible.
- Staff and pupils should wash or sanitise their hands regularly throughout the day, specifically when entering and exiting the school building or a room within the school building.
 - All rooms have sanitiser or a sink and soap.
- All rooms have tissues, bins and NHS signage to reinforce the NHS message "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it".
 - All areas of the school are regularly and systemically cleaned throughout the school day.
- No areas of the school should be crowded. We will continue to use the one-way system.
- The school building will be well ventilated.

ARRIVAL AND DROP OFF TIMES FOR NEXT WEEK

Please see the information below for the new arrival times and pick up times next week. There is more information on the ParentMail sent out earlier today.

Year Group	Gate/playground	Arrival time	Pick up time and location for parents waiting to pick up
Reception	Key Stage 2	8:45-8:50	3:10 KS2 playground
Year 1	Key Stage 1	8:40-8:50	3:00 KS1 playground
Year 2	Key Stage 1	8:40-8:50	3:00 KS1 playground
Year 3	Key Stage 2	8:30-8:45	3:00 KS2 playground
Year 4	Key Stage 2	8:30-8:45	3:00 KS2 playground
Year 5	Key Stage 2	8:30-8:45	3:10 KS1 playground
Year 6	Key Stage 2	8:30-8:45	3:10 KS1 playground

PTA News

Welcome back everyone and a special welcome to our new Parents and Carers. We have lots of exciting new events planned. Please join us at our AGM in the William Allen Hall on Tuesday 21st September at 8pm. This is the perfect way to find out how the PTA support the academy, how to get involved in our events and most importantly an opportunity for you to share your fresh ideas with us. We look forward to seeing you there!
Thank you, **Lindfield PTA**

Reading Corner!

Thank you to everyone who brought back their Summer Reading Challenge sheets! It's not too late so bring it in on Monday, if you haven't already! We've seen some fantastic pictures of children reading in great places. Thank you for being so enthusiastic!

ADVICE ABOUT KEEPING SAFE ONLINE

Three 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** 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.

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: 6th - 10th Sep:

98.4%

Highest KS1 class: Rowan (Y2) – **100%**

Highest KS2 class: Copper Beech (Y3),

Juniper (Y4) & Ash (Y6) all – **100%**



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 13th – Fri 17th Sep: EY children transition into school

Wed 20th Oct: EY '6 weeks in' session

Fri 22nd Oct: **INSET Day** – academy closed to pupils

Mon 25th – Fri 29th Oct: Half term holiday

Mon 1st Nov: **INSET Day** – academy closed to pupils

Wed 10th Nov: School Photographer

Thu 11th & Fri 12th Nov: Academy Open Days

Mon 15th – Wed 17th Nov: Yr 5 residential visit to Bowles

Wed 1st Dec: Flu Vaccinations

Fri 17th Dec: Autumn term ends