



Newsletter 2 - Friday 22nd September 2023

Welcome to our second newsletter! It is wonderful to see so many children taking part in extra-curricular clubs across the academy!

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we embark on a new academic year, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Jowett and I, and the entire senior leadership team across both Lindfield and Blackthorns are filled with excitement and anticipation. It's that time of year when the halls are buzzing with energy and classrooms are once again filled with eager minds ready to learn and grow.

Our academies have always been hubs of innovation and excellence and this year promises to be no different. We are looking forward to witnessing the numerous successes that will undoubtedly take place within our classrooms and play areas. It is the dedication and hard work of our pupils, teachers and support staff that make these accomplishments possible. Whether it is a pupil's "Eureka!" moment when they grasp a challenging reading concept, a delightful display of artwork in our hallways, a commendable effort on the sports field, or an imaginative and creative class project, we celebrate each and every one. These accomplishments not only highlight the diverse talents within our academy communities, but also showcase the determination and spirit of our young learners.

I wish to take this opportunity to remind both familiar faces and new families that I, along with Vice Principals Mrs Smith and Mr Jowett, will be readily available across our academies should you have any queries or wish to raise any concerns. A diagram explaining the leadership structure, which has been in place since September 2022, is below. We are looking forward to a fantastic academic year ahead, filled with learning, growth and countless achievements.

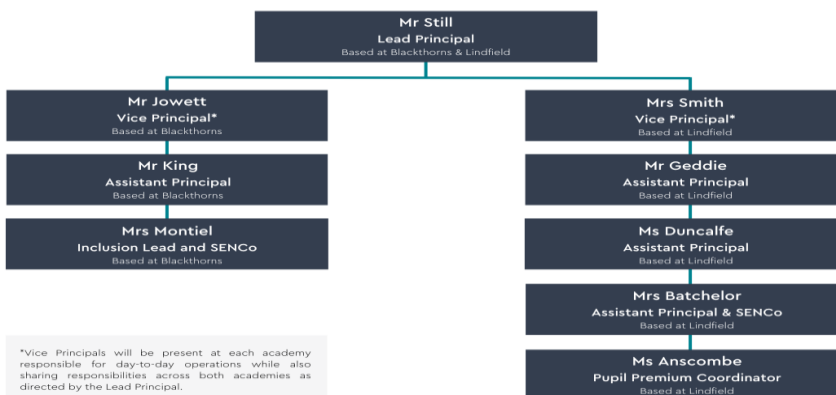
Mr Still

Lead Principal

Lindfield Primary Academy and

Blackthorns Community Primary Academy

Would you like to help us out at lunchtime?



Lunchtime vacancies @ LPA – new term, new job?

We have several vacancies for midday meals supervisors to join our friendly team. This is a paid role, 1.25 hours a day during term time only. You will supervise children in the playground and during the academy lunchtimes, laying out and clearing tables and ensuring the dining hall is cleared of rubbish at the end of the lunch sessions. You do not necessarily need to work every day and no previous experience is required. Please do tell your friends, grandparents and neighbours – this is a great way to give something back to your local community and get involved. Please contact Caroline or Esme via the academy office on 01444 482524 or email office@lindfieldprimaryacademy.org.uk. Or alternatively, please click the link below and apply.

<https://careers.brightonacademiustrust.org.uk/Job/JobDetail?JobId=2892>

Congratulations to our Ready, Respectful and Safe children



Reading corner

We have been so pleased with the response to our Academy Summer Reading Challenge. Well done to all children who took part! The names of all those who entered were put into our prize draw. Congratulations to Arlo Metcalfe in Year 1, Olben Gillespie in Year 3 and Alfred Harding in Year 6 who each received a £10 Waterstones voucher! Keep reading everyone!



Our Fantastic New School Council

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| Holly (Y2) | Milo Eagle |
| Rowan (Y2) | Molly Edwards |
| Maple (Y2) | Jack Morris |
| Mulberry (Y2) | Rufus Birley |
| Copper Beech (Y3) | Isabel McCullough |
| Silver Birch (Y3) | Lydia Clay-Goard |
| Poplar (Y3) | Geordie Crow |
| Juniper (Y4) | Alfie Allen |
| Pine (Y4) | Imogen Seigal-Dow |
| Lime (Y4) | Oscar Hall |
| Palm (Y5) | Ada Shears |
| Cedar (Y5) | Freya Gossage |
| Laurel (Y5) | Henry Manwaring |
| Ash (Y6) | Josh Warlow |
| Elm (Y6) | Ethan Keynes |
| Oak (Y6) | Pippa Cowdy |

European Day of Languages

Bonjour Buenos Dias Ciao

On Tuesday 26th September we will be celebrating this special day. The classes have been allocated a country to find out about and each class will be speaking some of the language. We will also be holding special assemblies in the morning. Ardingly College students will be coming in to run some Spanish and French activities for Year 2 and 3. We hope the children have a great time learning some new words and phrases in different languages.

Black Hill parking and School Crossing update

As you are all aware, Black Hill has new double yellow lines running down either side of the road. These were put in place with the combined work efforts of ourselves, West Sussex County Council and Lindfield Parish Council, to try to keep our children safe by not getting involved in any traffic accidents along that stretch of road. After some monitoring visits by council members on certain days, I would like to feed back and say a big thank you to all of our parent body for not parking their cars there. There has been a massive change in driving habits, so thank you all! Please be aware that local Traffic Enforcement Officers will be patrolling and handing out Fixed Penalty Notices if drivers do park there.

We are also hoping that our two school crossing patrols at Backwoods Lane and High Street by the pond will be manned again shortly. We have been talking to our children in assembly about road safety this week as some of our Year 5 and 6 cohort begin to independently arrive and leave school. Thank you for taking extra care crossing the roads at this time.

Attendance update

Whole Academy attendance: 11th – 22nd Sep: **97.5%**
Highest KS1 class: Maple (Y2) – 99.5%
Highest KS2 class: Lime (Y4) – 98.9%



Online Safety

Learning to keep safe online is a huge part of our Computing and PHSE curriculum. The E-safety Salamander poses questions and dilemmas for children to reflect on.

We are currently welcoming applications for volunteers – check ParentMail for details

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Harvest Time

We have lots of exciting activities happening this year to celebrate Harvest - Peter Brown from Haywards Heath Foodbank is coming in to tell the children all about volunteering to help and the importance of donating food on 29th September. We will then open up our class donation stations from 2nd to 5th October where items such as pasta, rice, sugar, tea, coffee, shampoo, soap, pasta sauces or instant noodles can be brought in to donate to the Foodbank.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 26th Sep: European Languages Day
Wed 27th Sep: Yr 6 village walks
Wed 4th Oct: Roger Stevens visit & book sale
Fri 6th Oct: Poetry in Pyjamas Day for Time 4 Children
Mon 16th - Thu 19th Oct: Parent Consultations Years 1-6
Wed 18th Oct: Early Years '6 weeks in' session
Thu 19th Oct: Y2 Great Fire of London workshop
Fri 20th Oct: **INSET Day** – academy closed to pupils
Mon 23rd – Fri 27th Oct: Half term holiday
Fri 10th Nov: School Photographer
Mon 13th – Wed 15th Nov: Yr 5 residential visit to Bowles