



## Newsletter 4 - Friday 20th October 2023

Welcome to our final newsletter for this half term. Have a lovely half term break, rest and relax



### Out and About in the Village

Last week **Year 1** went out and about in the village as part of their geography and RE learning sequences. On the way to All Saints Church the children spotted a number of our local landmarks and worked hard to create their own maps back at school. The children also explored features of the Church and enjoyed finding out how the Church is used by the Christian community.



This week our **Reception** children enjoyed their village walk. The children looked for signs of autumn and spotted the key features of our village like the pond and the common. The children also spotted people who help us in the village and gave a friendly wave to the receptionist at the doctors' surgery and Paul in the greengrocers.

Would you like some advice and support around mental health/anxiety? Click below for free videos and training courses for parents to access.

<https://www.westsussexmind.org/training-courses/mental-health-training/training-to-support-young-people/training-for-parents-and-carers/webinars-for-parents-and-carers>

### Becoming an Asthma Friendly Academy

A message from Edwina Wooler, Clinical Lead for Children and Young People with Asthma:

"Has your child got asthma or been prescribed a blue reliever inhaler? Many children with asthma and viral wheeze get worse over the autumn and winter months with coughs and colds that can trigger asthma and wheezing symptoms. There are some simple steps that you can take to make sure your child stays well over the winter. Every child who has asthma should be reviewed once a year by their GP or asthma nurse. At this review you should be given a personal asthma action plan for your child which details which inhalers they are on and when they should be taken, please bring a copy into school. If you haven't had a review recently, ring your surgery and book an appointment. Your child's inhaler technique will also be checked at the annual review. Most school age children should be able to use a spacer through a mouthpiece rather than needing a spacer with a mask. Make sure you are familiar with how to use the inhaler and if you're not sure ask your GP, asthma nurse or pharmacist. Make sure that you provide the school with an inhaler that is in date and let them know if there are any changes to your child's treatment. **Your school is working towards becoming recognised as 'asthma friendly', meaning that you should feel confident that your child is in the care of staff who have had additional training and understand how to manage asthma symptoms should they arise during the school day.**"

As part of our ongoing work to become an asthma friendly school, we supported the #AskAboutAsthma 2023 campaign that took place in September. Five of our pupils took part in a Q&A broadcast for 'Primary Live'.



They asked some very thoughtful questions about asthma and these questions were answered by asthma expert Dr Jonny Coppel. We shared their recording in assembly too to raise awareness across the academy. Well done to Amara, Poppy, Isabelle, Joshua and Bobby. If you would like to watch the full asthma broadcast see below:

<https://primaryliveuk.com/askaboutasthma-2023/>

### Football Success

This week, 19 of our year 6 boys represented the academy in football matches against Blackthorns. These matches were an excellent way to reward the enthusiasm shown by so many children in the 'trials' held earlier in the term. For many of the children it was the first time they have represented the school, either in football or any sporting event. We played two matches over lunchtime and both were good contests. In the end, Lindfield won one match 3-0 and the other 1-0. More importantly, the children played well as Teamwork Twins and remained Emperors of Enthusiasm even when asked to sub off for periods of time. Well played boys!

### Reading Corner

Is there anything more enjoyable than listening to a great story? SF Said, the fantastic author of 'Varjak Paw', 'Phoenix' and 'Tyger' recently shared that authors do their best to create books that will thrill children but that the real magic happens when stories are read aloud!

Our brand new Junior Librarians love reading and sharing books and one of their regular jobs is that they get to read to our Year 1 children on a Wednesday or Thursday as part of the Library Lunch Club initiative. A few children are chosen or volunteer each week and they get to listen to a lovely story read by one of our librarians. We are so lucky to have a great library where the love of reading can be shared!



### Attendance update

Whole Academy  
attendance: 9<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Oct:  
**96.1%**  
Highest KS1 class: Willow  
(YR) – 98.7%  
Highest KS2 class: Poplar  
(Y3) – 99.1%

### PTA News

Thank-you so much for your enthusiasm for the colour run, we were blown away by the response and so sad to have to postpone it. Sadly, the rain arrived at the same time as the paint!! Good news is, we are ready to go as soon as the weather is!

### Upcoming events

**Love Our School Day – 29<sup>th</sup> October** If you can spare just an hour or your time we would love to see there to help spritz things up

**Toads Night – 25<sup>th</sup> November** full details have been sent by ParentMail

**Wreath Making - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.** This is filling up fast so grab your space!

**We need you!** Watch out for news of the next committee meeting as we are in need of new people to join our PTA. Please come and join us and help raise funds to help our children learn!

### Celebrating Black History Month

As part of our Black History Month celebrations, Years 5 and 6 learned about the achievements and contributions of some incredible black British women who definitely need to be saluted for their skills, talent and inspiration. Year 6 published some fantastic poetry and year 5 created motivational posters.

### STAR of the Newsletter!

We are pleased to announce that following the work completed by last year's Eco Warriors, we have been awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag award. The feedback was very complimentary and recognised the efforts of the whole school community. The commendation concluded:

***"Overall this is a terrific application. Everyone at Lindfield Primary Academy should be proud of the Green team and the amazing and inspiring work that they've delivered this year. You're more than worthy of an Eco-Schools Green Flag. Congratulations."***

Big thanks to our wonderful Mrs Cook who put together the successful application.



Green Flag

2023

100 points earned



Well done to these wonderful children who have been consistently showing our academy values and being Ready, Respectful and Safe in the past 2 weeks.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct: Half term holiday  
Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 5.30pm: Yr 5 Bowles Parent meeting  
Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov: Show Racism the Red Card – non uniform day  
Mon 6<sup>th</sup> – Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Nov: EY parent consultations  
Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 9am: KS1 parent 'Reading' meeting  
Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Nov: Yr 6 NHS Height & Weight measuring  
Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Nov: School Photographer  
Mon 13<sup>th</sup> – Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Nov: Yr 5 residential visit to Bowles