



Newsletter 3 – Friday 10th October 2025

Welcome to our newsletter. Thank you so much for all your Harvest Festival donations!

Introducing Black History Month

To mark the beginning of Black History Month, children in Years 1 to 6 had a brilliant time taking part in African drumming and dance sessions run by the Zamble African Dance Company. The sessions involved using traditional West African moves to perform a short dance sequence alongside learning about the drum and its rhythms and finding out about West African culture. It was brilliant to see all the children enjoying moving to the beat of the music, mostly in the same direction at the same time!



Keep an eye out for further updates on what we get up to during this special month.

Generosity and kindness in the community

As part of our Harvest Festival celebrations, we collected food donations for Haywards Heath Food Bank. It was heart-warming to see so many donations flooding in. The children are always keen to contribute and help others after hearing how their donations have such a positive impact on others in their community. Thank you to Peter and Brenda Brown, from the Haywards Heath Foodbank Charity, for leading assemblies to share the information with us. Last year, donations weighed in at an impressive 440kg. This year, donations increased and were weighed in at 452.9 kg! Thank you to everyone for their generosity.



Reach More Parents

You will have now received both a letter and an enrollment code regarding signing up to the new Lindfield Primary Academy Reach More Parents app.

The aim of introducing this app is to bring many of the apps and software used for various aspects of school life into one, more easy to manage, app. Those of you who have already downloaded the free app and signed in with your code will see that there are some useful sections already in use.

The 'Noticeboard' function will display key information about upcoming events which will then automatically disappear once the event has passed. The 'Hub' has useful links to a range of other apps we use such as ParentPay, Seesaw and SchoolCloud. The 'Forms' section has links to the office paperwork required for things like changes of address or administering medicines.

Please ensure you have downloaded the app and signed up as soon as you are able. It is worth noting that Reach More Parents is replacing Parentmail as our main communication tool. The office staff are more than happy to guide you through this process if you have any difficulties. We then encourage you to navigate around the app and see what functions we are already using. This short video also introduces the app and its potential: <https://share.vidyard.com/watch/WV65SgAa4MN62rKEZwFfBC>

Reading Corner

Another quick instalment in our current series of **Cognitive and Academic Benefits of Reading...**

Why is reading bloomin' brilliant for your brain?

Reading enhances critical thinking!

Children learn to analyse information and understand cause and effect by following stories. This helps them with critical thinking and problem-solving. Children puzzle out why characters do the things they do and make predictions about what may happen next based on what they know about the characters and the world of a story. That in turn helps children figure out the world around them. Isn't reading great?

Year 6 Village Walk

Last Tuesday our three Y6 classes took part in a walk around the village to learn about the history of World War II in our local area. The children learnt about how the village would have looked in this period in history and what would have changed and what would have looked the same. This included where bomb shelters were located, what children playing on the common would have seen and heard and about some significant local residents. The Year 6s were excellent ambassadors for the school, moving around the village safely and respectfully. Well done all!

Dogs around the academy

Following an incident this week where a dog escaped its lead and bounded up to some of our younger children, please can we remind you that all dogs must be kept on a short lead and tied responsibly away from the gates when dropping off and picking up. Dogs are not permitted on the playgrounds.

We have some children who are a little nervous of dogs and seeing them jumping up or barking loudly as they enter or leave school is something we are keen to avoid.

Thank you for your support with this.

Maths Enrichment

As part of our growing links with Hurstpierpoint College, a group of Year 6 children went to Hurst last Friday for a maths enrichment afternoon run by the school. The children took part in a number of reasoning and problem solving questions involving fractions and had a wonderful time. They even got the chance to travel in one of the Hurst minibuses! We look forward to continuing to develop our links with Hurst going forward so that more of our children can benefit from these enrichment opportunities.



Well done to all of these Over and Above children who have been role models for our Ready, Respectful and Safe Behaviour Code this week.

Thank you LPA PTA!

On Tuesday evening a number of senior staff attended the PTA AGM meeting.

During the meeting, Mr Still outlined his thanks on behalf of all the staff and children for the wonderful work the PTA do. It is incredible that so much money is raised and donated each year, making a significant impact on the resources, learning and experiences of every pupil. Whilst we may be biased, we truly believe our PTA is the best in the country!

Congratulations and thanks to all the newly elected PTA Committee members as well as those who have stepped forward for positions on the Exec Team. We look forward to working closely with the team and wider parent body again this year to raise lots of money and purchase exciting and valuable opportunities for our children.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 14th Oct—Individual & Sibling Photographs
Thurs 16th Oct—Oak Class Trip To Tangmere
Wk Beg Mon 20th Oct—Years 1-6 Parents Evenings
Mon 20th Oct—Elm Class Trip to Tangmere
Wed 22nd Oct—Early Years 6 Weeks In Event
Thurs 23rd Oct—Flu Vaccinations
Fri 24th Oct—Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
Wk Beg Mon 27th Oct—Half Term
Mon 3rd Nov—Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
Wk Beg Mon 10th Nov—EYFS Parents Evenings