

Lingfield Primary School Newsletter

Covid Measures

As you will have seen from the letter sent out last week, Public Health are still urging caution around Covid, particularly with case numbers being high across Teesside. School has received advice from our Health and Safety Advisor with regards to the relaxation of measures. At this moment in time, we are still keeping our staggered drop offs and collections in place. The reasoning behind this is to keep the number of adults on the playground to the minimum. School has been requesting that adults wear a face mask when they enter the school grounds. I can confirm that this is no longer requested by school when parents are outside. However, we kindly ask that parents entering school do wear a mask when in the building.

We are continuing to monitor our case numbers. When we are able to do so, we will return to our 'normal' school day timings. Thank you for your continued support.

Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 7th February marks the start of Children's Mental Health Week. The week is an opportunity to shine a spotlight on children and young people's mental health. This is something we will be promoting and joining in with at school. Teachers are planning a range of activities for the week to promote positive mental health, parents will be able to follow what we do on our twitter feed during the week. As part of the national campaign, we will be raising money for Place2Be. Place2Be is a children's mental health charity that provides counselling and mental health support and training in UK schools. On Friday 11th February we will be joining in with 'Dress to Express'. Pupils could wear their favourite colour or outfit to express how they are feeling. Dress to Express is an opportunity for self expression and celebrating a diverse range of emotions. School will set up a donation section on our usual online payment system. The organisers are recommending a £2 donation, however any amount will be greatly received.

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 8th February is Safer Internet Day. As a school we cover e-safety through our computing and PSHE curriculum. However, the day is an opportunity to raise the profile of e-safety. The day is organised by the UK Safer internet Centre. There is an excellent section on their website for parents and carers with tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep children safe online. Follow the link for further details.

[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

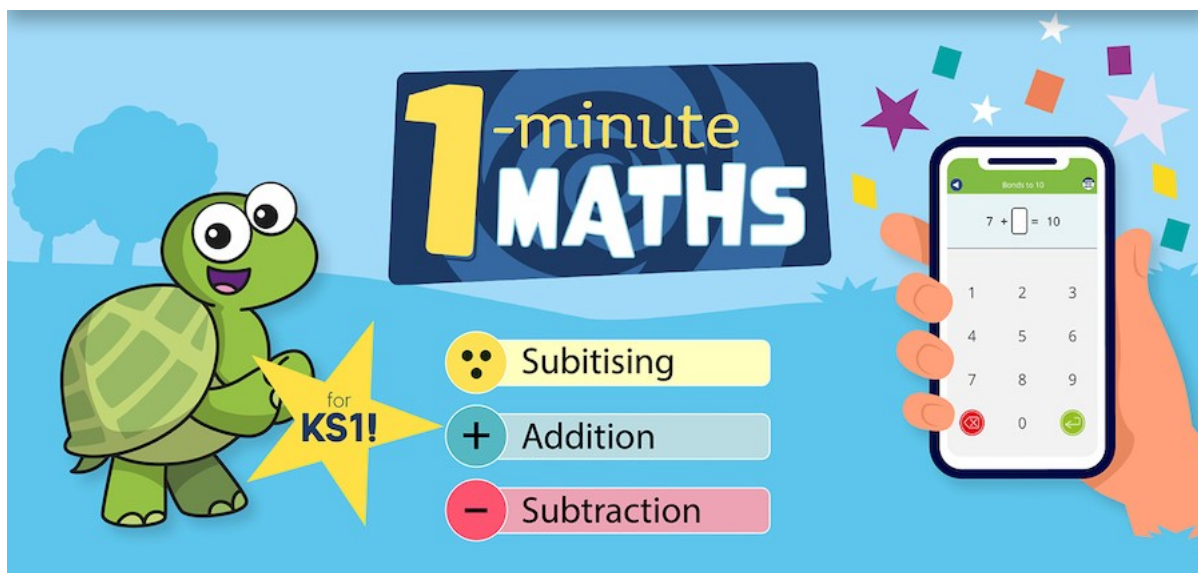
PD Days and the Queen's Jubilee

The following dates will be taken as PD Days;

Friday 18th February
Monday 28th February
Monday 6th June
Monday 25th July

As you may be aware, an extra bank holiday has been announced for 3rd June 2022 for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Department for Education has stated that due to schools being on half term at the time of the bank holiday, they will be able to close at another time. Therefore, Lingfield will be closed on **Friday 27th May**.

Have a great weekend
Phil Thackstone
Head Teacher



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