

# Lingfield Primary School

## Newsletter

### Covid Measures

I am really pleased to report that the number of positive cases in school have reduced dramatically over the last two weeks. With just one week left to go before the half term break, it is with much relief that we can begin to think about re-establishing the 'normal' school day.

After half term, school re-opens on **Tuesday 1st March**, this is because Monday 28th February is a PD Day. **From the 1st March we will be reverting back to all children being able to enter school from 8:40 am onwards with doors being closed at 8:50 am.** Any child arriving after 8:50 am must enter school through the main doors and be signed in by a parent. Arriving on time is so important to all pupils but particularly pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 because teachers begin the daily phonic lesson immediately after the register has been taken. **We will also be reverting back to our usual end of school day time of 3:15pm.**

We will also be re-establishing routines during the school day, however there are some lessons from Covid which we will learn from as we move forward, for example, Reception and Key Stage 1 will have a different morning break time to children in Key Stage 2. This will allow all pupils to have more space outside to play, particularly in the winter months. We will also be staggering lunchtimes slightly for the very same reason. We are also looking forward to re-introducing assemblies in the hall. We will initially start with separate assemblies for the different phases in school with a hope to moving to whole school assemblies as we progress through the term.

One of the things we are particularly looking forward to is welcoming parents back into school. All being well, we will be inviting parents into class assemblies as we move through the second half of this academic year. This will give pupils the opportunity to showcase some of the learning they have been doing since September.

When we move back to the 'normal' school day, obviously the playground will be much busier. This is a good opportunity to re-instate the insistence that dogs do not enter the school site. It has become noticeable that a number of dogs are in the playground, either being carried or on a lead. We do have a number of children who are very frightened of dogs and I hope that parents agree that all children should feel safe and secure whilst in school. Thank you in advance for your understanding and agreement with this request.

### The Governing Body

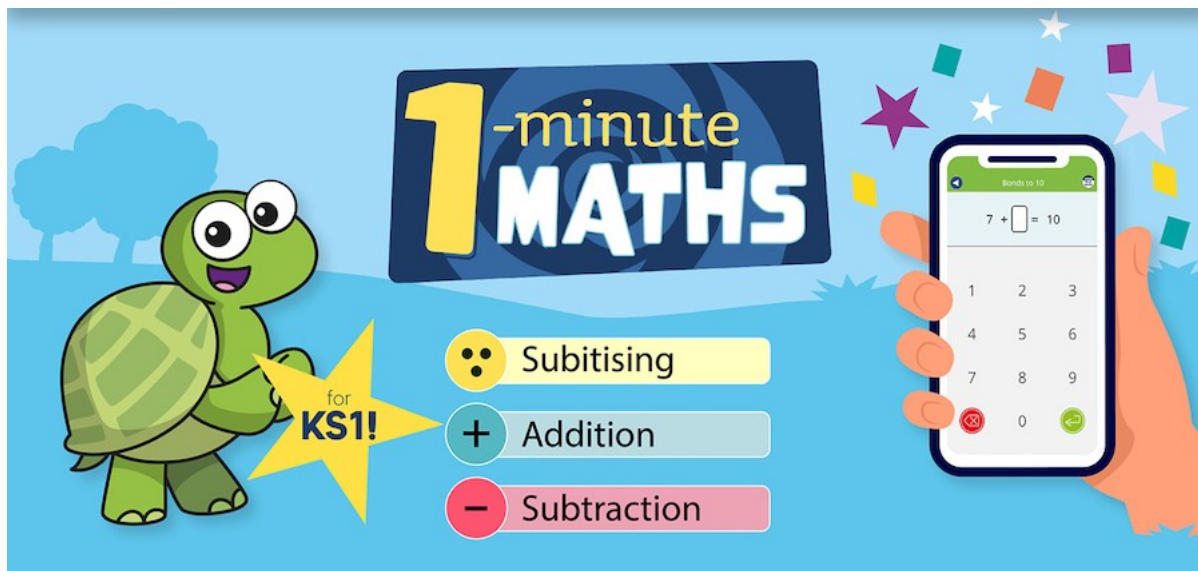
After many years of service, Mrs South-Fitzhugh has resigned from the Governing Body. Mrs South-Fitzhugh brought expertise around Human Resources and also served as a founding member of the James Cook Learning Trust board of Trustees. Mrs Gamble and Miss Clark have stepped down from the Governing Body as Staff Governors having served for a number of years. Governors met last week and agreed to co-opt Mrs Merritt onto the Governing Body and under the new structure, Miss Clews is now the staff Governor. Further details about the Governing body can be found on the school website.

### 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**.



## Who's it for?

This first version of the app is aimed at Key Stage 1 pupils, and focuses on adding and subtracting – and on 'Subitising'. The free mobile app is available for Apple/iOS, Android and Kindle.

## How does it work?

1-Minute Maths offers children engaging and easily accessible practice in basic number. There's no specific route or starting point. Having chosen a topic, each user answers a series of randomly generated questions (a different set of questions every time means they learn the concept, not a sequence of answers).

## Great for home & school use!

1-Minute Maths is a easily accessible at home for children to use outside of the school day.

## Check out these 7 top reasons for using 1-Minute Maths!

1. Excellent practice – and no distractions.
2. A clear, intuitive process that children pick up straight away.
3. No login or internet access needed. Just download and play.
4. Enjoyable and motivating... How many can they get correct in one minute?
5. Helpful hints match those used in class.
6. Brilliant for building number fluency and confidence.
7. The mobile app is **completely FREE!**



Have a great weekend  
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