

# Lingfield Primary School Newsletter

## Covid Measures

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.

## World Book Day

On Thursday the 3rd March we will be celebrating World Book Day. In school we will be celebrating everything great about books. Children can dress up as their favourite characters or in a theme of their favourite book.

We have a new competition this year 'Books Rock' where children can decorate their rock in a book theme or character. Here's an example of a few ready made rocks:



## 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**.

## School Photo's

On Friday 11th March we will be having Tempest Photography in school to take photographs of pupils. This year we are able to offer the sibling photographs. Unfortunately this will only be siblings who are of school age attending Lingfield (N-Y6)

On the Wednesday 4th May Tempest will be returning to school to take whole class photographs, something we have not been able to offer in recent years.

## Dates for the Diary

- Friday 18th February PD Day
- Monday 28th February PD Day
- Thursday 3rd March World Book Day
- Friday 11th March School Photo day
- Friday 8th April Break up for Easter
- Monday 25th April Return from Easter Break
- Wednesday 4th May Class Photos
- Thursday 26th May Break up for Half Term
- Friday 27th May Queens Jubilee Bank Holiday
- Monday 6th June PD Day
- Tuesday 7th June Return to school after Half Term
- Friday 22nd July End of School Year
- Monday 25th July PD Day

Have a great half term and we look forward to seeing all our pupils back at school on Tuesday 1st March

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