

# Lingfield Primary School

## Newsletter

*Polite reminder, we break up for the summer on Friday 22nd July*

### Parents in School

This week we have hosted two events for parents in school. On Wednesday the Y6 class performed Play in a Day to the school and to their parents. Play in a Day is a bit of a tradition for the Y6s at Lingfield. Children do exactly what the day is called, learn and perform a play in a day. This year the play was linked to their unit of work on World War Two. The Y6 class did a really good job of putting the play together and performing it in such a short space of time. Also, the Y2 class presented their assembly to parents on Thursday. I have to say, the Y2s did particularly well bearing in mind we were off on Monday and the hall was taken up for the whole of Wednesday with the Y6s doing Play in a Day. The class had very little time to put the assembly together but they managed and did a magnificent job. Performing in front of school and parents is such a worthwhile experience. Some children are natural at it whilst others are very nervous. However they feel, the whole experience builds confidence and an understanding of working with and in front of others. Well done to both year groups!!

### Parent Survey

Thank you to all of the families who responded to the parent survey we carried out last half term. All of the feedback was very much appreciated. Two key themes came out of the survey, communication and parental involvement. Below is a summary of where we are with those two particular aspects.

#### Communication

- Newsletters are sent out approximately every two weeks, to communicate key updates and events that have happened in school as well as future dates. Moving forward, we will also be posting on our Twitter account to say that a newsletter has been sent out. All of our Newsletters are also available on the school website.
- Each term every class teacher sends out a curriculum Newsletter with details of learning for the term ahead.
- All letters are sent out via The School Gateway, please make sure we have your correct email details and check messages are not going to your 'junk' folder automatically.
- Nursery and Reception use the Evidence Me app to keep parents up to date.
- Year 1 to Year 6 use Marvellous Me to send quick messages to parents.
- Year 1 to Year 6 have Showbie accounts, these are used in a number of different ways, from a means of setting homework to allowing children to share significant events with the rest of the class.
- As a school we use Twitter to provide parents with snapshots of what is happening in school.
- The school website provides a comprehensive overview of Lingfield as well as a calendar of the year dates.

I am very keen to make sure we communicate as effectively as we can. If you have any further suggestions as to how we can improve communication, please do not hesitate to email me directly.

#### Parental Involvement

- Due to lockdown and the restrictions that were in place, I completely understand why some parents have felt less involved in the education of their child. As I promised at the time, parental involvement is of the utmost importance to us as a school. As such, as you will have seen this term, we are inviting different parent groups in to school as often as we can for assemblies or lunches. We are also asking parents to volunteer for school trips which we have been able to start up again. I hope this does bring a greater sense of involvement for you. Moving forward, we will continue to look at ways in which we can involve parents when there is opportunity to do so.
- We have managed to return to face to face Parent Consultation Evenings. We know face to face does make a big difference. Also, we will be sending out our school reports this half term.
- As a school we have been carrying out a lot of work on our curriculum, its structure, the content and how it is sequenced. We will look at ways in which we can share some of this information with you in a concise and meaningful way on top of the termly curriculum letters we send out.

### Playground Markings

Pupils have been really pleased with the new playground markings this week. It has been really good to see children interacting with them at break times and dinner times. There is some 'scarring' left behind from the previous markings, this is to be expected and will fade over time.



## Fundraising

Frankie in Year 4 has been thinking very carefully about children in Ukraine. He has crocheted yellow and blue badges at home in his own time. We are selling the badges at the main Reception for £1, all proceeds will be sent to UNICEF to help support their work in supporting children during conflict. We are very proud of Frankie for being so caring and thoughtful towards others.

## Dates for the Diary

*Did you know, all of these dates are also on the school calendar on the school website? There is the facility via the website to subscribe to it so it integrates with your calendar on your phone.*

- Wednesday 8th June Y6 Play in a Day
- Thursday 9th June Y2 Parents Assembly 9:30 am
- Monday 20th June Sports Day - 1:30pm start
- Tuesday 21st June Nursery Sports Day am 9:30 am + pm 1:30pm
- Monday 27th June Summer Fair - 3:30pm
- W/B Monday 13th June Year 1 Parents invited for school lunch (Please see additional information sent out to Y1 parents)
- Thursday 16th June Year 1 Parents Assembly 9:10 am
- Friday 1st July Reception Parents Assembly 9:10 am
- Thursday 7th July Year 3 Parents Assembly 9:10 am
- Thursday 14th July Year 4 Parents Assembly 9:10 am
- Friday 22nd July Year 6 Leavers assembly 9:30 am  
End of School Year
- Monday 25th July PD Day

Please note, at the start of the 2022/23 academic year, **Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September** will be taken as PD days. Children will start the new school year on **Monday 5th September**.

Have a great weekend,  
Phil Thackstone  
Head Teacher