

Lingfield Primary School

Newsletter

Thank You

As we break up for the Easter holidays I just want to thank all our families for the continued support school has received this term. As the country adjusts to living with covid, we have still experienced significant disruption through pupil and staff absence due to positive test results. However, at the same time, we have been able to re-introduce some 'normality' this term. It was really good to be able to welcome parents back into school for consultation meetings. As convenient as meeting online might have been, I think we can all agree, meeting face to face has been so much better. We sincerely hope we can continue to make even greater strides next term with parental engagement.

Leave of Absence Requests Reminder

We are receiving a number of leave of absence requests from families wishing to go on holiday. Please can all requests be submitted to school no later than four weeks before the leave is required, this then allows school to follow the correct procedures. Each request is considered on its own merit, however, as Head I can only authorise an absence which falls under being 'an exceptional circumstance.'

An Exceptional Circumstance typically falls within one for the categories below,

- If a parent is service personnel and is returning from a tour of duty abroad where it is evidenced the individual will not be in receipt of any leave in the near future that coincides with school holidays.
- Where an absence from school is recommended by a health professional as part of a parent or child's rehabilitation from a medical or emotional issue.
- The death or terminal illness of a close relative.
- Out of school programmes such as music, arts or sport operating at a high standard of achievement. Documentary evidence of this event will be required.
- Religious observance – The Education Act 1996 S444(3) (c), states "on any day exclusively set apart for religious observance by the religious body to which his/her parent belongs".
- To attend a wedding or funeral of a close relative, please note, authorising attendance at weddings does not necessarily include attending weddings abroad which involve extended periods of time away absent from school.

Y4 Football

Last week eight boys from Y4 took part in the Lee Stevenson Cup which was hosted by Middlesbrough Football Foundation. It was the first competitive event for the boys and they did themselves and the school proud by reaching the semi finals. Well done to Luke, Ben, Bobby, Isaac, Bobby, Cameron, Dylan and Charlie. Not only did they play really well as a team, the way they conducted themselves out of school was exemplary.

Parent Survey

Please could I ask parents to spend a few minutes completing our Parent Survey for 2022. You can find the links for the survey below. If you have more than one child at school, please could we ask that you complete a survey for each child. The survey is open for the duration of the Easter holidays and the first week back. Thank you in advance for taking the time to do this.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/H6258KG>



Have a lovely Easter break
P Thackstone
Head Teacher

Dates for the Diary

- 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