

# Lingfield Primary School Newsletter

## Nursery and Reception Visitors

This week both our Nursery and Reception classes had special visitors to see them. Reception are currently learning about different jobs and the people who help us in our community. They were so lucky this morning to receive a visit from two Police Officers- one being one of our parents, Mr Merritt. The children absolutely loved exploring the Police van and especially pressing the horn and sirens! They have loved learning about what Police Officers do day to day this week, so meeting two actual Police Officers was such a valuable and exciting experience!



Nursery have had two very special visitors recently, Laura and Otis. Both Laura and Otis are under 12 months old. Children in Nursery have been learning about growing and changing. They have all brought photo's in of themselves as babies, but being able to meet Laura and Otis has really helped them understand how quickly we grow and change.

Thank you to all the parents who have taken the time to come in to school, it is very much appreciated. We are always keen to share with pupils right across school the jobs parents have. If you have the time and are willing to share what you do, we would love to hear from you.

## Parent Evenings

Today you will have received a letter regarding Parent Evening meetings. We are offering meetings on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th October. Please see the letter for further details.

## Early Reading and Phonics Meeting

A big thank you to all the parents who attended the early reading and phonics meetings this week, we hope you found it useful. If you didn't manage to attend, the following pages on our website have lots of information about how we approach the teaching of reading and phonics as well as a link to the presentation Miss Anderson used.

<https://lingfieldprimary.co.uk/reading-and-phonics/>

<https://lingfieldprimary.co.uk/phonics-at-lingfield/>

The website also has links to the Book Trust website which has fantastic book recommendations for different age groups.

<https://lingfieldprimary.co.uk/looking-for-a-good-read/>

Finally this link will take you to research about the positive impact of switching subtitles on whilst watching T.V. on children's reading and vocabulary development. <https://turnonthesubtitles.org/research/>

## Playground Issues

Since the start of September we have seen parents bringing dogs on to the playground, particularly when dropping off or picking up from Stars. Please can we remind parents that dogs are not permitted on the school site apart from guide dogs. We do thank you for your co-operation with this, but also, please do not be offended if at some point in the future you are challenged on this issue.



### **Parking**

We have very limited space in our school car park. Our parking facilities are solely for the use of staff and official visitors to school. We cannot accommodate parents parking at the start and the end of the school day. Other schools have had to purchase expensive electronic gate systems for their car parks, this is something we really would like to avoid. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Local Governing Body**

We have two parent governor vacancies at the moment. Governors play a critical role in the life of the school, they challenge and support the senior leadership team and help to set the strategic direction of Lingfield. A letter will be sent out next week to begin the recruitment process. If you would like to learn more about this vital and rewarding role, please do not hesitate to give school a ring.

### **Parent Volunteers**

As you will be aware, during the Covid pandemic, like all schools we had to restrict the number of visitors onto the school site. We are really pleased to be in a position to welcome volunteers back in to school. First of all we would love to hear from anyone interested in applying to be a reading volunteer. Books are at the heart of our learning here at Lingfield and we have some fantastic readers who would love to read to an adult or just share a book for pleasure.

If you think you would like to help out in our classes you will need to complete a brief application form. To ensure we are complying with current safeguarding regulations, all volunteers will be subject to safeguarding checks, including a DBS check, identity check and a right to work check.

Applications and details of how to complete the process will be available next week on the school website. We look forward to welcoming you into school and being part of our team.

Have a great weekend

Phil Thackstone  
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