



Linden Learner Newsletter – 2



10th September 2019

Dear Families & Friends

We are having such a wonderful start to the year at Linden. The children have settled in extremely well and are working hard to do their best. Both Mrs Powell and I have already given out several stickers and raffle tickets!!



FORAGING! FORAGING! FORAGING!

Yesterday our children used their foraging skills in Forest School to gather fruits. The fruits were used in creating a scrumptious fruit crumble!



Space to read, learn, play

Our proud father and son taking part in this year's Space Chase summer reading challenge hosted at Curve. Activities included workshops, crafts, performance, a pop-up library and the Star Dome. The reading challenge is aimed to get youngsters reading six books on any topic and collecting Space Chase goodies from local libraries. From the photograph it is clear to see how much both father and son enjoy the pleasure of reading.

ROALD DAHL DAY



On Friday 13th September our school will be celebrating Roald Dahl day. We would like to encourage our children to come to school as their favourite Roald Dahl character. Children that dress up on Friday will all receive a raffle ticket.

Parent Governor Election

This week our school will begin the process of electing a Parent Governor onto our Governing Body. The role of the Parent Governor is extremely important in helping; to shape the school's vision, to support the school in its future development, to bring a parental perspective to decision making and to support the school in continually improving. Letters will be sent home this week giving you all the information you need to become a governor.

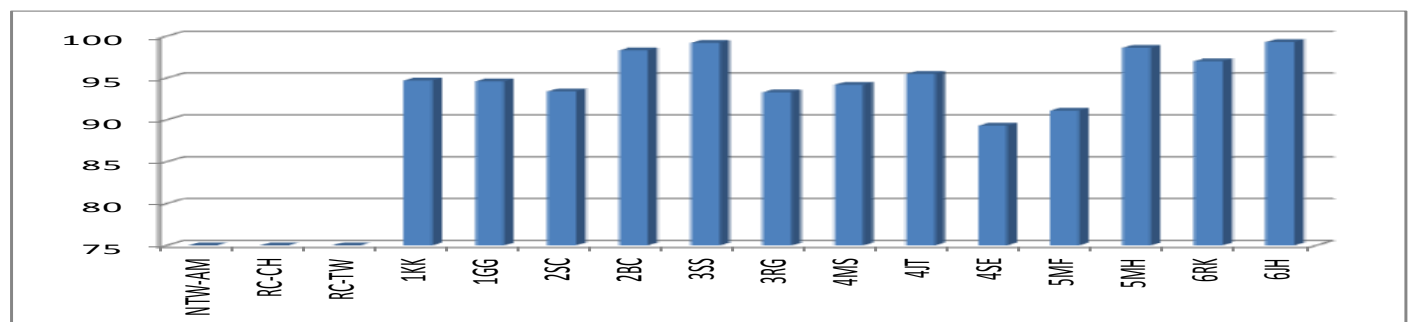
Walking Bus - Free & Breakfast club - £1.50 per session

The above activities are in full swing so if you would like to reduce the stresses of the morning drop off to school, why not take full advantage. The breakfast club runs from 8.00am till the start of the school day and costs **£1.50** per session and the Walking Bus is **FREE** and begins its journey to school at 8.35am from Wycliffe United Reformed Church.

Attendance Matters:

Our Attendance Target for this year is **96%**. Find below the attendance for last week. The attendance for Nursery and Reception has not been included currently. Please help us to maintain a high level of attendance by sending your child to school each day. The KS1 award went to 2BC and the KS2 award went to 6JH. Five classes achieved our target – 2BC, 3SS, 5MH, 5RK, 6JH – a good effort! 382 children achieved 100% attendance- well done!

NHL-AM	RC-CH	RC-TW	1KK	1GG	2SC	2BC	3SS	TOTAL
0	0	0	94.7	94.6	93.4	98.3	99.2	95.3
3RG	4MS	4JT	4SE	5MF	5MH	6RK	6JH	
93.3	94.2	95.5	89.3	91.1	98.6	97	99.3	



UNIFORM

Can I remind families of the need to send children to school in the right uniform. Several children last week were wearing the wrong coloured footwear (white trainers are not allowed), also several children did not have the right P.E. kit. We have uniform because we want all the children to feel as equal and as special as each other, and to know that they belong to our Linden family. Our school uniform is also affordable and saves you money.

School Term & Holiday Dates for the Academic

Year 2019/2020

Term No 1:		No of days
School Open	Thursday 29 th August 2019	32 days (6 weeks & 2 days)
School Closes	Friday 11th October 2019 (3.15pm)	
Autumn Half Term Holiday	Monday 14 th October 2019 - Friday 18 th October 2019	

Term No 2:		No of days
School Open	Monday 21 st October 2019	45 days (9 weeks)
School Closes	Friday 20 th December 2019 (3.15pm)	
Christmas & New Year Holiday	Monday 23 rd December 2019 – Monday 6 th January 2020	

Term No 3:		No of days
School Open	Tuesday 7 th January 2020	29 days (5 weeks & 4 days)
School Closes	Friday 14 th February 2020 (3.15pm)	
Spring Half Term Holiday	Monday 17 th February 2020 – Friday 21 st February 2020	

Term No 4:		No of days
School Open	Monday 24 th February 2020	30 days (6weeks)
School Closes	Friday 3 rd April 2020 (3.15pm)	
Easter Holidays	Monday 6 th April 2020 – Friday 17 th April 2020	

Term No 5:		No of days
School Open	Monday 20 th April 2020	24 days (4 weeks & 4 days)
May Bank Holiday (school closed)	Friday 8 th May 2020 (amended)*	
School Closes	Friday 22 nd May 2020 (3.15pm)	
Summer Half Term Holiday	Monday 25 th May 2020 – Friday 29 th May 2020	

Term No 6:		No of days
School Open	Monday 1 st June 2020	30 days (6 weeks)
School Closes	Friday 10 th July 2020 (3.15pm)	
Summer Holiday begins	Monday 13 th July 2020	
Total number of school days		190

Bank Holidays in term time:

- 26th August 2019
- 25th & 28th December 2019
- 1st January 2020
- 10th & 13th April 2010
- 8th May 2020 *
- 25th May 2020

Staff Inset Days

- 27th & 28th August 2019
- 6th January 2020
- 13th & 14th July 2020 Disaggregated inset days
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Please note: On staff Inset days, pupils are not required to attend school

School Lunches

The children that I have spoken with regarding our school meals have told me that they really like the food, they are happy that the portion size is good, they get the meal of their choice, they like the idea of the coloured bands but more importantly they really like the puddings.

ParentPay Activation

If you have not activated your account on ParentPay please do so as soon as possible. As a school we are moving towards becoming cashless. If you do not want to pay online we can arrange for you to use a PayPoint card, please contact the school office for details.

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY CASH!

DIARY DATES:

19 th September	- Governing Body meetings
3 rd October	- Governing Body meetings
10 th October	- Governing Body Meeting
10 th October	- Yr6 Harvest & Sukkot Assembly
14 th October – 18 th October	- Half Term Holiday
23 rd & 24 th October	- Parent Evenings

With best wishes, Zaheer Mohamed

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