



The Lindhead News



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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

The last few weeks of term have been incredibly busy, as they always seem to be, but all of a sudden here we are with the final newsletter of the year.

Normally, the last letter of the year would include a universal 'thank you' to everyone for their support over the course of year. This year, however, has been anything but 'normal'.

In September we came back to school, operating in 'bubbles' and with restrictions and risk assessments that seemed to change frequently. (Some of our children hadn't been in school since March and the beginning of lockdown 1.) After living through bubbles 'popping' through the autumn and further lockdowns which closed school to the majority of pupils from January to March... here we are, 17 months later, at the end of the school year. In 26 years of working in primary education, I haven't experienced anything like it. So this year's final newsletter is just an extra-special...



Children walk up 'Dream Way' on their recent class trip!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to **every single member** of staff and the governors for your support and contributions – Everyone has had to change their ways of working, do different things and do things differently! It must be incredibly challenging for teachers to deliver remote and classroom learning, to try and ensure the children are making progress and that their needs are met – I think they have done an excellent job. I know they have been really well supported by a dedicated team of Teaching Assistants, whose contribution we really couldn't manage without and is appreciated by all. In recent weeks, the whole staff team have strived to make sure the children have still had trips, visits and class treats, as well as preparing them as best they can for their next classes and the next stage of their education. Thank you to the staff team for your significant efforts this year, it really is appreciated.



I am grateful for our loyal team of Midday Supervisors, who have also had to cope with significant changes to lunchtime routines. Our team in the office have also done an outstanding job here in school, again – school couldn't operate without them and I really value their support. Thank you also to the catering, caretaking and cleaning teams for their sterling efforts. Thank you all – you deserve a lovely summer holiday.

Thank you to you; parents and carers – without your support of school we couldn't function. Thank you for all the support of school events, safety procedures and routines, for reading newsletters, the messages of support and the engagement with unfamiliar digital learning and means of communication through what must have been a challenging year for you as well.



And thank you to the children – you have been ready to learn, incredibly flexible, well-behaved and you have brought the 'buzz' of activity and learning to Lindhead every morning, with smiles and enthusiasm. You all deserve a break too! (But please keep reading for pleasure!)

Year 6 children – you will be missed, but you are ready for the next phase of your education and the challenges and opportunities secondary school will bring. We hope you have all enjoyed the enrichment activities that Mr Cockburn organised and we offer you our best wishes for the future. Good luck to you all!



Thank you to Ellen and everyone else who has helped with FOLS through the year – when we haven't really been able to gather! The running total for sponsor money from the Summer Sponsored Event is **£1700**, which is fantastic! **So thank you to all families and children who have taken part.** There were some really wonderful ideas and activities going on at home – well done children! The money will be going straight towards our new nature area which we hope to have completed in autumn.



Repeated at the end of the newsletter is the information for September. The 'Lost Property' boxes will stay outside until the end of Friday when we will recycle what is unclaimed. Parents and carers may also find this year that there aren't as many books or as much work coming home; we are keeping some in school for the time being and a lot of our subject exercise books now follow the children into their new class until they are full.

School closes for summer on Friday at **2.30pm**, and reopens on Tuesday 7th September at **8.40am**. I hope everyone has a lovely, happy summer holiday and everyone gets the chance for a good rest and some quality time with family and friends, hopefully in the sun!
Thank you all, and stay safe,

Simon England



Headteacher

Provisional Information for September

(REPEATED FROM LAST WEEK'S NEWSLETTER)

I would like you to all to have some important information so that we can all prepare for reopening on **Tuesday 7th September** with fewer social restrictions and different risk assessments in place.



Parent of children starting Reception will have received a separate letter with arrangements for the first week back – we look forward to welcoming them during the first week of term for drop-in sessions on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th of September, with all Reception children coming on the morning of Thursday 10th.

Plans for September

Class Organisation 2021/22

Provisional class organisation for September is as follows:

KEY STAGE	CLASS NAME	CURRICULUM YEAR GROUP	TEACHER(S)
Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)	Oak	Reception	Mrs Creaser
Key Stage 1 (KS1)	Cherry	1	Mrs Flinton & Miss Green
	Birch	2	Mrs Hardwick
Key Stage 2 (KS2)	Horse Chestnut	3	Mrs Thompson & Ms Smith
	Ash	4	Mrs Joanne Hartley
	Willow	5	Mrs Parkins & Miss Paine
	Elder	6	Mr Cockburn

As from September, Mrs Parkins is taking on additional responsibilities regarding child protection, safeguarding, pupil premium and nurture, therefore Miss Paine will be teaching Year 5 for 2 afternoons a week. Mrs Henderson will be resuming her work with different year groups to teach Science and will also be teaching and offering Computing support to some year groups. Teaching Assistants will be working across several different year groups next year as we move out of the 'bubble' system.

At the beginning of the school day:

For all year groups

- Children should arrive in school by **8.45am** ready to start learning at 8.50am. To help with this, classrooms and doors will be open as from **8.40am**, but please note there is no supervision on-site before that time.
- Children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will use their classroom's external doors and children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 will enter through the wooden gates. These arrangements work well for a calm start to the day in all classrooms.
- Pupils arriving after 8:50am should report to the school office as they will be required to sign in and provide a reason for the lateness. Gates will be locked at 8.55am.
- Any child arriving between 8:50 and 9:20am will be marked as Late. Any child arriving after 9:20am will be marked as unauthorised absence for the whole morning session. (These are statutory arrangements).
- Reporting of Absences/illness: Parents are asked **to inform the school office by 8.50am** each day a child is unwell and will not be attending school. NOTE: Class Dojo must not be used for reporting absences because it is not monitored by our Attendance Officer. A child who has been sick or who has diarrhoea should also be kept away from school until the child has been clear of the problem for 24 hours. (New Guidance about Covid19-related absence is expected before the start of the new term.)
- Unless informed of the absence previously by a parent/guardian, staff in the School Office will phone home from 9am on the morning that a child is not in school.

Dropping off and picking up: In September we will be reverting to school starting at the same time for all year groups – it is going to feel incredibly busy for a while until we get used to it again. Therefore, please can I respectfully ask the following:

1. **Please do not park in the turning circle.** Please feel free to drop children off - Members of staff will be at the wooden gates to welcome the children onto the school site and direct children to their classrooms.
2. If you are driving but wish to bring your child onto the school site, please park at a safe distance from school, and walk safely to the gates.



At the end of the school day: 3.10-3.15pm

1. Reception, Year 1 and 2 will be brought to the wooden gates for one-to-one handover at **3.10pm**. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be released from their classroom's external door at **3.15pm**. (They will be told to return to the school office if their usual going home arrangements go wrong in any way).
2. **Please do not park or wait in the turning circle at the end of the school day.** As with the beginning of the school day, it is going to feel extremely busy and we would urge you to park at a safe distance from school and walk safely to the gates. School transport will be using the turning circle as usual. The Village Hall has parking only a short walk from school. We would respectfully ask all parents in cars to follow traffic/parking restrictions and also to park in a safe way being considerate to school transport, greatly increased pedestrian traffic and local residents.
3. Children waiting for school transport will make their way to their buses (with staff supervision) and we will complete our 'Bus Register' as usual, so please make sure your child knows how they are getting home and that you have **informed the school office** of any changes.

Lunch

Our plans for supervising children over the lunch hour will change from our current arrangements and we will be 'phasing' the mixing of year groups and introducing the opportunity for larger, mixed year-groups playing and eating together. We will also be reverting to using the school hall as a dining hall, initially for Reception and Years 1 to 3. School lunches will be available as normal ('universal free school meals' for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) or your child can bring a packed lunch.

The autumn term menu is now on the school website.

PE Bags, reading books etc.

Please do not send your child with a PE bag in September until we ask for it. (This may be different in Reception – Mrs Creaser will communicate with parents of Reception children about this). For the time being, we will let you know which days your child has PE/games and we will be asking that the children come in suitable clothing on those days so that there is no need for the storage of clothes in classrooms and no need to change. Reading books and book bags will begin to come home once the children's reading has been assessed.

Assemblies and Playtimes

Assemblies in school can now resume – in September we will be 'phasing' in assemblies and gatherings of larger groups while being mindful of the children's wellbeing and lack of experience of whole-school assemblies. We will keep parents informed as to dates for celebration and family assemblies when this is appropriate. We will have separate playtimes either side of assembly each morning with 2 or 3 year groups playing together initially.

Other Information

We will use our usual means to communicate any potential changes to these arrangements, including the school website (www.lindheadschoo.co.uk), the text messaging service and the Keeping Lindhead Children Busy and Smiling Facebook page. **As from Friday 23rd July, we will not be using 'Class Dojo' as we will need to move and change year groups and staff for September 2021.** We will let you know when this will be in use again.

RED ALERT

WOULD YOU LIKE TO START WOODWIND LESSONS IN SEPTEMBER 2021?

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN THE CLARINET ?



THE FLUTE ?



THE SAXOPHONE ?



If you are interested in learning to play one of these instruments please visit the NYCC website www.northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk (instrumental tuition) for further information.

Below are links to demonstration videos for the clarinet and flute.

<https://youtu.be/ntWF4ZejVAQ>

<https://youtu.be/l2rDeKPyXOg>

Saxophone

<https://youtu.be/bVI-ZFaY8To>

***Cleaners required for high standard holiday cottages in Harwood Dale, near Scarborough
mainly Fridays but also Mondays from September - must have own transport
previous experience preferred but not essential as training will be given
£10 per hour initially with a view to increase to £12 per hour after probationary period.
Please contact Amanda by email on: amandapearson@cottage-escapes.co.uk***