



The Lindhead News



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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Hello and welcome to the new school year! I hope everyone had a lovely summer. I would particularly like to extend a welcome to those families who are new to our school community. I hope everyone soon feels settled and part of our school family.

It has been genuinely lovely to welcome the children back to school this week with slightly less restrictions; we have been able to have some small assemblies and some mixed playtimes, as well as begin to use the hall to eat communally again which has been wonderful.

Thank you for ensuring that the children have been so punctual this week – it really makes a difference to how the day gets started in classrooms, and thank you for continuing to not park in the turning circle before and after school, so we can keep everyone safe.

Work on our new nature area and walkway is due to start next week, which we are very excited about, and further on in this letter is news of Mrs Hartley's summer climb, for anyone who would like to sponsor her. Part of the project has been funded by our very own FOLS (Friends of Lindhead School) and we are very grateful for their contribution. More news on FOLS meetings and activities to come in future newsletters.



PE Kit and Reading books etc.

For Year 1 to Year 6, please do not send your child with a PE bag yet. PE days are as follows, and we would ask that you send the children in suitable 'active' clothing and shoes on those days (preferably still wearing a school jumper) so that there is no need for the storage of clothes in classrooms and no need to change. (This is also still the case for Fridays when football starts).

- Year 1 Tuesday & Thursday
- Year 2 Wednesday & Thursday
- Year 3 Monday & Thursday
- Year 4 Tuesday & Wednesday
- Year 5 Monday & Thursday
- Year 6 Monday & Friday

Reading books and book bags will begin to come home once the children's reading has been reassessed.

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

At Lindhead School, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility and our top priority. Anyone who comes in to contact with children and their families has a role to play.

WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT A CHILD

Mrs Parkins is now our Designated Safeguarding Lead: At Lindhead School, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility and our top priority. Mrs Parkins can be contacted through the school office on 01723 870714 or by email through admin@lindhead.n-yorks.sch.uk.

Mr Cockburn (Deputy Headteacher) and Mr England (Headteacher) are also qualified Safeguarding Leads and assist with this work. If you are worried about a child's safety please do not hesitate to get in contact with any of the above staff through school. Our Safeguarding Policy is available on the school website. Our Designated Governor for safeguarding is Mr Pete Wood, who can also be contacted through the school office.

Staff Changes

This year we welcome Mrs Carr-Walls to our teaching assistant team, having waved goodbye to Mr Stubbings who has gone onto the next phase of his studies. Mrs Carr-Walls will be working across different year groups.

Mrs Thompson is currently absent from school following a family bereavement during the summer – Ms Smith will be teaching Year 3 on a full-time basis for the time being.

FOLS Sponsorship Fundraiser - Mrs Hartley's Scafell Pike Challenge August 2021

On Thursday 12th August, I climbed to the summit of Scafell Pike. It was an amazing experience and very windy. I was hugely supported by younger members of my family. Some of your older siblings may recognise Miss Hartley and Mrs Waggitt from Scalby School on the photograph below. Anyone over 50, I would recommend some fitness training (climbing stairs) before hand and a good set of poles!!

Something I discovered in climbing Scafell Pike, is that the mountain itself is a memorial to the fallen during the First World War. At the summit is a stone monument which was built shortly after the war.

Part of doing this was to offer myself as someone to sponsor, to raise funds for the Nature Walkway.

Scafell Pike is 978m high, so feel free to sponsor 'a penny - a metre', round up to £10 or whatever amount you can afford. Sponsorship money can be paid by bank transfer to Friends of Lindhead School, Barclays Account Sort Code: 20-75-92

Account no: 30955558

or sent into school. Thank you!

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Hartley



Covid-19 Update

While it has been lovely to have the children back with less restrictions in place, Covid-19 is still something we need to be mindful about. We are still operating with a Covid-19 Risk Assessment in place, which is published on the school's website. For your information, here are some of the main points:

- An enhanced cleaning schedule is still in place
- In the event of a positive case of Covid-19, close contacts will be identified by the NHS Test & Trace, not by school
- Individuals are **not** required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:
 - they are fully vaccinated
 - they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
 - they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
 - they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons
- Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into the school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine or have been identified by the NHS)
- School will continue to have a role in working with health protection teams in the case of a local outbreak. In such a case, a director of public health might advise a setting to temporarily reintroduce some control measures
- If anyone in school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, they are sent home and told they should follow public health advice
- Staff should undertake twice weekly home tests whenever they are on site until the end of September, when this will also be reviewed. Anyone with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate in line with the stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection. They will also need to get a PCR test to check if they have COVID-19
- Face coverings need only be worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet

School Meals

The Government continues to provide free school meals for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. This is known as the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM). You do not have to apply for this.

In addition to the UIFSM, some families will also be entitled to the economic free school meal based on personal financial circumstances. If your annual household income is under £16,190 you should apply for this additional entitlement <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>. It is essential you do this, even though your child will be receiving the infant free meal, as this will allow us to receive Pupil Premium Funding. A child who is entitled to the economic free school meal will continue to receive free school meals through Years 3 to 6.

For all other children in Years 3 – 6, the price of a school meal is £2.60 (£13 per week) and payment should be made on ParentPay please <http://www.parentpay.com> If you have not used ParentPay before, please contact the school office for a registration password. (This is not to be confused with ParentMail, which is our email and text messaging service to you).

Cross Country Run

If your child is interested in cross country running, the Primary Schools Sports Association has organised a run for Tuesday 14th September at the 6th Form College at approx. 4:15pm for children in Years 2 – 6.

If your child would like to take part, you will need to contact Lindhead school office for a **running number**. Parent/Carers are responsible for their own children at this event.

Autumn Term Extra Curricular Clubs

It's great to be able to offer extra-curricular activities again. The following clubs will run for 9 weeks from Monday 20th September.

If your child is interested in joining a club, a paper copy consent form will be sent home with your child tomorrow. Some clubs are restricted in numbers.

Please note that all clubs finish at 4:00pm with the exception of Science/DT, which is a 4:15pm finish.

** Mrs Creaser's KS1 Friendship club will start a week later on Tuesday 28 September.

Day	Time	Club	Year Group	With Whom	Where
Monday	3:15 – 4:00	Construction Max of 12 places	Y3 & 4	Mrs Spivey	Hall
	3:15 – 4:00	Recorders	Y3, 4, 5, 6	Mrs Flinton & Mrs Miller	The Hive
	3:15 – 4:00	Computer Coding	Y4, 5, 6	Ms Smith	Y3 classroom
Tuesday	3:15 – 4:00	Cookery	Y1, 2	Mrs Hartley & Mrs Barker	Food technology Room
	3:15 – 4:00	KS1 Friendship **	Y 1, 2	Mrs Creaser	Reception classroom
Thursday	3:15 – 4:00	KS2 Friendship	Y 3, 4, 5 6	Mrs Parkins	Y5 classroom
	3:15 – 4:00	Netball	Y5, 6	Miss Green & Miss Paine	Playground/hall if wet
	3:15 – 4:15	Science/Design Technology	Y6	Mrs Henderson	Food technology Room
	3:15 – 4:00	Sewing Max of 8 places	Y3, 4	Mrs Hardwick	Y2 classroom

Mark Barber's Football Club

Mark Barber's football club will start again on Friday 17 September from 3:15 – 4:30pm. This is open to all children from Year 1 to Year 6.

The cost for the 6 weeks to October half-term is £24. Further details on how to pay and registering with the club will follow.

NYCC Peripatetic Music Teachers

Music lessons will start again next week. Please assume your child's lesson will continue on the same day unless we inform you otherwise.

Annual Update of Pupil Contact Details & Consents Y1 – Y6 pupils

Your child will bring home a Contact Details Form tomorrow. It would be really great if could you complete it and return it to school as soon as possible. It is vitally important that we have the most up to date information for your child. Thank you.

Stay safe,

Simon England

Headteacher