

LINTON-ON-OUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back to School!

We are delighted to welcome back all our families to this new school year and we especially welcome all our new families:

- **Tyler Allen** and **Ella Harman** in Reception
- **Clementine Flatekval** in Year 2.



Welcome also to **Miss Cockerill**, a second year trainee teacher from York St John University, who will be working in school throughout September.

All the children have started the school year in a positive manner and have settled into their classes very well.

We all of course hope that this year will be a great deal different from last year's closures, periods of home-schooling and necessary COVID precautions. The children's health and safety remains our primary concern, but following Department for Education guidance we have re-introduced mixed playtimes and whole-school lunch times; still with social distancing precautions. It has worked very well this week. Next week will also see the re-introduction of Golden Book Assembly with parents invited into school. More details below.

Lovely to speak to so many of you on the playground this week, do please keep the communications flowing.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

No birthdays this week.
Happy birthday to all those who celebrated their birthday over the Summer.

Summer Holiday News Roundup

School Improvements. Some of our parents may recall that two summers ago we had 75% of the school's internal walls exposed, minutely inspected, repaired and re-covered. Over this summer the final 25% of the school had exactly the same treatment (but with slightly messier tradesmen!). The school is now in tip-top health following a thorough whole-school clean and with many areas benefitting from a fresh coat of paint.



Swimming Pool. The scale of the renovation works did mean that the water was cut off to the school for 5 weeks, this had a significant negative impact on the health of the swimming pool which has needed much remedial cleansing work to be ready for more swimming. **WE AIM TO SWIM NEXT WEEK.** Please send your child to school with their swimming kit. There is no firm daily programme yet, but we want the children to enjoy their lessons for as long as the weather allows.

Extra Bank Holiday in 2022

Parents may have seen the news that there will be an extra-long bank holiday in June 2022 celebrating the Queen's unique Platinum Jubilee. The Bank Holiday does actually fall during the May half-term break, but this still has an impact on the number of statutory teaching days, training days and normal holiday days required by schools to take. The revised Term & Holiday Dates for this school year can be found on our website at:

<https://www.linton.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents/holiday-dates>



Golden Book Assembly and Walk Round The School

As a major step forward to re-establishing our pre-COVID routines, parents are invited to our first Golden Book Assembly for quite some time on **Friday 17th September**. The assembly will take place between **9.10am and 9.30am** in the school hall. Hand gel will be at the school entrance, face masks are not mandatory, but please feel free to wear one if you prefer. Chairs will be wider apart and there will be a short verse of singing.

We are also very aware that many of our newer parents have never actually set foot inside the school, and so we would like to invite any interested parents to stay on after Golden Book to have a tour of the school.



Are there any more Key Stage 2 children wanting to learn to play a stringed musical instrument?