

# Lingdale Letterbox

Friday 25th November 2022



## Working together to be the best we can be

Parents/Carers,

Wow! What a busy week it has been at Lingdale Primary. Year 1/2 have been discovering which materials would be best to build a house for the Three Little Pigs to hide in, Year 3/4 have been learning about Hinduism through the story of Rama and Sita and Year 5/6 have been using atlases and grid references to locate local places which were affected by bombing in WW2.

After a long and tough decision, we finally picked our Reading in an Unusual Place Competition winners. There were so many special photographs of our older children with their favourite books in some fabulous locations. From the Lake District to Whitby, books at bath time and snuggled in dens and cots you wowed us with your passion for reading! Congratulations to Grace and Mia Bedford in Key Stage 2 and Autumn Brown in Key Stage 1. We hope you enjoy your vouchers. Reading continues to be our number one priority at Lingdale. Do you know who your child's favourite author is? Can they tell you why they chose a certain book? Do they know the words blurb, contents, index, glossary? Feel free to e mail your child's teacher if you would like any support/tips on helping your child become an avid reader.

### Christmas is coming!

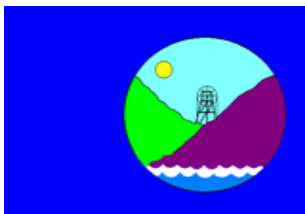
As we begin to prepare for the festive season and to ensure our Christmas Fair is a roaring success, we are kindly asking for your support. We would be extremely grateful if you could provide us with some items for the following stalls: bottle stall, tombola, toy/book stall and cake stall. Thank you in advance if you are able to provide any of the above: we couldn't do what we do without your continued kindness and generosity.

Christmas lunch for the children will be on Friday 16th December 2022. All children from Reception to Year 6 are welcome. If your child normally has a school lunch, a Christmas lunch will automatically be ordered. Any children that bring a packed lunch who would like a Xmas dinner, please email Mrs Bates on office@lingdale.org by Friday 3rd December. The cost of a school lunch is £2.30. Apologies, this does not include Nursery children.

### Fundraising update for school

Next week, all children will be sent home with £5 worth of tickets for our Xmas prize draw. Please send any sold tickets back to school with the money and remember to write your name on every individual ticket and not just the strip. All raffle ticket strips are £1 and if you would like any extras, please email or ring the school office and we will arrange to send more home with your child. We will also be starting to sell the cash Xmas square draw. Squares are £1 each and there will be 3x prizes. First prize will be £50 cash, followed by two prizes of £25 each. All proceeds from the cash draw and raffle will go straight back to the children to support their Xmas parties and future trips and events.

Royal British Legion- Thank you to all who supported this worthy cause- we raised a total of £102.33



Year 5/6: 98% Well done!

Year 3/4: 90.7% Below

Year 1/2: 96.7% Below

Reception: 74.3% Well below

Nursery: 84.8% Below

**This week's whole school attendance 93%**

**Yearly school attendance to date: 92.6%**

Target 96.6%

This is the expected standard for all schools.

Poor attendance impacts negatively on your child's potential and life chances.

### Important dates for the diary

**Monday 5th December 3pm-4pm Xmas Fayre.** Visit Santa, stalls, hot dogs, face painting and much more.....



**Thursday 8th December morning**—Little Explorer/EYFS trip to Play Factory. Cost is £7 (please return forms and contribution asap)

**Tuesday 14th December** Xmas Carol performance (Whole school) AM/PM tickets

**Thursday 15th December**—Little Explorers and Nursery—Break up for Xmas

**Friday 16th December**—Xmas dinner in school and wear your Xmas jumper (Reception—Y6) Christingle 1.30pm

Return to school on Wednesday 4th January 2023

### Children in Need

The exact total raised for Children in Need was £72.10  
Thank you to all our families.



### ParentPay reminder

There are some accounts for breakfast club and school dinners in arrears. Please ensure your account is up to date for Monday.

### Head Teacher's Awards - Being Respectful

**Aurora** —Miss Hanratty

**Koby S** -Mrs Davies

**Felicity W** -Mr Fairbridge

**Bailey M** -Mrs Norris

**Myles**—Miss Schumm



**Breakfast club star is Caitlyn Wood**



## **SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS**

Should you have any concerns in regard to the safety of children then please do not hesitate to contact any members from our safeguarding team. The safeguarding team is Mrs Thornton, Miss Schumm and Mrs Norris. In the event that school is not open, then please report any safeguarding worries to the South Tees MACH. The South Tees Mach is a Multi Agency Children's Hub and the first point of contact for anyone who has a concern about the welfare or safety of a child or young person or thinks they may need extra help and support. When they are contacted, they will listen to what they are being told and the different agencies might share information with each other to try and work out whether they can help. Tel: 01642 130700 between 8.30am - 5pm Monday - Thursday and 8.30am - 4.30pm Friday. Outside of these hours contact the emergency duty team on: 01642 524552 or Email: southteesmach@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

To find out more about safeguarding at Lingdale Primary please view our Safeguarding Policy that can be found on our website. You will find them in the Key Information section within 'policies'.

## **Improving Attendance together**

For the first time in a number of years, autumn term attendance has fallen below 96% ; this is very concerning. We also have a group of children that are often late. If children are not in school regularly and on time ,they cannot receive their entitlement of education in order to achieve their full potential. As we know, our children have missed so much school as a result of Covid. We cannot afford for our children to lose any more of their education. Despite this, we fully understand that childhood illness is part of growing up and children get colds, sickness bugs and have medical issues. We cannot overcome genuine illness but we can support your child in school if they have a minor ailment such as a headache, common cold or fatigue, with the aid of painkillers designed for children (issued by parents). Please speak to Mrs Bates or our new attendance officer Mrs Davies if you need support in getting your child into school. We are always happy to help and support!

## **Be Safe, Be Seen!**

HUGE thank you to Tilly's mum and Co-op Funeral Care who provided EVERY single child in our school a reflective badge to wear to keep them safe during dark nights. Over the past several years CO-OP funeral care have given out over 200,000 reflective badges to schools and youth groups. Safety for children on our roads is a prime concern for everyone, so here are some simple steps to ensure your children remain safe when taking the journey to and from school and home:

- Looking out for and encouraging your children to be aware of hidden entrances or driveways when crossing pavements.
- Making sure your children walk on the side of pavements away from the traffic.
- When crossing the road, your child should always choose a safe place and time to cross. It's always safer to cross at a pedestrian or patrolled crossing.
- Avoid crossing between parked cars as drivers won't be able to see children .
- It's important to stop at the curb, look both ways and listen to traffic before crossing. Pedestrian crossings can still be dangerous if care is not taken.
- All pedestrians should wait on the pavement until all the traffic from both directions has stopped as this is the safest time to cross. Islands are often provided in the middle of the road, so children should treat each half as a separate crossing.
- Children should avoid playing near busy roads as they can often forget their surroundings and become unaware of the dangers on the road.



Have a lovely weekend everyone. "Be Safe, Be Ready and Be Respectful!"