



Friday 17th November 2023

Working together to be the best we can be

Dear Parents/Carers,

Anti-Bullying Week 2023

This week, the children have been part of anti-bullying assemblies and held discussions in their classes. Thank you to all the children who raised awareness of bullying this week by wearing their odd socks on Tuesday. Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. Well done to our competition winners Jack and Bunty who designed the best Anti-Bullying poster. All the children made a pledge in assembly to 'make a noise about Bullying'. HUGE thanks also goes to Ms Coe who organised activities about bullying in her daily breakfast club. The children really enjoyed making the noisy bullying blowers. We are extremely proud of the behaviour of our children at Lingdale Primary but they were reminded about how important it is to 'speak out' if they ever need to.

Children in Need

As always, our families bowled us over with their generosity in supporting this year's appeal. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page and class Dojo for photographs of today's activities and amazing costumes.



Year 5/6: 98.5% Good

Year 3/4: 99% Good

Year 1/2: 96% Just Below

Reception: 74.5% Well Below

This week's whole school attendance 94.7% Below!

Yearly school attendance to date: 94.7% Below

Target 96.6%

This is the expected standard for all schools.

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

Dates for the diary:

Wednesday 22nd November— Mini Explorers stay and play session with health visitor and Miss Schumm 1.30pm—3pm

Thursday 7th December—Xmas Fayre 2pm Families welcome

Friday 8th December— Little Explorers, Nursery and Reception Xmas crafts with parents—Reception and Little Explorers are on the morning and Nursery on the afternoon. More details to follow on Dojo

Tuesday 12th December—10.45am Rec/KS1 Xmas performance

Tuesday 12th December—KS2 Outdoor Xmas performance 6pm

Wednesday 13th December—Reception—Y6 visit to Darlington Hippodrome to see Snow White FREE

Week beginning 11th December Little Explorers and Nursery trip to the Play Factory FREE—afternoon Nursery closed, date to be confirmed via Dojo

Thursday 14th December—Little Explorers and Nursery Carols around the tree 10.30am —afternoon Nursery closed

Thursday 21st December—Christingle—families welcome at 1.30pm—Break up for Xmas holidays

Return to school—Tuesday 9th January 2024

Xmas is coming!

As we begin to prepare for the festive season and to ensure our Christmas Fayre a 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.



Head Teacher's Awards -For

"Kindness "

Pearl H -Miss Springgay

Scarlett -Mrs Davies

Bunty - Mr Fairbridge

Ezmaii - Miss Gazzard

Little Explorer/Nursery star award— Lola

Breakfast club star— Kylan



Important Reminders



UNIFORM—Please put your child's name on all items of uniform. The lost property mountain is growing already. As the days are turning colder, could we also ask all parents to ensure their child has a school jumper or cardigan in school EVERY DAY. As you will be aware, heating costs are at an all time high and we want to make sure our children feel warm and comfortable. Nail varnish is not allowed in school.

New school day arrangements

Please can we remind all parents that the school day times have changed. Reception to Y6 children will now start at **8.40am** and finish at **3.10pm**. Any children arriving after this time will need to enter via the main office where parents **MUST** complete the late log. Could we remind all parents to **collect children on time** and leave the playground and grounds promptly. Most of the sports after school clubs are waiting to come outside and use the MUGA so all gates need to be locked by 3.15pm. Thank you for the support.

Fundraising update for school

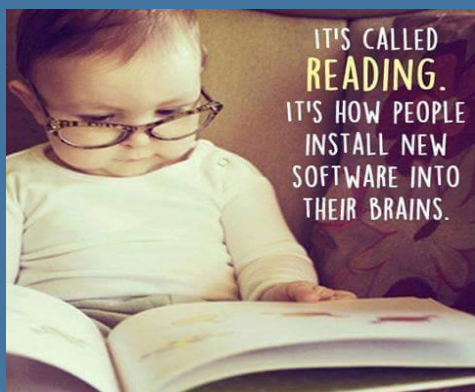
Next week, all children will be sent home with £5 worth of tickets for our Xmas prize draw. Please send any sold tickets back to school with the money and remember to write your name on every individual ticket and not just the strip. All raffle ticket strips are £1 and if you would like any extras, please 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.

Year 4 Times Table Rock Star competition

Well done to our Year 4 children who won the school Times Table Rock Star competition last week against all the schools in our new trust. The children were presented with a certificate in assembly and received a sweet treat. Please could all parents with children in Y2 to Y6 continue to encourage to use this app at home as it really does make a difference.

Reading corner

Congratulations to Rosie, Rhys, Sofia and Poppy who won the book draw last week. Thank you to those parents who take the time to hear their children read at home regularly. It really does make a HUGE difference.



PTFA Prize Bingo night!

Please buy a ticket to support the PTFA bingo night on Friday 1st December 2023. Each ticket will include pie and peas or a hot dog for children. Tickets are priced at £3 for adults and £1.50 for children and have been on sale at the front of school all week.

Important reminder

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

Thank you for the support

Have a lovely weekend 'Be safe, Be Ready, Be Respectful'.