



Lyndhurst Infant School & SSC Weekly Communication

Friday 5th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to our school community! We hope that you had a peaceful Christmas holiday. It was lovely to see everyone this week. The children had the opportunity to wish everyone a "Happy New Year" in assembly on Friday where we focused on making New Year's Intentions - small steps - rather than 'resolutions'. This follows on from our work on kindness and random acts of kindness! This term we will also be discussing the changes that happen in our lives - the planned and unexpected. This is especially important as we move towards the amalgamation of the 2 schools and choosing a new name. Assemblies and PSCHE activities will discuss both the excitement of change and how to deal with worries about change. We will link this to resilience and how it's good to share our worries.

All year groups have got off to an exciting start in their learning. In Friday assemblies we celebrate both individual and group learning, and successes. If your child receives a certificate or award from a club or activity outside school they are invited to bring it in and share/talk about it. Also, a reminder that children may wear their own clothes on their birthday (or a day nearest to their birthday).

We look forward to working with you throughout the term. Please do speak to a member of the SLT staff at the gate if you have any questions or worries. If you are worried about your child or just want to know how they are doing, please contact the class teacher for an appointment. This can also be done over the phone.

Diane South
Head Teacher

Whole School

Parental Engagement Workshops - We will be holding a number of parental engagement workshops across both Lyndhurst and Chesswood school sites, giving the opportunity for parents/carers to have their say and contribute to the amalgamation process for the new primary school. Parents/carers are invited to attend one of the sessions where they will be able to comment/suggest on various aspects of the merger. There will be SLT and Governors present. There is no need to book a place on one of these sessions.

The hall space will be set up with tables covering various aspects of school life. Parents/carers can move around and add comments, questions or concerns, and also sign up if they would like to be part of any one focus group/consultation group.

The workshops will be held as follows:

Wednesday 10 th January at 9:00am	Chesswood site
Wednesday 10 th January at 3:15pm	Chesswood site
Wednesday 10 th January at 5:00pm	Chesswood site
Wednesday 17 th January at 8:45am	Lyndhurst site
Wednesday 17 th January at 3:00pm	Lyndhurst site

School Library - Visits to the school library have resumed this week. However, we currently have around 50 library books outstanding. If your child already has a library book borrowed, they will need to return this before they can borrow a new book. Thank you!



Guitar & Ukulele Lessons - Mr Marchant, our after-school music club provider, is offering to tutor Guitar and Ukulele lessons during school hours on Friday afternoons (**Year 1 & 2 children only**). If your child is continuing with lessons or has been offered a place, lessons will begin on Friday 12th January. Please ensure that any payment is made online before sessions begin.

There are still limited spaces available for the Spring term. Group sessions of 3-4 children cost £7 for half an hour. Pupils will need to bring their own guitar or ukulele to each lesson. If you would like to enrol your child on the above sessions, please email your interest to clubs@lyndhurst-school.co.uk stating your child's name and class. Please do not send any money until a place has been confirmed for your child. Please note fees will be requested in advance.



Singing Lessons - RRS Music Management and Vocal Coaching are offering 1:1 singing lessons during school hours on Mondays, and group sessions during school hours on Tuesdays. If your child is continuing with lessons or has been offered a place, lessons will begin on Monday 8th January (1:1) or Tuesday 9th January (groups). Please ensure that any payment is made online before sessions begin.

There are still limited spaces available for the Spring term. The 1:1 sessions cost £15 for half an hour session. Group sessions of 3-4 children cost £7 for half an hour. If you would like to enrol your child on the above sessions, please email your interest to clubs@lyndhurst-school.co.uk stating your child's name and class. Please do not send any money until a place has been confirmed for your child. Please note fees will be requested in advance.



Breakfast Club - Breakfast Club is now operating. The club runs from 7:45am - 8:45am and costs £4.50 per session. We currently have spaces available Monday to Friday. If your child is not currently attending and you would like to book your child in for any sessions, please email clubs@lyndhurst-school.co.uk.

After School Clubs - After School Clubs for the Spring Term will begin week commencing Monday 8th January with the exception of Spanish Club which will begin on Thursday 1st February.

There are currently spaces available in the following after school clubs in the Spring Term:

Monday	Multiskills	All Years	(£4.25 per session)
Monday	Singing Club	All Years	(£7.00 per session)
Monday	Painting	All Years	(£5.00 per session)
Tuesday	Acrobatics/Gymnastics	Year 1 & 2	(£4.00 per session)
Wednesday	Music	All Years	(£5.00 per session)
Wednesday	Lego	All Years	(£5.00 per session)
Thursday	Karate	All Years	(£5.00 per session) PAYG
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Thursday	Spanish	All Years	(£6.80 per session)
Thursday	Street Dance	All Years	(£4.00 per session)
Friday	Dance	All Years	(£4.00 per session)
Friday	Drama	Year 1 & 2	(£5.50 per session)
Friday	Music	All Years	(£5.00 per session)

If you are interested in enrolling your child in any of these clubs, please email clubs@lyndhurst-school.co.uk.

If you are in receipt of benefits and you are unable to afford an after-school club for your child, please contact the school office to see if we can help.

Staffing - This term we welcome Mrs Giddings into the Early Years team, teaching in Seahorse Class. Mrs Holland has now joined the Senior Leadership Team for 2 terms. Mrs Halley has now taken on the role of Head of School as Mrs South takes on the Executive Headship role across both Lyndhurst and Chesswood.

Chartwells ParentPay - Please see below the cut off dates for booking meals via ParentPay:

January Cut-Off Dates
Thursday 11/1 for w/c Monday 22/1
Thursday 18/1 for w/c Monday 29/1
Thursday 25/1 for w/c Monday 5/2

February Cut-Off Dates
Thursday 8/2 for w/c Monday 19/2
Thursday 15/2 for w/c Monday 26/2
Thursday 22/2 for w/c Monday 4/3
Thursday 29/2 for w/c Monday 11/3

When booking your child's hot meal through ParentPay, please **do not** book a "Chartwells Trip Lunch" instead of a hot lunch. This is only an option if your child is out of school on a school trip and does not mean that your child will get a packed lunch provided at school.

Some parent/carers are ordering lunches through ParentPay but then sending their child into school with a packed lunch. Please refrain from doing this as it results in food wastage and also incurs a cost to the school, as we have to pay for unwanted meals.

Values - The school value for January is **Perseverance**.

Children Starting School in September 2024 - If you have, or know of anyone with, a child due to start school in September 2024, online applications are now open. Due to the planned amalgamation of Lyndhurst Infant School & SSC and Chesswood Junior School, we have been advised by Admissions that for the new school you would need to select 'Worthing New Primary School (to be sited on Chesswood Road)'. The deadline for applications is Monday 15th January 2024.

Apply online at:
westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

Was your child born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020?

If so they are eligible to start school in September 2024

Apply online!
It's simple, convenient and time-saving. If your application is received after the deadline, your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.

Deadline: Monday 15 January 2024

Free internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries.

West Sussex SENDIAS Service

Is your child starting primary school or transferring to junior or secondary school in September 2024?

Do you think, for whatever reason, you may struggle with the Admissions process?

If so, the West Sussex SENDIAS Service can:

- explain the admissions process to you
- help you to make an informed decision about your child's schools of preference
- help you to fill in the online application form.

Please contact the SENDIAS Service:

Helpline: 0330 222 8555
Email: send.ias@westsussex.gov.uk
www.westsussexsendias.org

Secondary School
Online applications open: Monday 04 September 2023.
Deadline for applying for a secondary school place for your child is: Tuesday 31 October 2023.

Primary School (inc. infant/junior)
Online applications open: Monday 02 October 2023.
Deadline for applying for a school place for your child is: Monday 15 January 2024.
For more information on the admissions process: www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

Help in the Community - If you or anyone you know needs any help or support, please see below some links and information that may be helpful:

Community House - Any families who are in need of urgent support with food supplies will be able to access this through the WSCC Community Hub. The Community Hub can be contacted on 0330 222 7980 and is open 9:00am - 5:00pm, 7 days a week. Further information can be

found via the West Sussex County Council website. Also, Community House in Dominion Road are giving away fresh vegetables, provisions and staple food items. Look for the flags outside.

St Matthews Church, Tarring - offer free groceries to anyone who lives within a mile of the Church. Please see their website:

<https://www.stmatthewsworthing.org/stmattsmeals>

Worthing Soup Kitchen - 35-36 Tarring Road, Worthing. You can visit them on a Friday 3:30-5:30pm or contact them via their website at <https://www.worthingsoupkitchen.co.uk/> or through their Facebook page.

UK Harvest Community Food Hub - Sidney Walter Centre, Sussex Road, Worthing. Tel 01903 209960.

Broadwater Support Group & Community Hub - 32 South Farm Road, North of Worthing station, have a free café. Please see their website at <https://broadwaterhub.co.uk/> or their Facebook page.

Worthing Food Bank - Vouchers can be obtained from Worthing Citizens Advice, Family Hubs & Children's Centres and Wellbeing Hubs or direct from the Food Bank in the Guildbourne Centre. You can exchange vouchers for a maximum of three days of emergency food.

Bags of Hope - Maybridge Community Church, Goring-by-Sea are open Thursday 10am-1pm. Please see their website at <https://maybridge.org.uk/>

Rough Sleepers Breakfast Sessions at St Clare's Community Hub - run by Turning Tides, Mon-Fri 9am-11am. For food parcels, please call 07922 712517 or for general enquiries, call 07984 766375.

Makaton Sign of the Week - Learn a new word every week and be inspired to get signing. This week's sign is.....

New 

Please click on the link below to see a video demonstrating this sign:

https://makaton.org/TMC/News_Stories/SOTW/SOTW_New.aspx

Amazon Wish List - We have an Amazon Wish List! You can view this by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/22FJN4MNKQJSO>

Any gifts are greatly appreciated! The items on our list are to support teaching and learning. As you know, schools are in a financial crisis and we need as much help as possible. The list will have a range from photocopier paper to pens and pencils to games. We know that

parents/carers love to support Lyndhurst and we thought this was a convenient way to help out. Also, sometimes to get free delivery on goods you have to spend a certain amount and some parents/carers may choose to send us something from the list to make up the 'difference'.

Please do share the link with friends and family! If anyone has any ideas about raising money or accessing resources for the school, please do drop us a line. Thank you!

Reception

Balance Bike Training - Balance bike training will begin next week, taking place during weeks 2 and 3 of the Spring Term. All of the children will have 4 days of training with instructors from West Sussex County Council. You do not need to bring anything for this, helmets will be provided by the trainers. Please just ensure that your child comes to school in their active uniform, preferably wearing trainers with good grip. Children will take part in the following sessions:

Week beginning 08/01/2024	Seahorse Class & $\frac{1}{2}$ Turtle Class
Week beginning 15/01/2024	Octopus Class & $\frac{1}{2}$ Turtle Class

* If your child is in Turtle Class, you will receive a text message today advising which week your child will be taking part.

Real Heroes - This term, as part of our topic 'Do All Heroes Wear Capes?' we will be learning about the real heroes in our community. We have already had a veterinary nurse and someone who works for the police service volunteer to come in and talk to the children about their jobs. We will also be visited by the fire service. If you, or any family or friends, are real heroes, e.g. shopkeeper, nurse, bus driver, doctor, dentist, etc., and would be willing to come into school and speak to the children about it, please talk to your child's class teacher. Thank you!

Occupation Dress-Up Day - On Friday 9th February we will be holding an occupation dress-up day, when children are invited to come to school dressed for the job they would like to do when they grow up! Please take the opportunity to talk with your child about different jobs and what they might like to do.

Coats - As the weather is turning colder and wetter, it would be helpful if your child could practise putting on and doing up their coat by themselves at home. This will help with fine motor skills and also help to develop their independence. Thank you.

P.E. in the Spring Term - In the Spring Term, all Reception classes will have P.E. on a Monday. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their P.E. kit on these days.

Year 1

New Topic - Year 1 have started their new topic for this half term; 'What Happened in Pudding Lane?'. Yesterday the Year 1 children made an exciting discovery when they found a box buried in our Forest School area. Inside was a tin bucket, a strange diary and a charred map from 1666. What could this possibly mean....?



P.E. in the Spring Term - Please find below P.E. days for the Spring Term for Year 1 classes:

Kingfisher Class	Tuesday (Indoors)	Friday (Outdoors)
Parrot Class	Tuesday (Indoors)	Friday (Outdoors)
Toucan Class	Tuesday (Indoors)	Thursday (Outdoors)

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their P.E. kit on these days.

Homework - Maths and Phonics/Spelling tasks will be sent home today in homework books and these are due to be handed in by **Thursday 18th January**, with new tasks being set the following day.

Year 2

Ice-Skating Trip - Following our previous very successful trips, you should now have received a letter advising that we will once again be taking the Year 2 children to visit the Worthing Ice Skating Rink which is situated in Steyne Gardens. The trips will take place on the following dates:

Wednesday 7th February - Leopard Class & $\frac{1}{2}$ of Jaguar* Class
Thursday 8th February - Tiger Class & $\frac{1}{2}$ of Jaguar* Class

We have managed to secure a discounted price of just £5.20 per child and we are asking for a voluntary contribution of this amount to cover the cost. Please ensure that completed permissions slips are returned to the school office even if you have paid online through MCAS, as children will not be allowed to attend without one. More information is included in the letter.

* If your child is in Jaguar Class, you will receive a text message advising which day your child will be skating.

Arctic Explorer Day - To kick off their new topic for this term 'How Can We Look After Our World', the Year 2 children attended an 'Explorer's Conference' this morning with Professor Halley. They then proceeded to 'trek to The Arctic' in 'blizzard' conditions! After taking their 'flight', they completed activities such as 'ice breaker', 'climbing icebergs', and spotting 'Arctic wildlife'. Afterwards the children warmed up with a nice hot chocolate.



Afterwards the children also took part in some ice melting experiments:



Year 3 Open Evening at Chesswood Site - A reminder that on Monday 8th January we will be holding an open evening for the families of current Year 2 children who are due to move into Year 3 in September 2024. This open evening will be held at the Chesswood Road site between 5:00pm-6:00pm.

There will be activities and tours from 5pm. At 5:45pm parents/carers will be invited into the hall to meet Mrs South and Mr Himsworth, who will talk through the Year 3 curriculum and the school's wider offer. At the same time, any children attending will be able to go to the small hall to participate in activities. We look forward to seeing you there!

P.E. in the Spring Term - Please find below P.E. days for the Spring Term for Year 2 classes:

Leopard	Wednesday (Indoors)	Thursday (Outdoors)
Jaguar Class	Wednesday (Indoors)	Tuesday (Outdoors)
Tiger Class	Wednesday (Indoors)	Monday (Outdoors)

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their P.E. kit on these days.

Homework - Maths and Phonics/Spelling tasks will be sent home today in homework books and these are due to be handed in by **Thursday 18th January**, with new tasks being set the following day.

Upcoming Dates:-

Monday 8th January - Y3 Information Evening at Chesswood Junior School 5-6pm

Wednesday 10th January - Parental Engagement Workshops at Chesswood Site

Wednesday 17th January - Parental Engagement Workshops at Lyndhurst Site

Friday 19th January - Y2 Beach Trip

Monday 29th January - YR Visit from Fire Service

Wednesday 7th February - Y2 Ice Skating Trip - Leopard Class & $\frac{1}{2}$ Jaguar Class

Thursday 8th February - Y2 Ice Skating Trip - Tiger Class & $\frac{1}{2}$ Jaguar Class

Friday 9th February - YR Occupation Dress-up Day

SCHOOL FINISHES - Friday 9th February 2024

Monday 19th February 2024 - INSET DAY

SCHOOL RETURNS - Tuesday 20th February 2024