



Lyndhurst Infant School & SSC Weekly Communication

Friday 9th February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, what a wet end to the half term! The children have all worked so hard this term and they should all feel proud of themselves - well done!

This half term has been amazing! All year groups have thoroughly enjoyed our extended curriculum. This week the Year 2's have been ice skating. Some children have quite impressive ice-skating skills!

We hope you enjoy your half term holiday. The children return to school on Tuesday 20th February. Staff have their first joint Homefield Primary Inset together. We will be looking at our curriculums.

Diane South
Head Teacher

Whole School

National Attendance (week ending 2 nd February 2024)	93.8%
Lyndhurst Attendance (week ending 2 nd February 2024)	92.4%
Class with Highest Attendance (week ending 2 nd February 2024)	JAGUAR & SEAHORSE CLASSES - 97%

Non-Pupil Day - A reminder that Monday 19th February is a non-pupil day, so we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Tuesday 20th February**.

Half Term Reading Challenge - We would like the children to produce a 'Reading River' of their reading habits over the half term holiday. A 'Reading River' is a journey of all the different types of reading that children come across during a week. This could be reading the words on a street sign, reading instructions in a game and listening to a story at bedtime. An information sheet giving some examples of 'Reading Rivers' has been sent home to you this week. Every child who presents a 'Reading River' will receive a certificate and they will be displayed on the wall in the hall. Please hand them to your child's class teacher by Friday 23rd February.

Internet Safety Day - Tuesday was Internet Safety Day with a focus on "Together for a better internet". Years 1 & 2 communicated with children at Chesswood via email to find out more about our schools. Reception were reminded about how to stay safe online.

<http://www.saferinternetday.org/>

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March is World Book Day! The children will be invited to come to school dressed as a book character. **There is absolutely no expectation for a costume to be purchased**, it could be as simple as a home-made mask. The books 'The Gruffalo' and 'Giraffes Can't Dance' are both 25 years old this year so you could take inspiration from one of these, but children are welcome to come to school dressed as any book character that they like! Could children please bring in a copy of the book that their character is from or draw a picture of them, so that they can discuss their book character in school.

My Child At School (MCAS) - If you have signed up to the MCAS app, any school communication, including text messages, will be received through the app. Please ensure that you have switched on your notifications for the app in your mobile phone settings so that you receive any communications in a timely manner. If you are unsure, please speak to the school office.

Cough into Elbows - At school, particularly during this season of coughs and colds, we encourage the children to cough into their elbows. Please talk to you child and encourage this, to help minimise the spread of germs. 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 Fridays (**Year 1 & 2 children only**).

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 and group sessions during school hours on Mondays.

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

Monday	Singing Club	All Years	(£7.00 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)
Wednesday	Street Dance	All Years	(£4.00 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	Drama	Year 1 & 2	(£5.50 per session)
Friday	Music	All Years	(£5.00 per session)
Friday	Messy Play	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.

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

February Cut-Off Dates
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

March Cut-Off Dates
Thursday 7/3 for w/c Monday 18/3
Thursday 14/3 for w/c Monday 25/3

April Cut-Off Dates
Thursday 4/4 for w/c Monday 15/4
Thursday 11/4 for w/c Monday 22/4
Thursday 18/4 for w/c Monday 29/4
Thursday 25/4 for w/c Monday 8/5



Values - The school value for February is **Cooperation**.

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

Chocolate



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

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

Shout Out News! - A big shout out to Mrs Halley and to all of the staff and volunteers who helped out on the Year 2 ice skating trips this week!



Lyndhurst Champions - The following children received certificates this week for being Lyndhurst Champions:

Felix from Jaguar Class
Nathaniah from Kingfisher Class
Lily from Leopard Class
Fraser from Parrot Class
Alex from Toucan Class
Jax from Bumblebee Class

Cerys from Jaguar Class
Billy from Kingfisher Class
Dexter-Blue from Parrot Class
Jett from Toucan Class
Kiera-Rose from Tiger Class
Bobby from Bumblebee Class

Deniz from Kingfisher Class
Ailah from Leopard Class
Bonnie from Parrot Class
Maddox from Toucan Class
Daisy from Tiger Class
Harvey from Bumblebee Class

Well done to all of our Champions!!

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

General - What a wonderful half term! Please check the school website to see what we have been doing this half term and what we have planned for next half term. After the break, we are lucky to have Kerry from Wannado Street Dance coming in to teach our P.E. lessons. All of Reception will have P.E. on a Thursday for the next half term.

Forest School - This week you should have received a letter advising that the Reception children will have weekly forest school sessions with Mrs Eales after the half term break on a Friday. The children do not need to wear school uniform on these days, but will need appropriate outside warm/waterproof clothing. They will need wellington boots or shoes/boots you do not mind getting dirty because we will work outside in all weathers.

Occupation Dress-Up Day - It was so lovely to see all of the children in their "Occupation" costumes today. They all looked amazing!



Real Heroes - This week we were very lucky to be visited by nurse Claire to talk to the children about her job. She talked about working at the hospital, how to stay fit and healthy and about eating lots of fruit and vegetables. She reminded the children about the importance of covering their mouths when they cough and washing hands. She also showed the children a Finger Oximeter machine used to measure pulse.



Year 1

New Topic - After half term, Year 1 will begin their new topic; "What Can We Learn About The Great Outdoors?". In Science the children will be finding out about trees and plants, and in Geography they will be learning about maps, as well as human and physical features in our local environment.

St George's Church Visit - As part of the RE curriculum, the Year 1 children will be going on an educational visit to enhance their learning about Christianity. On Wednesday 20th March the Year 1 children will be visiting St George's church to learn more about the features of a church and how Christians worship. You will receive a letter soon giving more details. Please ensure that you give permission for this trip as your child will be unable to take part without it.

Phonics & Reading Meeting - You should have received a letter advising that on Wednesday 6th March we are inviting all Year 1 parents/carers to a phonics and reading meeting in the school hall at either 9:00am or 2:15pm. The meeting will last approximately 45 mins. We will explain how we teach phonics and reading at Lyndhurst and provide you with ideas to support your child with their reading at home. We will also explain what the 'Phonics Screener' is and what the expectations for your child will be in the Summer term. There will be an opportunity to ask questions but we ask you to return the slip on the bottom of the letter so we can ensure all enquires are answered within the session.

Homework - Maths and Phonics tasks have been sent home in homework books and these are due to be handed in by Thursday 22nd February, with new tasks being set the following day.

Year 2

Ice-Skating Trip - The children all had an amazing time ice skating this week!! Thank you so much to the parents and carers who supported us on these trips, we couldn't do it without you.



Mosque Visit - As part of the RE curriculum, the Year 2 children will be going on an educational visit to our local Mosque on Wednesday 28th February. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to learn more about the features of a Mosque and to enhance their learning about Islam. Having had a successful visit to their local church in Year 1, we believe the children will greatly benefit from this interesting educational experience. A letter giving more details of this trip will be sent today. Please ensure that you give permission for this trip by **Friday 9th February** as your child will be unable to take part without it.

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Upcoming Dates:-

SCHOOL FINISHES - Friday 9th February 2024

Monday 19th February 2024 - INSET DAY

SCHOOL RETURNS - Tuesday 20th February 2024

Wednesday 28th February - Y2 Mosque Visit

Wednesday 6th March - Y1 Phonics Meetings

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Friday 15th March - Red Nose Day

Tuesday 19th March - Parents/Carers Evening

Wednesday 20th March - Y1 St George's Church Visit

Thursday 21st March - Parents/Carers Evening

Tuesday 26th March - Sponsored Bunny Hop

Wednesday 27th March - Easter Hat Competition