



Lyndhurst Infant School & SSC Weekly Communication

Friday 22nd March 2024

Whole School

National Attendance (week ending 15 th March 2024)	94.1%
Lyndhurst Attendance (week ending 15 th March 2024)	94.2%
Class with Highest Attendance (week ending 15 th March 2024)	OCTOPUS - 100%!!

CLOSURE DAY - A reminder that **Monday 15th April** will be a closure day for both Lyndhurst Infant School and Chesswood Junior School to enable the entire staff to work together to collaborate in planning for Homefield Primary School. Children will be welcomed back to school on Tuesday 16th April.

Lyndhurst Friends Treat Friday - After school **TODAY**, the Lyndhurst Friends will be running a 'Treat Friday' after school on the back playground, selling bags of sweets for 50p each. Please note that this will be a **cash only** event.

Sponsored Bunny Hop - With Easter coming up and our focus on staying fit and healthy (part of our P.E. curriculum), we will once again be holding a Sponsored Bunny Hop! Sponsorship forms have been sent home through class. All money collected will go towards buying resources for our school. The children will be making 'bunny ears' in class for the occasion and the Bunny Hop itself will take place in school time on Tuesday 26th March.

There will be chocolate prizes for the most money raised. Please note, there is absolutely **no obligation** to take part in this fundraising event. The children will still be able to make their bunny ears and take part in the bunny hop itself. Please ensure that any sponsorship money is sent into school by **Tuesday 26th March** as the latest. Many thanks.



Easter Hat Competition - We will be running our annual fun, traditional Easter Hat Competition this year on **Wednesday 27th March**, when children are invited to make and wear in their own Easter hat creations. There will be prizes awarded for the best hats. Good luck!

Red Nose Day - Thank you so much for all of the donations made to Red Nose Day. We have collected a total of **£236!!!**



Pencil Case Flash Sale - We have a number of pencil cases in stock that we are selling for the bargain price of £3.50. The pencil cases contain the following:

Pencil Case, HB Pencil x2, Pencil Sharpener, Eraser, Writing Pen, Purple Correcting Pen, Glue Stick, Ruler, Dry Wipe Pen.

This is a CASH only offer. Please visit the school office to purchase a pencil case or send in your payment in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name and class stating "Pencil Case Offer".



Toys in School - Could we please ask that children do not bring toys into school with them unless this has been previously agreed with the class teacher as a transitional object. We cannot be held responsible for any toys which are lost, damaged or swapped in school.

Library Books - We currently have over one hundred school library books outstanding that have not been returned to school. Please help us to reduce this number by having a look for the school library book your child has borrowed and returning it. Which class will have the least outstanding next week?

	Class	Number of books outstanding
	Bumblebee	0
Early Years	Octopus	8
	Seahorse	9
	Turtle	11
Year One	Kingfisher	3
	Toucan	20
	Parrot	13
Year Two	Jaguar	13
	Leopard	18
	Tiger	6

After School Clubs - If you have expressed an interest for clubs in the Summer Term, you should now have received confirmation. If you have not, or if you have any queries, please email clubs@lyndhurst-school.co.uk. We still currently have spaces for the following clubs in the Summer Term:

Wednesday	Music	All Years	(£5.00 per session)
Wednesday	Lego	All Years	(£5.00 per session)
Thursday	Lego	All Years	(£5.00 per session)
Thursday	Karate	All Years	(£5.00 per session) PAYG
Thursday	Spanish	All Years	(£6.80 per session)
Friday	Drama	Year 1 & 2	(£5.50 per session)
Friday	Dance	All Years	(£4.00 per session)
Friday	Messy Play	All Years	(£5.00 per session)

If you are interested in enrolling your child on 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.

All clubs for the Spring Term end **TODAY** (Friday 22nd March).

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

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

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

May Cut-Off Dates
Thursday 2/5 for w/c Monday 13/5
Thursday 9/5 for w/c Monday 20/5
Thursday 23/5 for w/c Monday 3/6
Thursday 30/5 for w/c Monday 10/6

Values - The school value for March is **Gratitude**.

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

Recycling



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

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

Shout Out / Thank You! - Sadly, Mrs Marchant from our office is leaving us next week to begin her new post in another school. We would like to say a huge "Thank-you" for all that she has done for Lyndhurst - above and beyond. She is the person behind the Great things that make Lyndhurst Great - helping Santa with his presents, organising charity events and doing lots of things in her own time. We will miss her very much but wish her luck.

Kathryn Watts who has been a volunteer helper at Lyndhurst for several years will soon be emigrating to Thailand. We thank her for all of the time that she has given to Lyndhurst and wish her well in her new life!

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>

We have received an amazing amount of items from one family including A4 paper, glitter, post-it notes, blu-tac, masking tape, felt-tips, sketching pads and pencils, staples, dividers, whiteboard markers and labels. Thank you for your generous gifts! If we know who has given the donation we have sent you a thank you message.

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

Reptylers Visit - After Easter we will begin our next topic of 'How Do Things Grow?', and in relation to this we are very excited to have arranged a visit from Reptylers on Wednesday 17th April. They will be bringing with them a number of animals and each class will have the opportunity to get up close and encounter the animals themselves.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £4.40 to help cover the cost of this visit. Contributions can be made either in cash in a **sealed envelope with your child's name on** the front or online via MCAS. We ask that contributions are made by Thursday 28th March at the latest.

Forest School - Today we had our last Forest School session. Thank you to Mrs Eales for organising these sessions. The children have really enjoyed exploring the Forest School areas and looking out for signs of Spring.

Homework - Please check your emails for phonics homework which will be sent home weekly and maths homework which be sent home fortnightly. You will also find a list of 'tricky words' to be practised in the back of your child's blue book.

Year 1

Easter Assembly - On Monday 25th March, Kathryn from St George's Church will be coming in to school to do a special assembly with KS1 about how Christians celebrate Easter as part of the RE curriculum. She will show the children how to make their own Easter gardens to help them remember the Christian Easter story.

Homework - Maths & Phonics homework tasks were due to be handed in yesterday. There will be no new homework tasks set until after the Easter break.

Year 2

Worthing Library Visit - On Wednesday 24th April, the Year 2 children will be visiting Worthing library. The children will have the chance to explore the resources available at the library and even be able to borrow a book. If your child does not already have a library card, there will be an opportunity to sign your child up for a card before their visit and they will be able to take a book out on the day. There will be more details closer to the visit.

Please login to MCAS as soon as possible to give your online consent for you child to take part in this trip. They will be unable to attend without your consent.

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Upcoming Dates:-

Friday 22nd March - Lyndhurst Friends Treat Friday

Tuesday 26th March - Sponsored Bunny Hop

Wednesday 27th March - Easter Hat Competition

Thursday 28th March - Y2 Time to Dance Performance

SCHOOL FINISHES - Thursday 28th March 2024

Friday 29th March - BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 15th April - **SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY** (Lyndhurst & Chesswood)

SCHOOL RETURNS - Tuesday 16th April 2024

Wednesday 17th April - YR Reptylers Visit

Friday 19th April - Autism Awareness Day & Non-Uniform Day for Mayor's Charities

Wednesday 24th April - Y2 Library Visits

Friday 17th May - International Day