



## Lyndhurst Infant School & SSC Weekly Communication

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all your continued support this term. I'm sure that you would like to join me in thanking all of the staff for their hard work and for making school great for our children.

I'd like to wish you all a peaceful Easter weekend and a lovely Spring holiday. We look forward to seeing you all in the Summer term. There will be a lot happening next term, so please do check the diary events page.

Diane South  
Head Teacher

### Whole School

National Attendance (week ending 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024)	94.2%
Lyndhurst Attendance (week ending 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024)	92.6%
Class with Highest Attendance (week ending 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024)	TIGER - 100%!!

**CLOSURE DAY** - A reminder that **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> April.

**Homefield Primary School Facebook Page!** - Homefield Primary School's Facebook page is now live! Please follow the link and Like to be able to keep up to date with what's going on.

<https://www.facebook.com/homefieldworthing>



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

**Easter Play** - Staff put on an Easter play yesterday morning for all of the children. It was amazing! Thanks to Mrs Holland for writing "The Great Easter Rescue".



Easter Hat Competition - It was so lovely to see all of the wonderful Easter Hat creations yesterday. They were all amazing, but our winners are:

Mabel from Octopus Class  
Phylis-Rose from Parrot Class  
Ida from Jaguar Class  
Angelo from Bumblebee Class

Frank from Seahorse Class  
Alex from Toucan Class  
Emiliano from Leopard Class

Isobel from Turtle Class  
Arthur R from Kingfisher Class  
Felix from Tiger Class



Winners were presented with a certificate and chocolate egg! Well done!!

Sponsored Bunny Hop - On Tuesday, the children all took part in the sponsored Easter Bunny Hop and everyone had lots of fun. Thank you so much to all the families who raised sponsorship money for this fundraising event. All money collected will go towards purchasing resources for our school. We have raised an incredible **£1,535.41!!!**



The following children raised the most sponsorship money and received an Easter egg and certificate:

Lilith from Seahorse Class who raised £100!!!  
Bella from Toucan Class who raised £70.00!!!  
Sophia from Seahorse Class who raised £70.00!!!

Well done to everyone!

SJM Electrical Easter Colouring Competition - SJM Electrical were so impressed the entries to their colouring competition! There were two winners from each year group. The winners were all presented with Easter Egg prizes this morning. Well done to all of the winners:

Erin in Octopus Class  
Summer in Seahorse Class  
William in Kingfisher Class  
Adhi in Toucan Class  
Yukith in Jaguar Class  
Huey in Jaguar Class



Y2 Time to Dance - A group of our Year 2 children will tonight be representing Lyndhurst with a performance at the Pavilion Theatre in the Time to Dance show. They have all worked incredibly hard learning their dance routine and we wish them all lots of luck for the big show this evening. Huge thanks to Kerry from Wannado Street Dance for choreographing the routine and teaching it to our talented dancers!!



Autism Awareness & Mayor's Charities - At Lyndhurst we are fortunate to have a Special Support Centre for children with Autism. The children in Bumblebee Class have the most amazing talents and skills and we would like to celebrate this on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April as part of World Autism Day. All children are invited to come into school wearing colourful items of clothing as the theme for this year is colour. Autism affects 1 in every 100 children. It is a lifelong, developmental disability that affects how a child communicates with and relates to other people, and how they experience the world around them. This short clip explains in a child friendly way what Autism is. You may like to view this at home:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbwRrVw-CRo>

We also have 'Community Links' coming into school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April to do a performance of 'The Snail and the Whale' and sing a song in Makaton. 'Community Links' are a diverse group of adults with learning difficulties. This will be a fun experience for all the children.

Additionally, on this day we will be supporting the Mayor's charities by accepting donations which ties in with the theme of inclusion for the day. The Mayor came into assembly this week to talk to the children about his charities which include Cycall, Broadwater Support Group Community Hub and The Parkinson's Worthing and Washington Branch. Donations can be made online through MCAS or in cash to your child's class teacher.

\* Always  
\* Unique  
\* Totally  
\* Intelligent  
\* Sometimes  
\* Mysterious



Jump Start Jonny Visit - On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, we are very lucky to be having a visit from Jump Start Jonny! For this very special occasion, we would like to ask the children (and staff!) to come to school wearing 80's themed Flashdance style outfits, think neon colours, leg warmers, sweatbands, tutus, etc.! Let's get this party started - Whoopa!!



Parking in Children's Centre - We have had complaints from the Footprints Children centre located next to the school that some parents/carers are using their carpark during school drop-off time. The Footprints centre is not connected to our school and their carpark is for the use of their staff and visitors only.

Shout Out - A big shout-out to Miss Connor for organising our dance group for the Time to Dance performance at the Pavilion Theatre this evening!!

Library Books - We currently have over fifty 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 at the beginning of the Summer Term?

	Class	Number of books outstanding
	Bumblebee	0
Early Years	Octopus	5
	Seahorse	8
	Turtle	5
Year One	Kingfisher	0
	Toucan	11
	Parrot	6
Year Two	Jaguar	7
	Leopard	10
	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](mailto:clubs@lyndhurst-school.co.uk). We still currently have spaces for the following clubs in the Summer Term:

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](mailto: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.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:clubs@lyndhurst-school.co.uk)

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

Tylar from Jaguar Class  
Debora from Kingfisher Class  
Kai from Leopard Class  
Amanda from Parrot Class  
Lenny from Toucan Class  
Jett from Toucan Class  
Freydun from Tiger Class

Cerys from Jaguar Class  
William from Kingfisher Class  
Angelo from Leopard Class  
Eloise from Parrot Class  
Alex from Toucan Class  
Ronnie from Tiger Class  
Wilson from Bumblebee Class

Ida from Jaguar Class  
Poppy from Kingfisher Class  
Jakub from Leopard Class  
Florence from Parrot Class  
Chikaira from Toucan Class  
Lexi from Tiger Class  
Angelo from Bumblebee Class

Well done to all of our Champions!!

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.....

Rabbit



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

[https://makaton.org/TMC/News\\_Stories/SOTW/SOTW\\_Rabbit.aspx](https://makaton.org/TMC/News_Stories/SOTW/SOTW_Rabbit.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>

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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> March at the latest.



## Year 1

Easter Gardens - Thank you to Kathryn from St George's Church who came in to talk to us about Easter and brought in supplies for children to make Easter gardens.

Street Dance - After the Easter Break, we are very lucky to have Kerry from Wannado Street Dance coming in to teach the Year 1 children. Therefore, up until half term, the children's indoor P.E. day will be on a Thursday. Please ensure that children come to school wearing their P.E. kits on this day.

## Year 2

Y3 Transition - As part of the transition plan for children moving to Year 3 at the Homefield Upper School site in September, Mr Gilbert will be coming into school on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April to visit the Year 2 classes.

Worthing Library Visit - On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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:-

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Y2 Time to Dance Performance

**SCHOOL FINISHES** - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April - **SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY** (Lyndhurst & Chesswood)

**SCHOOL RETURNS** - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April - YR Reptylers Visit

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

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April - Y2 Library Visits

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - Jump Start Jonny Visit - Whooopa!

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May - International Day

