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School News Friday 12th January 2024
Together we learn, together we thrive.

W/c 15th January

Thursday 18th – Young Voices trip to the O2 – LHJS Choir

W/c 22nd January

Monday 22nd – Movie Night – “Trolls Band Together” 3-4.45pm

Tuesday 23rd – NCMP – Y6 Weight and Measurement

Fireworks Donation

A huge thank you to The Linton Fireworks Committee for their hard work and incredibly generous donation of £2,400 to Linton Heights. In times of economic pressure this huge amount of money will go a long way in providing pupils with the necessary educational resources. As Headteacher, I know that planning the annual Linton Fireworks is very labour intensive. Huge appreciation and thanks from the pupils, staff and parents of Linton Heights.

Recording child absence link

Thank you to all the parents who have been recording their child's absence via the online form. If you have recorded via the link, you do not need to phone or email as well as we will check the online form at morning registration every day. Please ensure you complete the absence log by 9am on each day of your child's absence. Please see the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/gdN0pAh1Ts>

Attendance Counts

The Government are currently running a campaign to boost school attendance. Did you know:-

- Regular school attendance can facilitate positive peer relationships, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing.

- In 2018/19, just 40% of persistently absent children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders.

The Education Welfare Officers are running frequent checks on school attendance. Attendance counts - please make sure that your child attends regularly.

Movie Night – Monday 22nd January

The next scheduled Movie Night will take place on Monday 22nd January 3.00-4.45pm. The film being shown will be “Trolls Band Together”, certificate U. Tickets cost £3.50 and include popcorn and a drink. Please book your ticket via your MCAS account.

Y4 Times Table workshop – Weds 7th Feb

On Wednesday 7th February, Mrs Ball, Mrs Taylor and Mr Gracie will be running an informative training session focused on how to prepare your Y4 child for the summer times tables assessment. The training will be via Teams 5.30-6pm. The Teams link will follow nearer the time.

Skipping Event – Fri 9th February

On Friday 9th February we will be holding a sponsored skipping event to raise funds for much needed school resources and also to make a donation to a charity that pupils select. Whilst we have a supply of skipping ropes in school for the children to use for the challenge, they will also the opportunity to buy their own rope in school if they would like to. These will be on sale from Monday 5th February priced at £3 for the wooden type and £5 for the ropes which include a skip counter. Skipping ropes can be ordered and paid for via MCAS. These can be found in the MCAS menu under ‘Products’. When you click on ‘add to basket’ one skipping rope will be added. To purchase multiple skipping ropes click on ‘add to basket’ as required.

The children will be bringing home sponsorship forms today. All sponsorship money can be paid via your MCAS account - under trips.

Many thanks as always for your support.

Parent Working Party – Sat 27th Jan

The termly parent working party is scheduled to take place on Saturday 27th January at 9-12pm. Some paint work in the classes is in need of attention and for the brave, some of the woodwork outside needs re-staining. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to attend, please let either the office or myself know. There will be the usual bacon sandwiches on offer and as much tea and coffee as required. Children are definitely welcome!

Outdoor Footwear/Coats & Jackets

To maximise the use of all the school grounds into the cold and wet weather, we would like all children to have a change of footwear for outdoors. Please can all children bring in a pair of waterproof shoes, boots or wellies to change into for break and lunch. Unfortunately, if your child does not have a change of waterproof footwear, they will not be able to go on the field when it is wet. Due to lack of space, football cannot be played on the playground. We also have a lot of children not bringing any kind of jacket or coat to school. We will be going out for break and lunch times even if the weather is a bit damp and drizzly, so please ensure your children brings a coat or jacket to school. Your assistance in this matter is much appreciated.

Parent Entry into School

Concerningly, it has come to my attention that a very small minority of parents are choosing to come into the classrooms/school corridors at the end of the school day, without having been granted permission by a staff member. As all parents must appreciate, this goes against the school's safeguarding policy and must not happen going forward. I appreciate your support in this matter.

Ceilidh Award Winners for today:

Ceilidh Cup Winners!

Writer's cup: **Larissa (Class 5)**
Handwriting cup: **Annie (Class 5)**
Maths cup: **Jacob (Class 6)**
Sports cup: **Lily (Class 7)**
Arts cup: **Daniel (Class 7)**
Values cup: **Dylan (Class 8)**

Ceilidh Praise Winners!

Otto (Class 5): Resilience
Mikey (Class 5): Resilience
Jake (Class 6): Great role model
Tanya (Class 6): Maths resilience
Sophie (Class 7): Reading resilience
Poppy (Class 7): Perseverance
Morley (Class 8): Perseverance
Naomi (Class 8): Great writing

Ceilidh

Friday 19th January – Lower School
Friday 26th January – Upper School

Forest School sessions

Friday 19th January – Class 7
Friday 26th January – Class 4

Reminders

School Lunches

Please ensure that you pre order your child's school lunches for the forthcoming school week by midnight on Saturday, at the latest.

Innovate will not be able to supply school lunches if you have not pre ordered your child's meals.

Forest School

We would like to ask for a voluntary contribution of £5 per child to cover the cost of Forest School resources. Each class will have at least four Forest School sessions during the school year. Please make your payment using MCAS.

Year 6 Residential Trip to Aylmerton

The next payment is due on Friday 19th January.

GDPR Policies

Do you have a data query? If so, please see the Anglian Learning GDPR policies:

<https://anglianlearning.org/gdpr-policies/>

Term Dates:

2024 Spring Term Dates

Thursday 4th January – Thurs 28th March 2024

Inset day: Thurs 4th January (non-pupil day)

Half Term: Mon 19th – Fri 23rd February

Spring term ends Thursday 28th March

The term dates for 2023/24 academic year are on our school website under parents – term dates