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School News Friday 2nd February 2024
Together we learn, together we thrive.

W/c 5th February

Tues 6th – Safer Internet Day

Weds 7th – Y4 Times Table Workshop 5.30pm via Teams

Fri 9th – Sponsored skipping event – details below

W/c 12th February

Thurs 15th – Class 5 Assembly 9am – Parents welcome

Parent Working Party – Sat 27th Jan

A huge thank you to the Hinde family who joined Mr Filby and me for last Saturday's parent working party. In a time when budgets are so stretched and routine maintenance on the school is inevitably needed, it would be greatly appreciated if other parents/carers could assist – if only for an hour.

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.

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 was emailed out yesterday.

Safer Internet Day – Tues 6th Feb

Safer Internet Day 2024 will take place on the 6th of February 2024 and is based around the theme 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'. Our children will spend all day thinking about how to keep safe online – although PE will still happen as normal. At 9:30am we will be joining a live, virtual assembly hosted by Google. You are also able to join the assembly virtually via this link: <https://youtube.com/live/yoeKlaSpXqs> more information about Safer Internet Day can be found here:

[Parents and carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

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.

Linton Infants – Clerk to the Governors

Linton infants are looking for a clerk to the governing body. If this is a role you may be interested in and for further information or an informal discussion, please contact Miss Emma Hicks at the school office office@linton-inf.cambs.sch.uk Tel: 01223 891421.

Great British Spring Clean

On Saturday 23rd March the Linton FROGS (Friends of the River Granta) and Parish Council will be taking part in a community litter pick around Linton village. We would love to have some of our Linton Heights families taking part in this community event which is part of a larger nationwide initiative organised by 'Keep Britain Tidy'. The event will be based at the village hall and will start at 10am and finish by 2pm at the latest. Volunteers will be encouraged to pick wherever they choose in the village, avoiding roads with a speed limit above 30mph. High-visibility vests will be offered to all volunteers, particularly children. There will be some litter pickers available, but these are limited so if families have their own, they are encouraged to bring them. Refreshments will be offered to those returning a filled bag of litter. Put the date in your diaries and we hope to see you there! **Mrs Ball and the Eco-Council**

Josh Seigal – Children's poet

On Thursday, we were very lucky to have a visit from the children's poet, Josh Seigal. We were entertained by Josh performing selected poems and a special collaborative performance of 'Addicted to chicken'. Josh shared with us his inspirational poetry and answered the children's questions about his life and where he gets his ideas from. He also shared with us a selection of his poetry books. Many thanks to Linton Bookfest for providing our school with this spectacular treat! **Mrs Komodromos, English Lead**



Ceilidh Award Winners for today:

Ceilidh Cup Winners!

Sports cup: **Lottie (Class 1)**
Arts cup: **Reid (Class 1)**
Maths cup: **Penelope (Class 2)**
Writer's cup: **Sethmi (Class 3)**
Handwriting cup: **Alanna (Class 3)**
Values cup: **Poppy (Class 4)**

Ceilidh Praise Winners!

Sidney (Class 1): Maths resilience
Charlie (Class 1): Handwriting resilience
Alex (Class 2): English lesson participation
Aria (Class 2): Great focus and effort
Mazie (Class 3): Times tables
Jemima (Class 3): Reliability
Eddie (Class 4): Being curious
Ruby (Class 4): Overall progress

Ceilidh

Friday 9th February – Upper School
Friday 16th February – Lower School

Forest School sessions

Friday 9th February – Class 2
Friday 16th February – Class 8

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 16th February. Please make your payment using MCAS.

Year 5 Residential Trip to Woodrow House

The first instalment for the Year 5 residential is due on Friday 16th February. Please make your payment using MCAS.

Year 5 Trip to Leicester Space Centre

We would like to ask for a voluntary contribution of £34 towards the cost of this trip which is taking place on 15th March. This can be paid in full or two instalments of £17 due today, 2nd February and 1st March. Please make your payments using MCAS.

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