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**School News Friday 20th September 2024**  
**Together we learn, together we thrive.**

**W/c 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> – JLT election results**

**Tues 24<sup>th</sup> – Individual and family photographs**

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> – Linton Heights is 50! Celebration 2-4pm. No after school clubs except for LOSC**

**W/c 30<sup>th</sup> September**

**Sat 5<sup>th</sup> – Parent working party 9-12**

***Linton Heights is 50 years old!***

Having recently turned 50 myself, I am delighted to announce that our school has also reached this momentous milestone!

In celebration of this event, we are having an afternoon of celebration 2-4pm. During this celebration, we will be having cream teas/cakes and the children will be performing. If you were once a pupil or staff member of Linton Heights, or indeed know someone who was, please let them know that they are cordially invited to join the celebrations.

**In order for us to cater for refreshments, please ensure you email the school office to confirm you will be attending – [office@lintonheightsjunior.org](mailto:office@lintonheightsjunior.org)  
Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.**

***No after school clubs – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Sep***

Due to the 50<sup>th</sup> school celebrations next Friday afternoon 2-4pm, we will be unable to run the after school clubs – running and dodgeball. If your child normally attends one of these clubs, please collect them at 3pm. LOSC will be running as normal.

***Parent Working Party - 5<sup>th</sup> October***

The first parent working party of the year will be taking place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 9am-12pm. The aim of the session is to improve the school grounds and spread lots of mulch! If you are able to attend - even for an hour or so, it would be greatly appreciated. If anyone is willing to make some bacon sandwiches for the workers (ingredients provided), I would also be very appreciative. Children are very welcome!

***Meet the Teacher***

Please see information/PowerPoint presentations from last week's 'Meet the Teacher' sessions on the school website under Information (Pupils) - Year group pages.

***Ceilidh – Changes to timing - Update***

The children may have mentioned to you that we have slightly tweaked the timings within the school day to maximise learning time. Because of this, we have moved our Ceilidh (celebration assembly) to **8:55am** on a Friday morning. It normally lasts about half an hour. Not all children attend Ceilidh every week. One week is Upper School (Year 5 and 6) and the next is Lower School (Year 3 and 4). Check the newsletter each week to find out whose Ceilidh is coming up!

***Spelling***

One of our school priorities this year is spelling. We will be teaching weekly spelling rules but won't be sending home word lists to learn. The evidence is clear that these have little or no impact on children's spelling abilities. You can support your child's spelling by focusing on the statutory spelling words for your child's particular year group. There is one list for Year 3 & 4 and one for Year 5 & 6. They can be found on the year group web page - just make sure you scroll down!

***Maths home learning***

All children now have Mathletics logins in their reading records/planners. They will be set 2 or 3 activities each week to complete and then they are free to complete any of the other activities they can find. The first of each colour certificate that children earn will be awarded in Ceilidh. Year 6 have already been given a maths workbook to complete as home learning on a weekly basis. This is in addition to Mathletics.

Every child also has a TT Rockstars login for practising their times tables. Please support children rehearsing at home. It is expected that children know all of their tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4.

***Recording child absence link***

Just a reminder for all parents and carers that any absence for your child must be recorded via our 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>

***Forest School***

One of the big advantages of moving the timing of Ceilidh is that Forest School sessions can be in a block. Children will have four sessions in a row on a Friday afternoon. Keep an eye on the newsletter for which class's sessions are coming up. On a Forest School Day, children need to bring in long sleeves, long trousers and appropriate waterproof layers/footwear. Forest school happens in all weathers!

***If your child's class has Forest School, this will replace their PE lesson for that week. To clarify, your child will not need to attend in their PE kit on their specific PE day until after their Forest School sessions have finished.***

## Ceilidh cup winners today!

### **Ceilidh Praise Winners!**

**James (Class 1):** Confidence  
**Eliza (Class 1):** Great start to Y3  
**Frankie (Class 2):** Brilliant work ethic  
**Theodore (Class 2):** Super start to Y3  
**James (Class 3):** Great start to Y4  
**Emily (Class 3):** Showing maturity  
**Myles (Class 4):** Showing maturity  
**Ella (Class 4):** Great start at new school

### **Ceilidh Cup Winners!**

Maths cup: **Vihana (Class 1)**  
Writer's cup: **Orla (Class 2)**  
Handwriting cup: **Viswateja (Class 2)**  
Values cup: **Aidan (Class 3)**  
Sports cup: **Orphée (Class 4)**  
Arts cup: **Hannah (Class 4)**

### **Ceilidh**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September - Upper school **8:55am**  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October - Lower school **8:55am**

### **Forest School sessions**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September – None – 50<sup>th</sup> Celebrations  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October - Class 7

### **PE Days**

Children are allowed to come into school in PE kit on the days they have PE. The information about PE kit is here. Please ensure that earrings are removed. If they can't be removed, children will not be able to fully take part in PE lessons.

On a swimming day, children should come to school in their uniform and bring their swimming kit with them.

#### **Year 3:**

PE: Tuesday  
Swimming: Thursday

#### **Year 4:**

PE: Thursday  
Swimming: Monday

#### **Year 5:**

PE: Friday  
Swimming: Wednesday

#### **Year 6:**

PE: Monday  
Swimming: Tuesday

### **Arrival times**

A reminder that children should be arriving in school between 8:20am and 8:30am. With our shift around of timings in the school day, we are starting lessons earlier so being late will mean children miss out on vital learning.

### **Pupil Roles**

This week pupils were invited to apply for the roles of Junior Leadership Team representatives. I am delighted to say that I have been overwhelmed with responses. I will read applications over this weekend and the successful candidates will be informed in assembly on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

### **Parent Council meeting**

Established at LHJS in 2017, the parent council is a group of class representatives who meet with the head teacher regularly throughout the year and discuss future plans for the school; debate current aspects of school life and bring any comments or concerns from the parent community. If you would like to be a representative for your child's year group, please let the office team know by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September. The first meeting of parent council for this year take place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 5.30pm.

### **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.

To register for meals - [www.ifg-psm.co.uk](http://www.ifg-psm.co.uk).

For any queries or to make any meal changes email - [primary@impactfood.co.uk](mailto:primary@impactfood.co.uk) or call 0204 542 7211.

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

#### **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 Autumn Term Dates:**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

**Inset day: Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept (non-pupil day)**

**Inset day: Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Sept (non-pupil day)**

**Half Term: Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Nov**

**Inset day: Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec (non-pupil day)**

Autumn term ends Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

**The term dates for 2024/25 academic year are on our website under News and Events, Term Dates**