



Welcome to Linton Heights

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Who's Who? - The Staff



Mrs Caroline Webb
Headteacher



Mrs Stacey Chapman
Deputy Headteacher

Year 3 teachers



Mrs Walker
Class 1



Mr Lennon
Class 2
Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday



Mrs Crissell
Class 2
Thursday, Friday



Linton Heights PTFA



The PTFA organises a range of activities throughout the year to raise funds for the school, including:

Summer and Christmas Fairs

Discos

Non uniform days

Movie nights

Lolly Fridays and more!

If you would be willing to volunteer to assist, please contact us at lhjsptfa@gmail.com

Or, alternatively, speak to Mr Wilson in the Autumn term.

The School Day

Our gate opens at 8:20am and children go straight into their classrooms. The register is taken at 8:30am.

Break time is 10:30am until 10:45am

Lunch is from 12:10pm until 1:00pm.

The school day ends at 3pm

Parents are welcome to come on to the grounds at the beginning and the end of the day. We ask children to wait with their teacher until they have seen the adult they are going with.

Building work in September

The front reception area is going to be extended over the summer holidays. It will not be finished by September things will be a little topsy turvy!

There will be communication via the virtual noticeboard over the summer holidays.

Assemblies

Morning assembly takes place on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday until 9am. Thursday is singing assembly.

Once a year each Year 3 and Year 5 class prepares a class assembly which is performed at 8.55 on a Wednesday. Parents and carers will be notified of the date and are welcome to attend.

We also hold special services at St Mary's or the United Reform Church in the village to celebrate Christmas and Easter. You will be informed of all these events in our virtual noticeboard and via the school calendar on the website.

Alongside our behaviour policy review, we will also be reviewing ceilidh (our celebration assembly). This information will be shared in September.

Snack

A healthy snack needs to be brought in for break time. The children may eat fruit, vegetables or a cereal bar.



Lunchtimes

Our school meals are freshly prepared by our catering company, Innovate. The cost of a school meal is £2.75. School meals must be pre-ordered and paid for with Innovate by Saturday for the following week. Details of how to register will be sent out tomorrow via the Infants.



Water bottles

All children should have a water bottle in school. It should have a sports cap to minimise the chance of spillage.

Forest School



Linton Heights has a dedicated Forest School area. Every Friday one class spends the afternoon with our Forest School leader on a rotation basis.

Children will need to bring in suitable clothes (long sleeves and long trousers) from home for their Forest School sessions.

Parent helpers are needed to make these sessions possible.

Houses

All children are placed in a house when they start in Year 3. If they have brothers or sisters currently at LHJS, they will be placed in the same house.

The 4 houses are: Rivey (Green), Granta (Blue), Chilford (Red) and Simmons (Yellow).

Children take part in some activities in their house groups most notably in sports day and Church services. This will be increasing next year to increase community connections.



Mrs Benjamin



Mrs Bowie



Mrs Potter

The School Office

The office is open from 8:15am until 5:00pm approximately.

If you would like to contact the office outside of these hours please leave a message on the school answer phone 01223 892210 or email office@lintonheightsjunior.org

Communication

All of our communication with parents is via email.

We have a virtual noticeboard. This is always live and can be updated at any time, although it is mostly updated on a Friday and a reminder email is sent out.

At the end of each half term, Heights Highlights is sent out which is a celebration of everything that has happened during that half term.

Our School website (particularly the calendar) is constantly being updated so please check it regularly.

We also have a school Facebook page (facebook.com/lintonheights).

Clubs: After school

Examples of clubs are:

- Football
- Gymnastics
- Netball
- Choir
- Orchestra

At the start of September, a booklet containing all the details about the clubs on offer will be made available on our website. Following on from this a revised booklet will be provided at the end of each term. Parents can then book their children in for the following term. Payment must be made using MCAS – these accounts will be made available in September. Please also check the details in the booklet carefully. These clubs can not be relied upon as a childcare option. They also are subject to change each term. The school will fund one club per term for children eligible for Pupil Premium.

LOSC (Linton Out of School Club) is also available for childcare:
3pm-4:30pm or 3pm-6pm. Email losc@lintonvc.org to make a booking.

Clubs: Before School

8am-8:20am

We refer to it as 'breakfast club' but no breakfast is provided.

£1.50 per session paid via MCAS.

Children do not need to be booked in advance and are only charged for the sessions they attend. But please let us know if they are likely to be using it at all.

Absence

The expectation is that children will attend school for 95% to 100% of the time. This is good attendance.

Below 95% attendance is attracts attention from the local authority and is below national averages.

Term time holidays will be treated as an unauthorised absence. Any term time holiday over 5 days will incur a fine.

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason please complete the Microsoft Form (link is on the website and virtual noticeboard) before 9am every day that they are not in school so we know they are safe.

Uniform

Branded school uniform can only be purchased online (Price and Buckland). The link can be found on our school website under Parents – School Uniform. There is no expectation that branded uniform is worn.



All pupils are expected to wear black shoes at school.

Please ensure that all uniform is named.

A lost property box is located in the outbuilding in the playground.

Look out for a
second hand
uniform sale on
Move Up Day:
Thurs 3rd July!

Uniform

- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- White or light blue shirt or polo shirt
- Grey/ black skirt, dress, trousers or shorts
- Black shoes – not trainers, pumps or Ugg style boots.
- Hair that is shoulder length or longer must be tied back with small accessories only.
- Stud earrings only

For PE

- Light blue t-shirt for PE
- Navy blue shorts for PE
- Navy tracksuit
- Trainers for outside for PE

PE kit

In addition to the basic PE Kit a navy or black tracksuit can be worn in the colder months.

Children may wear a base layer under their PE top. This needs to be black, white or blue

Hair must be tied back and no jewellery (including earrings) to be worn.

Children come into school in PE kit on PE days.

In September and after May half term the children swim in our outdoor pool.
Hats must be worn.



Your child's equipment

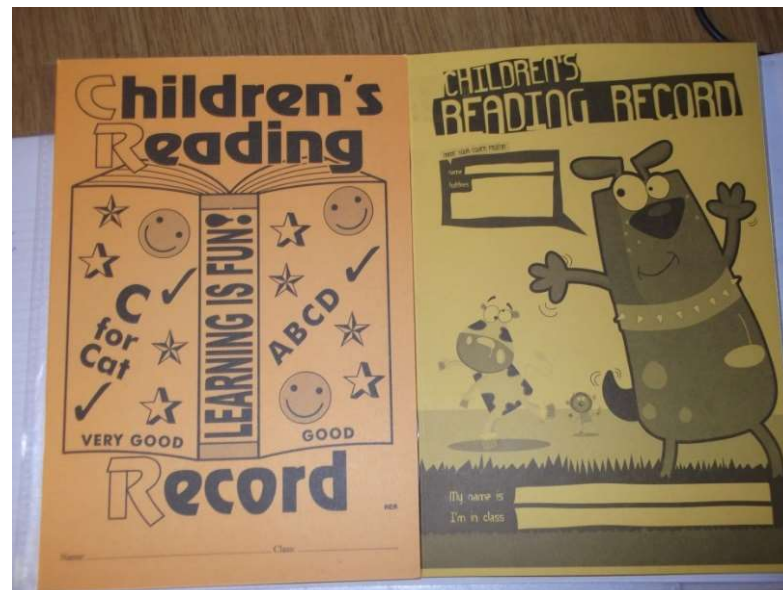
Children do not need to bring any equipment into school. We will provide everything they need.

Please ensure toys and special items are not brought into school as they can easily get lost or broken leading to a lot of upset.

Children will be expected to have their reading record book and reading book in school everyday.

Reading

Your child will be issued with a reading record book, which they will need at school each day. This will travel between home and school and the expectation is that your child reads aloud to an adult at home at least three times a week. The home adult will sign and comment on the child's reading in the reading record book.



The Library

All children will be placed on a reading colour band, which is a continuation of the Infant School banding. There are no 'free readers' at Linton Heights.

They will be regularly assessed but the bands broaden considerably at Key Stage 2 and it is not unusual for children to stay on a colour band for about a year.

Children can visit and borrow books from the school library on some lunchtimes.

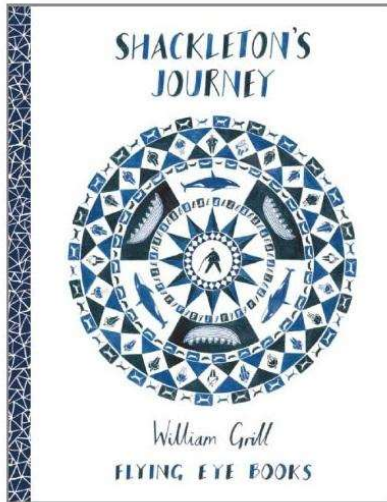


The Year 3 Curriculum

Autumn Term 1 : Volcanoes



Autumn term
2: Ancient
Egyptians



Spring term
1: Antarctica



Spring 2: Stone
Age, Bronze Age,
Iron Age.



Summer 1:
Settlements



Summer 2:
Romans

Music

There is the opportunity for children to have paired or individual lessons in a wide range of instruments including: flute, brass, clarinet, violin, recorder, piano, singing, drums and guitar. More information will be emailed tomorrow and is available on the website.

Mrs. Mason leads singing assembly weekly and teaches each class music once a week.

She runs choir and from September, Mrs Gill will run orchestra.



Sports at Linton Heights



Miss Farr
Sports Leader

- We are fortunate to have a very enthusiastic sports leader at LHJS.
- Every class has one lesson with Miss Farr and one other PE session each week.
- Miss Farr also leads our Forest School sessions.
- There are lots of opportunities to take part in competitions throughout their time here.

Home Learning

The main focus of home learning is reading – 3 times a week.

Children will be given Mathletics log ins. This is a maths website where children can complete various activities.

Children will also be given a Spelling Shed log in which will allow them to practice spellings in a game situation.

Some children will continue with phonics in school – these children will bring home a sheet to support their in class learning.

Additionally, each half term teachers issue some optional home learning activities which link with the topics being studied.



All children should know their times tables by the end of Year 4.

The children are tested most weeks aiming to achieve different times tables awards.

Reporting to Parents

Meet the Teacher meetings happen within the first couple of weeks in September and allow you to meet your child's teacher as well as find out more information about the day to day expectations.

At the end of the year we send home a report on the year's progress and we hold Parent/Teacher consultation evenings in the Autumn and Spring terms where you will be able to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher.

During 2025-26 we will be investigating more opportunities for parents to join us in school.

Educational visits and residential trips

We take all our year groups on trips throughout the year with Years 4 to 6 having opportunities for residential experiences.

Visits for Year 3 in 2025 –26 might be:

- Local walk around Linton
- Visit to Cambridge museums: Fitzwilliam and Scott Polar Institute
- Visit to Colchester Castle
- Whole school visit to the pantomime in Bishop's Stortford!

School trips are paid for online within MCAS. Login details will be given out in September.

Behaviour

We have high expectations of behaviour for our pupils.

These high expectations help the children become independent learners, responsible for their own behaviour and the impact that their behaviour can have on other children.

The behaviour policy is currently being reviewed as we move to a relational approach. Our policy will continue to reflect our core values and how expected behaviour should be in line with these.

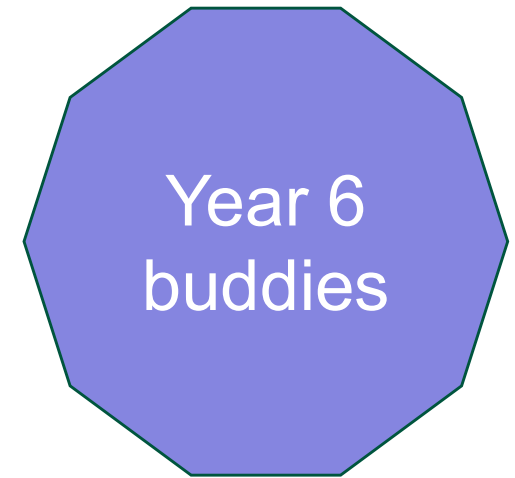
There will be opportunities for parents to engage in various ways with this new approach.

Transition

Science Morning: Next Tuesday (24th June)

Sports morning: TBC

Forest school/swimming: Friday mornings



Move up day: Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd July:

- Drop off and collect at LHJS both days. (8:30am-3pm)
- Wear infant uniform.
- Bring water bottle and packed lunch (speak to the infants if you need the school to provide a free school meals packed lunch)
- Children will find out and be in their new classes (they will be mixed)

Watching the play: Tuesday 15th July 1:30pm – TBC

Additional visits for some children (organised by the infants) with our SENCO, Karen Graves.

Jobs to do before the summer holidays!

- a) register your child's lunch choices with Innovate directly
- b) Investigate Free School Meals to see if you are eligible – now open to those on Universal Credit.
- c) Email our school office - office@lintonheightsjunior.org to let us know if your child might be using before school club.
- d) Sign up for music lessons via the school website.
- e) Order/Organise uniform