



Lingfield Primary School Newsletter

September 2017

Welcome Back

On behalf of staff and Governors, I would like to welcome all of our families back to school. The new school year has got off to a really good start. Our Reception pupils are settling in well and the older pupils are adjusting to their new year groups. I would also like to warmly welcome Mr Carter and Miss Stone who have joined our teaching team and Mrs Lochrie who will be supporting in Early Years.

Start of Term

As we begin the new term, teachers will be sending out curriculum newsletters informing you of what areas will be taught this term and provide you with suggestions for ways in which you can support at home. Your support is always very much appreciated.

Can parents please make sure that each child has a coat with them every day. Yesterday we had a rain shower at lunchtime, we do try to keep children out as much as possible, even if it is drizzling. However, this causes a problem for those children without coats. Last year we were providing pupils with 'spare' coats from school unfortunately out of all the coats handed out, we have only had one returned. If you do have one of our spare coats at home, please can we ask that it is returned.

We have noticed that some pupils are starting to appear on the playground as early as 8:20am. This means they are waiting for a good half hour before school starts. Staff are not on duty at this time, they are getting organised for the day, preparing resources, having meetings and carrying out the duties they have when not directly teaching. From a safeguarding point of view, please can parents ensure that children do not start to arrive before 8:40am. If any parent needs to drop off their child earlier, we do have the before and after school club available. Thank you for your support in this matter.

It has been noticed that some parents are using the staff car park when dropping off and collecting children. I fully appreciate that parking around school is difficult, however, the staff car park must remain available for staff and official visitors to the school. We do have arrangements in place for certain families to use the disabled bays to help with access issues. The arrangement with the Southern Cross still stands where we can use their car park at the start and at the end of the school day if this helps.

PD Days

Monday 16th October is a PD Day, school will be closed. This is the last Monday before we break up for half term on Friday 20th October.

In the summer school is meant to break up on Monday 23rd July. We will be taking this day as a PD Day, meaning school will break up on Friday 20th July.

Also, just to confirm, school does break up for Christmas on Friday 22nd December. Yes, it is the first week back and I have mentioned Christmas already!

And finally, we very much value the partnership we have with our families in making sure our pupils succeed. If throughout the term or the school year you have any issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to either the class teacher or myself. Just like you, we want the very best for the pupils of Lingfield.

Have a good weekend
Phil Thackstone
Head Teacher