



LYNGFORD PARK PRIMARY & NURSERY

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19th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

PTFA Summer Fayre – Friday 20th September 3.30 – 5.30pm.

Although we are looking forward to our rearranged Summer Fayre tomorrow, we are mindful the weather forecast is terrible from 2pm – 6pm! Typical! We will make a decision at lunchtime tomorrow.

Security and Site Improvements - Progress!

Improvements to our main entrance have finally started. There have been significant delays with suppliers, but progress is now happening! During the school day, all visitors will have to go directly to the main reception and not be able to go anywhere else in the school. The increased fencing improves the safety for our children.

In the Nursery area, the new entrance is also progressing, and we hope it is all completed before the end of October. There will be a new easy-access ramp, security gates, fencing and a new outdoor area for the children in the Nursery. We have extended the outdoor play area, and reduced the KS1 playground slightly as the Safe Play is now open.

Production kitchen open – 6 months early! Great News!

We are now operating as a production kitchen for our school and 3 others too! Our children are now receiving a hot meal, cooked on our site. Our kitchen is back to its very best! Thank you to the Catering team for a smooth transition. Great news!

School Meals – late orders will have implications

Please ensure you order your hot meal by the deadline. Meals are ordered in 3-week blocks. The deadline is always midnight on the Monday for the *following* week. (Always ordering a week in advance). Therefore, if you miss the deadline, you will need to provide your child with a healthy packed lunch for the whole week as meals are made to order.

Healthy Lunchbox – a reminder...it is in A-Z for Parents.

We strongly encourage children to be provided with a healthy lunch, containing fruit and nutritious foods, if they are bringing a packed lunch. Foods with high levels of sugar must be minimised. We do not allow fizzy drinks. When children consume a high level of sugary foods, there is often a negative impact on their focus and behaviour. As parents, we all know this! Thank you for your support. [Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

PLEASE HELP BEFORE THE UNTHINKABLE HAPPENS...

PLEASE SLOW DOWN when traveling along Bircham Road!

We've had 2 or 3 near misses recently...**some people are driving too fast passed our school gates**. Furthermore, although we remind our children about road safety, some children have more road safety-sense than others. As drivers, we must take care, especially when children are coming out of the footpath at the bottom of the site onto Bircham Road, opposite Blackdown Road. We also **remind parents to park considerately and do not block driveways** – it is unfair to block drives of our neighbours!

LUXHAY CLOSE – too many cars turning by the gate.

Please drop your child off when you enter to Luxhay Close. Children can then safely walk down on the pavement. Parents who turn around directly outside the school gate are increasing the chance of having an accident with a child. A 50m walk is safer.



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Class Dojo – Parents please be mindful.

An essential method of communication for all parents to know what is happening. Staff will post information and news on this platform and if you have any minor issues, this can be used to ask questions. If you are not set up on Class Dojo, please speak with your child's class teacher who will invite you to join the group. Newsletters will be sent via Class Dojo as well as MCAS.

Whilst you can contact teachers on dojo, please do not expect an answer out of working hours. Please read Newsletters and other information before asking a question on dojo.

Nut Allergy. We are a NO NUT school.

Morning Gates open 8.40am and shut at 8.50am.

Children in Reception and KS1 use Bircham Road gate. KS2 use Luxhay Close gate.

Attendance Update

Our new Attendance Policy, directed from the Government, is on our website. Parent have also received the accompanying letter. Please ensure you understand it fully. It is targeting unauthorised absences. Penalty Notices will be issued.

Boys (94.7%) are currently winning. Girls (94.5%). Overall: 94.6%

Pupil Premium Boys – 93.5%. Pupil Premium Girls – 93.9%.

Sadly, already 35 children have an attendance lower than 90%. See below.

Holly - 3 children below 90%

Rowan, Cherry & Silver Birch – 4 children below 90%

Willow, Beech, Whitebeam & Red Oak – 5 children below 90%

236 children have 96%+ attendance. Well done!

PTFA News

We are up to £200 using the ASDA Cash Reward for Schools Scheme. Easy fund raiser to support our school.

100% funds raised will be spent on our school to further improve its resources.

Starlynys – Wraparound care. Phone Number: 07493 977 397

The office closes at 4pm. Please call this number to collect your child and they will be brought to the main gate. After 4.30pm, collection is from the Nursery gate. You still need to call the above number.

Kind regards

Nick Arnold
Headteacher