



## **LYNGFORD PARK PRIMARY & NURSERY**

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### **Autumn Term Newsletter 8**

Dear Parents and Carers

**The colder weather is upon us...** Please ensure your child comes to school with a coat and gloves / hat if needed as we will always have playtimes outside unless the weather is too severe. With the heating on, we all need to have fresh air to keep the bugs away and keep our bodies healthy. As the Scandinavians say, there is no such thing as bad weather, just bad choice of clothing!

#### **Safety on our Streets – are you easily visible with the darker evenings?**

Please ensure your children are easy to see for car drivers. Black coats are common, but they make it impossible for car drivers to see people. There are luminous bands and other accessories which can be added to bags / coat sleeves, which all help us to be more visible on our streets.

#### **Staffing News**

Congratulations to **Mrs Ingram** who, after 2 years of significant and extensive training (alongside her very busy SENDCo role in school) has achieved her NASENDCo qualification (National Award for Special Educational Needs Coordination). Well done Mrs Ingram – fully deserved! This role is one of the most challenging roles across the school with so many requirements and requests to ensure we arrange the best possible provision for all children, including those with additional needs. Mrs Ingram always gives her best and this is excellent recognition for all her hard work.

#### **Road Safety Week – 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

Whilst we already have a very busy week ahead, please feel free to click on this hyperlink to access resources and information regarding Road Safety and ideas about how to keep children safe on the streets. [Road Safety](#)



### **Readathon 2024! IT IS LIVE!**

**Readathon 2024 is taking place from 18<sup>th</sup> November to 23<sup>rd</sup> November, along with other primary schools in our Richard Huish Trust.**

The aim is to help enthuse and motivate **ALL of the children to read** – reading anything, anywhere! This could be anything from recipes and magazines to their chosen book from a library.

If you think your child is a reluctant reader, this is the perfect time to inspire and engage them in reading about their favourite things, preparing them for a more positive reading experience in future years.

**We have a set a school target of 200 hours and £1000+ to purchase new books.  
We have already raised over £250 in sponsorship – thank you!!**



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### **ASDA – Supporting our School**

If you shop at ASDA, please ensure you continue to support our school and get the rewards when you shop! Whatever your bill totals, we'll receive 0.5% of the total – as long as you zap the Rewards for School bar code. For information... [Cashpot for Schools - ASDA Groceries](#) We are currently on £513.85...so that's amazing, but we still have time as it finishes at midnight on 30<sup>th</sup> November. Can we reach £750??

### **Family Chat...**

The next couple of questions to consider, chat and share with your family and friends:

- ***Should we stop changing the clocks twice a year, or keep the tradition as it was introduced to help farmers working in their fields early in the morning?***
- ***What is the best season of the year and why? We have 4 to choose from.***

### **Attendance Update (253 in our Primary School)**

#### **For the majority of parents – thank you!**

**152 children at 95%+** Of that figure, 88 are 98% or more, and **71 children are at 100%.**

**BUT, 35 children have an attendance less than 90% - Please help improve this!**

Children who arrive after register has closed (9.15am), are given an unauthorised absence for that morning, so if this happens 3 times in a week, it equals only 60% attendance!

**Overall, 93.2% Girls (93.4%) are currently winning Boys (93.0%).**

**\*\*\*National Average = 94.5%\*\*\***

### **We are a NO NUT school.**

**We put this in every Newsletter as a constant reminder to all.  
We cannot risk any type of nut in our school to avoid anaphylaxis.**

### **As we get closer to Christmas....**

Like many households, the thought of adding the number of toys to an already full toy box / lounge / bedroom fills many with dread...**so we are here to help!** If you have any unwanted toys or games which are in GOOD condition, and which come from a smoke & pet-free household, we would be delighted to have them for our Wrap Around Care (Breakfast Club & Starlyngs). Simply bring them to the office and drop them off. You could call it a major 'November Declutter' before Christmas!



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### **Year 4 Escape Room – Competition Winners!**

On Wednesday, 5 Year 4 children took part in an Escape Room competition with representatives from the other 4 RHT school. Our team solved the riddle in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quickest time...superb you may say, but it gets better.... Teams were allowed to ask for clues, but each clue added a time penalty. Our team did not ask for any clues and therefore were awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place overall! Congratulations to our team: **Dominic, Maddie, Phoebe, Darcy & Roscoe.**

### **From the Sports Desk...**



Last Monday, our enthusiastic **girls football team** took part in the first stage of a competition, which allows successful teams to progress. The girls played really well beating Bishops Hull and Holway Park, but narrowly losing to St George's.

However, great news – the girls have qualified for Taunton Area Finals – which take place next week. Well done girls!

If they progress again next week...we can start dreaming as they will progress to the Somerset County Finals...

Last Tuesday, our **football team played North Curry**. After a slow start, we were 2-0 down but battled back with goals from Gabriel (on his debut) and Toby. The game was exciting and free flowing, both teams had good chances to win the game, but it ended 2-2, which was probably the right result. Brilliant effort!

### **And finally.....PTFA Dates for your diary**

Please look out on the PTFA Facebook page for a set of dates which the PTFA will be holding events. On their page will be all the relevant details you will need to know...but below are the events – please put them in your calendar and remember to continue to support our school. Our PTFA work so hard and thank you to all those parents who support!

- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Non-Uniform Day: KS1 Chocolate KS2 – Bottles – Donations please
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fayre & Disco
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Valentine Disco
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March - Cake Sale – after school in the courtyard
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Easter Bingo (Friday 4<sup>th</sup> INSET Day)
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Cake Sale – after school in the courtyard
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day – refreshments from PTFA
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Fayre

**Just a few things going on at Lyngford Park then! Thank you for all your support.**