Lyngford Latest

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Dear Parents / Carers

What a positive half-term!

Thank you to everyone (children, staff and parents) for all their excellent efforts during this first half-term. It has certainly been a very busy 8 weeks, but life in a thriving Primary School always is! With so many highlights achieved and success stories, we reflect on a positive half-term. Parent Evenings seems a distant memory, but the feedback then was excellent and it continues. We will always listen to concerns and act if we feel this would further improve. At the start of the term, routines were quickly established and expectations made clear by all. The children in each class are settled and listening to their adults to ensure they remain safe and learn mindfully. Many visitors who have been shown around the school have remarked how wonderful the school looks, how polite the children are, how happy everyone appears and how calm the classes are…what positive feedback!

Attendance – success so far…

Our attendance is currently 95% - ABOVE National Average!

Please maintain this and thank you to parents who are also trying to get their child into school by 8.45 so they can start their learning by 8.50 – it directly helps your child to settle and start their day.

Photographs – and now we monitor…

Our school photos took place on Monday this week and thank you for everyone's patience and support. We were disappointed with only 1 photographer to speed the process, but the lady who took them was exceptional and lovely with the children to capture their 'best side'. We tried to offer time slots, but so many more parents turned up without booking, so it took longer than anticipated.



Having spoken with many people parents, the consensus appears that parents nowadays are more likely to only buy Reception, Year 6 and sibling photos. Phones of today take great pics, parents often take the annual pic outside their front doors, which is free! **We now assess how many are purchased, compared to the number of photos taken and move forwards**. It is not about making a profit at all, but school receives a very minimal amount.

Forest School – a polite reminder

As the weather changes, please ensure your child comes to school **fully prepared for Forest School each week.**

For every Forest School session, children must have:

- A waterproof coat
- Long-sleeved top
- Long trousers
- Wellies or suitable waterproof footwear

Please be aware that if your child arrives without the required waterproof clothing, long sleeves and long trousers, they will not be able to participate in the Forest School session. This is to ensure we are meeting our duty of care and keeping children safe and well. We cannot allow children to spend an extended period outdoors in unsuitable clothing, particularly during colder or wetter weather. We appreciate your support in ensuring your child is Forest School ready every week. Thank you for helping us to keep our children safe, warm and able to enjoy their outdoor learning.

Wanted –Lego, Magnetic building blocks, kinetics, construction toys, dominoes and simple, appropriate and complete board games (please not monopoly!)



We are asking for any donations of the following items children will be able to use at appropriate times, including wet play, Starlyngs and within the Nurture room. We wish to build a quality bank of resources, so we are asking the best resource first – the community! If you can help, please pass it into the school office. Much appreciated.



Lunches – Hot meals

Please remember school dinner ordering closes on Monday at midnight for the following week. If lunches are not ordered, then you must provide a packed lunch.

Are you worried about your energy bills this winter?

With rising costs of just about everything, we are all having to manage the ever-challenging struggle of the cost of living. The Centre for Sustainable Energy has lots of tips and advice which may help you. We have been asked to pass this onto parents, which we will do gladly…if it helps, that's great.
Click on the link... About us - Centre for Sustainable Energy

Reminder: WE ARE A NO NUT SCHOOL!

This includes chocolate with hazelnut spreads (NUTella). If you do wish to give your child a chocolate spread sandwich as part of their ***healthy lunchbox***, this is ill-advised, but please read the label. May contain nuts is also banned (Kinder Hippos) as we cannot take the risk as we have **children who are very allergic and require Epi-Pens should they encounter their allergen**. Thank you for your cooperation on this very serious matter.

Please can we also remind you to send your child to school with a healthy lunch box and fruit-based snack for breaktime which could include sandwich or wraps, 1 packet of crisps, 1 or 2 pieces of fruit or veg.

From the Sports Desk…

Last week, Lyngford Park boys' team played in a 4-way competition against 3 other schools. Results are as follows:
LP 1 – 0 West Monkton, LP 3 – 0 Milverton, LP 3 – St George's…
P3 W3 D0 L0 F7 A0 Pts9 – 1st place! Great performance from the team! **100%**



I hope you all have a great half-term. **Children return on Wednesday 4th November**, but the Nursery continues to be open throughout the half-term.

Nick Arnold
Headteacher

NURSERY UPDATE

If you know anyone needing a Nursery place, we now have some spaces available on some days, so please book up soon.

If you need a space in the New Year…please call the office. We are already taking bookings for September 2027! Don't miss out – call today to secure you child's place.

Our Nursery – a lovely place to be!

