Lindhead School



Coming soon...



2023-2024: Newsletter 1 Wednesday 6th September

Welcome!

Hello and a very warm welcome to those families old and new, to the new school year here at Lindhead. We are excited about the year ahead, and we look forward to working closely with families through the year. I hope everyone has had a lovely summer.

As you may remember from the end of last term, we welcome Mrs Mathewson onto the staff team in the front office. I am sure everyone will get to know her as the term goes on.

You may also have seen that our wonderful FOLS team (Friends Of Lindhead School) were able to fully fund the four new display screens in classrooms, at a cost of over £6000. The support for (and from) FOLS last year was amazing, and this was one project that would not have happened without their financial support, and one which will make a huge difference to the children's school experiences. So thank you, FOLS, and to everyone who supported their events and fundraising through last year.

Newsletters This Year

Newsletters this year will be sent by email and posted on Class Dojo every other Wednesday (fortnightly). We will be using Class Dojo in between newsletters to share non-urgent news, so please make sure you are signed up to Dojo. Please ask in the office if you need any help with this. We are also exploring the use of a 'School Jotter' app which is linked to our school website, and will let you know in the near future if this is up and running!

Friday 8th September:

Football with Mark Barber begins for the new term

Club lists will be sent to parents. Further information to follow.

Save the date!

Friday 15th Sept:

Sponsored Walk – see details below

Monday 25th Sept:

After school clubs start.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Price increase to school dinners:

As previously communicated, please note that with immediate effect the cost of a school dinner has increased slightly to the new price of £3.10 per day.

Unless you are eligible for a Free School Meal, this only applies to children in Year 3 – 6 who pay for meals. Children in Reception up to Year 2 are all entitled to a Universal Free School meal.

If you feel you may be eligible for a Free School Meal, please don't hesitate to contact the school office for further details.

CONTACT SHEETS

All children from Year 1 to 6 should have brought home with a new contacts sheet. Please ensure you complete these in full and return to your class teacher / school office to ensure that we hold up to date and correct information for your child.

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

Early Years
Communication and Interaction
Drop-in for Parents

'Come and talk to us for advice and support around all aspects of your child's communication skills'.

20th September & 30th November 2023 09:00-11:00 at Briercliffe Children's Centre, 76 Briercliffe, Scarborough, YO12 6NS

Who will be there?

Helen Hunter - Speech, Language § Communication Needs Specialist

Amancay Topping – Speech & Language Therapist Charlotte McIntyre – Speech & Language Therapy Assistant

Zoe Green - Speech & Language Therapy Assistant

Please contact us to book a slot, or any queries

please ring

07977 710109 or email

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Sponsored Walk information for parents – Please read carefully!

Lunch & Drink: We will provide Year 1 and Year 2, as well as anyone else in school eligible for free school meals, with a packed lunch. We will ask everyone else to bring a packed lunch that day. We would advise everyone to bring a second drink. (**Please** not fizzy).

Dress, bags, etc: Comfortable walking shoes and bottoms, with a school polo shirt/jumper. Sun cream and/or waterproof are recommended. If your child has one, please send them with a rucksack/backpack to carry lunch. Please also send your child with a plastic carrier bag/something to sit on to eat lunch at The Hayburn Wyke.

Snack-points: We are hoping for a drink and snack-point at a suitable half-way point. Children will be offered a drink of water/squash and a snack. (fruit, jelly, etc.)

Itinerary for the day: After a whole-school gathering in the morning, we will be setting off in order of age, youngest classes first:

Years 1 & 2 will set off at 10.00am

Years 3 & 4 will set off at 10.15am

Years 5 & 6 will set off at 10.30am

We will all eat lunch in the grounds of the Hayburn Wyke Inn, and use the toilets, before setting off back to school in the same groups.

We are also for as many volunteers as possible on the day to walk with us, act as a 'Walk Marshall', or to help provide refreshments. I will be posting on Class Dojo as well as the school Facebook page for people to sign up if they would like to help. Please note that we cannot guarantee that helpers will walk alongside their own children. Volunteers will be shared out amongst the classes as required on the day.

The end of the day: We will definitely be back by 3pm in good time for the end of the school day.

Risk Assessments & Safety: The route and our arrangements have all been thoroughly risk assessed, and this includes pre-visits to ensure the route is safe for everyone. Our last check of the route will be the evening before. If anyone knows of any problems with the railway track route, please inform us! We have trained 'First Aiders' with each group and we will use mobile phones to communicate en-route as required. We will also have drivers on hand to take any child back to school who is absolutely unable to complete the walk or to meet us at certain points as required during the day.

Safety is our top priority. If, for any reason, such as weather, the route being unsafe etc., we will postpone or cancel the event. We obviously hope this isn't the case but would inform parents as soon as we know. We have chosen to complete the walk in mid-September as we are hoping the weather is kind to us!

Please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Please, please collect sponsors! Our ultimate aim is to raise enough money to take Years 1 to 6 to The Stephen Joseph Theatre to see "Beauty and the Beast", their annual Christmas show, which takes a classic fairy tale and turns it on its head. Full of songs, silliness and festive fun!

Instead of collecting cash, for those who would like to, a donation can be made to 'Friends of Lindhead School', Barclays Bank, Account no. 30955558, Sort code. 207592

Remember to stay safe collecting sponsorship, whether in person or online, never approach strangers and only ask your family and friends to sponsor you.



SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

At Lindhead School, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility and our top priority. Anyone who comes in to contact with children and their families has a role to play.

WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT A CHILD

<u>Mrs Parkins is our Designated Safeguarding Lead:</u> At Lindhead School, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility and our top priority. Mrs Parkins can be contacted through the school office on 01723 870714 or by email through admin@lindhead.n-yorks.sch.uk.

Mr Cockburn (Deputy Headteacher) and Mr England (Headteacher) are also qualified Safeguarding Leads and assist with this work. If you are worried about a child's safety please do not hesitate to get in contact with any of the above staff through school. Our Safeguarding Policy is available on the school website. Our Designated Governor for safeguarding is Mrs Clare Mensah, who can also be contacted through the school office.



Keeping Lindhead Children Busy and Smiling Facebook Group is *our official school Facebook group*, which is private and was initially created to communicate easily with families during lockdown. It was successful and has since become an important way to get information to parents in a quick and efficient manner and we use it regularly to celebrate things happening at school. We use a safe, common sense approach to social media here at Lindhead, and our annual permission slips have an 'opt-in' option for you to allow us to use your child's photos and work on our school website and the Facebook group. We would encourage you to join the private group. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch. If you have requested access but not been added to the group, please leave your name (and your name as it appears on Facebook, if different) with the school office.

For Parents new to us: The QR code to the right should take you directly to our private Facebook group, "Keeping Lindhead Children Busy and Smiling".



Information and instructions will be sent home soon for those parents new to us so that they can connect with Class Dojo. Last year's classes have been rolled forward and parents should be able to log in as usual. Please do let the office know if you are having any problems getting on! The Official Facebook page for parents and carers of children at Lindhead School





With best wishes,
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