

Lindhead School



2023-2024: Newsletter 10
Wednesday 31st January



Coming soon...

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Some lovely things have been happening in school recently!



Year 5 have been working hard on their multiplication maths unit and producing spectacular 'Vision Boards' for homework!



Eddie in Year 2 has been amazing everyone with his knowledge of times tables!

Mad science in Year 4!



Year 6 enjoyed their (well deserved) class treat this week – a mixture of outdoor and indoor games and part of a film.



Children from different year groups have been enjoying a selection of clubs.

Y6 Parents/Carers:

High Adventure Information Evening
Tuesday 20th February

3.20pm – Please collect your child as usual and then make your way to reception.

Y4 & 5 Parents/Carers:

East Barnby Information Evening

Date to follow

Save the date!

Dates for the Diary:

Parents Evening – 13th & 19th March

School closes for Easter:

Friday 22nd March

Training Day: Mon 8th April

School re-opens: Tues 9th April

FRIDAY 9th February - School closes for half term

and reopens on - Monday 19th February

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

After a couple of requests, I would like to clarify the procedures around attendance, unauthorised absence and Local Authority penalty notices.

Firstly, we are obliged by law to monitor your child's attendance carefully. This means we will let you know if your child's attendance is less than (or approaching) 90%, as this is the threshold the government uses to classify as the child being a 'persistent absentee'. Please do not be offended if you have received a letter about this, even though your child's absence includes a term-time holiday or illness. If a child's attendance continues to be a concern, we may get in touch to see if we can offer support to help it improve.

Secondly, North Yorkshire Council's Code of Conduct For The Use of Penalty Notices states that in the case of unauthorised leave of absence (Holiday) taken in term time, school will contact the Local Authority to request the issue of a Penalty Notice, if there have been at least 10 sessions (5 days – each session is half a day) of unauthorised absence in the preceding four months. In relation to children in Reception, this would come into force after the date that the child must start full-time education: This is on 31 December, 31 March or 31 August following their fifth birthday - whichever comes first. If your child's fifth birthday is on one of those dates then they reach compulsory school age on that date. If you feel that you have been issued with a penalty notice incorrectly, please let us know.

The school's "Attendance and Punctuality" website page - <https://www.lindheadschoo.co.uk/information-for-parents/attendance-punctuality> has been updated with a copy of school's attendance leaflet (which has been included in this newsletter), the Local Authority's Code of Conduct and school's current policy.

Please do let me know if you would like any more information around attendance and I can easily add it to our website or include it in a future newsletter.

I hope this information helps!

What the law says...

As a parent, ensuring your child attends school **regularly and on time** is your **legal responsibility**. You must make sure your child gets a full-time education that meets their needs (for example if they have special educational needs). You can send your child to school or educate them yourself.



What the government says...

Government guidelines state that attendance of less than 90% is classed as 'persistent absence'.

The government expects that in order to reach a child's full potential, they must attend school for a minimum of 95% of the year.

At Lindhead, we will regularly inform you of your child's attendance rates. Please see inside this leaflet for details.

We hope this leaflet gives you all the information you need about your child's attendance at Lindhead. Our full 'Pupil Attendance & Punctuality Policy' is available on the school website: <https://www.lindheadschoo.co.uk/>



We understand that there can be tricky times so we will offer our full support with any attendance issue. Communication is key—please keep us informed and we can help. If there are ever any problems, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.



Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any questions about our school please contact us:

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Attendance Leaflet



Information for parents and carers

2023

A Summary of our Attendance Policy



- Children are welcome to arrive on site from **8.35** each morning. Staff are always on hand after this time.
- Children are expected to be in their classrooms and ready to start their day at **8.45am**, after which time gates are locked. Children will need to report to the school office if they are late.
- Parents are expected to inform the school office by **8.50am** each day a child is unwell and will not be attending school.
- North Yorkshire Council guidance will always be followed where a child's attendance causes concern. 'Early Intervention' letters will be sent if a child is at risk of becoming classed as a 'persistent absentee' (less than 90% attendance), and more formal procedures will follow if necessary.
- As a first response, parents will receive a letter encouraging better punctuality when a child has more than 6 late marks in a half-term.



Term-Time Leave of Absence

Under current regulations, head teachers may not grant leave of absence during term-time (for example, family holidays) unless there are exceptional circumstances. Family holidays will very rarely be considered as 'exceptional circumstances' and will be classed as unauthorised absence. Please see the full 'Pupil Attendance & Punctuality Policy' for more details.



Illness Guidance...

Being ill may prevent your child coming to school, but if they are up playing or gaming then they could be in school. Looking after your child is very important to us and we will of course contact you if we feel they should be at home.

We direct parents to NHS 'Is my child too ill for school' guidance: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>
If your child's attendance falls below 90% due to illness, we may ask that you provide medical evidence so that we can authorise the absence.

Did you know?

- If your child attends school between 95% and 100% of the time, they have the best chance to achieve their potential, educationally and socially.
- Whilst 90% attendance might sound good...
 - 90% = 1/2 day off each week per year
 - 90% = 1 month off school per year
 - 90% = 1 whole school year during a child's education career
- Children with low attendance can struggle with friendships as well as struggling to keep up with school work.

Please do not be offended if we get in touch with you about your child's attendance; all schools are obliged by law to promote good attendance and punctuality.



THE DEN

Come along and join us at The Den this February half term!

A little bit icy and a little bit nicey, fun activities:



Our fun activities include, skipping, pancakes, valentines, arts/crafts, ice experiments, ice cream sundaes and Chinese New Year!

We're open from Monday 12th - Friday 16th February

8:45am - 3pm £15.25

8:30 - 5:30pm £22



Tel: 01723 871861 or email

thedenburniston@btconnect.com

to make a booking



Health Through Warmth Project

North Yorkshire Council are reaching out to advise that funding is available to help vulnerable residents with the cost of gas repairs and servicing. This funding must be allocated by the end of February as the scheme finishes end of March so please apply as soon as you can if you think you are eligible.

The funding is available to Homeowners who meet certain income thresholds AND have a relevant health condition as shown below.

Anyone who needs a gas repair/boiler service etc and believes they meet the relevant criteria can apply to: Choices4Energy.sca@northyorks.gov.uk

| ITEM | CRITERIA |
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| Tenure | Owner Occupiers only |
| Funding | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Works up to £350 can be funded 100%• Works over £350 receive contribution towards cost, client contribution needed |
| Type of work – Repairs and replacement of: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boilers• Central heating systems• Gas fires• Hot water tanks• Gas cookers• |
| Household income thresholds | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <£31k net income – household inc child < 5 or pregnant• <£25k net income – household inc child <16 or adult >60 years• <£20k net income – single occupant• |

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| Eligible Health Conditions: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Respiratory diseases such as COPD, emphysema, chronic bronchitis, and severe asthma• Cardiovascular diseases such as heart disease and stroke;• Diabetes types 1 and 2;• Arthritis;• Reduced mobility;• Cancer;• Terminal illnesses;• Mental illnesses such as depression, schizophrenia and bipolar disorder;• Severe head injuries resulting in disability• Psoriasis. | |
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With best wishes,
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