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Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term seems to have flown by, and we are now nearly halfway through the school year! The children continue to make us very proud of their progress, learning and behaviour. The Linby Team are all working together to make our school the best it can be and we thank you for your continued support in helping our school shine.

There has been lots happening at Linby cum Papplewick Primary School over the half term:

Young Voices - Our Key Stage 2 children enjoyed the Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena on Thursday 2nd February. During our singing assemblies, which have been led by Mr Needham, the children have worked hard to learn all the songs off by heart. On the day, they sang beautifully and all were a credit to the school, with their excellent behaviour.

George in Oak Class commented, "This is the day I've been looking forward to since September."



Bike Ability - Some of our older children, in Oak Class, were able to complete their Bike Ability Levels 1 and 2 over at National Primary School. A big congratulations to all the children. They all passed both levels. There will be further opportunities for children at Linby cum Papplewick Primary School to complete the course – but this time, it will be at Linby.

Safer Internet Day – All classes attended a Safer Internet Day assembly and engaged in conversations and activities that encouraged them to talk about life online. Further work has been done on Online Safety in Computing lessons.



Mental Health and Wellbeing – Two members of Oak Class attended a Mental Health and Wellbeing Conference at Nottingham Racecourse on 10th February 2023 with Mrs Hodge. They have participated in a wide range of workshops that have provided them with plenty of ideas that they can bring back to us at school. We look forward to hearing all about this next half term.

Attendance and Punctuality

We have seen a huge improvement in children arriving into school on time. This has allowed lessons to start promptly and learning to start as soon as the children enter the school. Thank you for your support.

A reminder that the doors for Ash class, Elm class and Oak class open from 8:40am. Children in Fir class will line up in the playground ready to go in from 8:40am. The doors will close at 8:50am and registers will be completed electronically by the class teacher. If your child arrives at school after 8:50am, please enter school through the office. This will ensure that your child gets their mark. Even if you are running late, we would rather you, and the community were safe. Please do not park on, or drive up Quarry Lane to help us to ensure the safety of everyone.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance for Spring 1</u>
Ash	94.3%
Elm	96.3%
Fir	93.8%
Oak	97.2%

The national average target is 96.2%. At Linby cum Papplewick Primary School, we aim for our attendance to be 97%.

Upcoming events

Swimming – Swimming will start on Thursday 2nd March 2023 for children in Years 3, 4 and 5. If you would like your child to wear goggles, please complete the form that has been emailed out to you. These sessions will give the children further opportunity to learn how to swim and be safe in water. By the End of Key Stage 2, pupils are required to be able to swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres; to use a range of strokes effectively and perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.

Welcome Service – To welcome our newest and youngest children to the Linby cum Papplewick Family, we are holding a welcome service at St Michael's Church on 15th March 2023. Parents and carers of children are welcome to attend. All of the classes will attend the service and we ask that you collect your child from St Michael's on this day at 3:30pm.

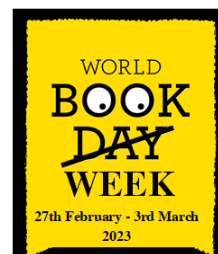
Curriculum Class Assemblies – Following the success of the curriculum assemblies in the Autumn Term, the children will again be showcasing their work to the rest of the school and their parents and carers. Please see the date for your child's class curriculum assembly in the key dates below. We all look forward to welcoming you into school.



Parents' Evening – Parents evening will take place over two nights in the Spring 2 half term. We will provide further details on how to book an appointment after the half term break.

Parents' evening appointments will take place on Thursday 16th and Tuesday 21st March 2023.

World Book Day (Week) – Reading is so important at Linby cum Papplewick Primary School that we have decided to dedicate a whole week to celebrating books and reading. Over the week, there will be various activities for children to take part in, including a dressing up day and a book-themed cake competition. More information to follow.



If you decide your child would rather not dress up, we would like to suggest that you donate the money you would have paid out, to school for us to buy even more high-quality reading books. We are hoping to create a brand new library area!

As ever, if we can help in any way or if you have any questions or concerns, you can talk to any of the senior leadership team at the beginning or end of the day outside school or you are welcome to contact us by phone. We will get back to you as soon as we can. We wish you and your family an enjoyable and restful break.

Warmest regards,

Rachel Hodge and Natasha Murray





Key Dates for your Diary:

Monday 20th February 2023: Start of the Spring 2 Term

Wednesday 22nd February 2023: Cuppa and chat with Mrs McBrown (SENDCo)

- Contact the office to book a slot

Monday 27th February – Friday 3rd March 2023: World Book Day (Week) – various activities throughout the week.

Thursday 2nd March 2023: Swimming starts for Years 3, 4 and 5.

Friday 3rd March 2023: Dressing up for World Book Day

Tuesday 14th March 2023: Class Assembly: Oak – 9:00am

Wednesday 15th March 2023: Welcome Service for new starters.

Parents and carers invited to attend.

All children to be collected from St Michael's Church at 3:30pm

Thursday 16th and Tuesday 21st March 2023: Parents' Evening

Friday 24th March 2023: FLAPPS Disco at Papplewick Village Hall

Tuesday 28th March 2023: Class Assembly: Elm – 9:00am

Thursday 30th March 2023: FLAPPS Non-uniform Day – bring an Easter Egg

Class Assembly: Fir – 9:00am

Friday 31st March 2023: FLAPPS After-school Easter Egg Tombola.

Break up for the Easter Holidays

Monday 17th April 2023: Return for Summer 1 Term

Monday 1st May 2023: May Day Bank Holiday – School closed

Monday 8th May 2023: King's Coronation Bank Holiday – School closed

Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May 2023: End of Key Stage 2 SATs (Year 6 pupils)

