

# Linton Primary News



September 2015



Welcome to the first edition of Linton Primary News. We have updated the format of the newsletter to make it more appealing. If you have a school related article you would like to add or a top tip you would like to share, this is the place to do it.

At the end of the newsletter you will find the 'Pupil Page' and 'Family Time' which are new sections. Each edition will contain games, puzzles, jokes or perhaps recipes submitted by the children which we hope you will enjoy.

As always, we would welcome your feedback on the new style.

## Summer Building Work

It was another busy Summer at school. We have had new toilet cubicles installed. They are now higher and offer the privacy that the pupils require. There are also new water heaters to improve hand washing.

The school office and main corridors were painted and are now looking smart.

We are in the process of installing 3 new touch screen interactive boards for use in Class 1, Miss Robinson's room and a mobile one for use anywhere within school. These are an improvement on our existing whiteboards and will help us to deliver engaging and exciting lessons. We will also be able to link them up with the iPads.

## Brass Band Project

Our brass project run by Music Partnership North is now well underway. Class 2 children have begun learning to play the Tenor Horn.

They are receiving 1 hour of tuition per week from an external tutor, Mr Burns. The project, which will run for 3 years, was extremely successful in the Bedlington partnership, and we are sure will be just as successful for us.



As they progress over the year, a mini band will be formed with other participating school in our partnership.



In September the Tour of Britain cycle race passed close by, through Cresswell and Ellington, on its way to the finish line in Blyth. Pupils in Y1—Y5, were joined by staff members and parents, were given a safe place to stand so they could support some of the best cyclists in the world as they raced past. There was huge excitement as the children patiently waited with their flags aloft ready to wave as the cyclists zoomed by.

The cyclists rode by so quickly that we are not sure if anyone managed to spot Sir Bradley Wiggins or Mark Cavendish however everyone cheered and clapped as they went by. All of the pupils and adults thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

## Primary Activities

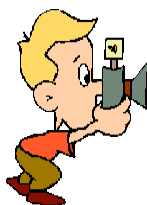
As all schools in our partnership are adjusting to the massive changes from converting to a two tier system we have not yet had the opportunity to meet together to plan joint activities for Y5 pupils. Please bear with us as we all adjust to our new structure.

### Sainsbury School Games

We are pleased to announce that school has been awarded the Bronze award for the Sainsbury Schools Games Kitemark.



This recognises the importance we place on sport and the opportunities and sporting activities we have participated in, such as The Northumberland School Games. It also recognises the leadership opportunities that our pupils took on throughout the year. We have some great leaders here at Linton Primary School, so well done



Reception children will have their photographs taken on Wednesday 30 September for publication in the new Starter's supplement of the Morpeth Herald. Should you not want your child's photo to be included, please let Emma know before Wednesday.

### Governor Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen on the Governing Body for a Parent Governor.

Any parent or carers who wish to stand for election should return the nomination form **no later than Tuesday 6 October at 9.00am.**

## Diary Dates

Wednesday 30 September 2015 - Reception Children Photographs

Tuesday 6 October 2015 - Parent Governor Nomination Deadline, 9am

Thursday 8 October 2015 - Reception Children Hearing Tests

Friday 9 October - Parent Governor Election

Friday 23 October 2015 - Break for Half Term, 3.15pm

**Monday 2 November 2015 - Teacher Training Day**

Tuesday 3 November 2015 - School Re-opens, 8.55am

Friday 13 November 2015 - Whole School Theatre Trip to Theatre Royal

Monday 16 November 2015 - School Photographer Visit from 8am

Tuesday 15 December 2015 - Christmas Performance, 2pm

Thursday 17 December - Christmas Party

Friday 18 December 2015 - Break for Christmas

**Monday 4 January 2016 - Teacher Training**

Tuesday 5 January 2016 - School Re-opens, 8.55am

## Parent Notices

A reminder that school lunches remain at £2 per day, £10 per week, payable preferably on a Monday. Please make dinner money cheques payable to **Northumberland County Council.**

Please label all items of your child's uniform. This saves time trying to identify the rightful owners and the possibility of your child coming home in someone else's clothing.

Earrings must be removed on PE days. They are a health & safety risk if worn during physical activity.

Please label all water bottles to avoid confusion. Children take drinks regular throughout the day so it is great to see water bottles in school

### Punctuality

The start of term has begun very well and we would like to say thank you for your punctuality. Just a reminder that if children arrive at school before 8.45am they may be unattended in the classrooms, therefore it is your responsibility to supervise your child until a member of school staff arrives.

We would also like to say 'well done' to our new Y5 pupils who are doing a great job of bringing themselves to school in the mornings and arriving on time.



### New Governor

We are delighted to welcome Stephen Walmsley onto our Governing body as a Co-opted Governor. Stephen brings a wealth of experience and expertise in business to our committee. We look forward to using this experience to improve our school.

### **Linton School Council**

We are beginning a School Council in school this year and pupils from Y1 to Y5 have completed application forms for the position of councillor. The first meeting will take place on Wednesday 30 September and will be led by Mrs Grant.

Nine children have been appointed and will be able to add a strong pupil voice to the work of our school. They have been given a budget of £200 to spend from school fund. Watch this space to see what they get up to !

### **Attendance**

From September 1st 2015 the Government have changed the attendance requirements for schools. Your child will be classed as a persistent absentee if they have an attendance of 90% now. This means that schools need to take action at an earlier stage when attendance figures tell us you are in danger of dropping to that level. A referral to our Education Welfare Officer will now be made at 90% attendance.

90% equates to a half day off each week, so although it may sound good it isn't.

### **New Timetables**

We have trialled our new timetables over the past two weeks to see if they work and are now able to give you a copy.

Please find attached separate copies for each class. Children in Reception and Pre-Reception have access to a wider curriculum during their school day, in line with the Early Years Foundation stage.



Most pupils are settling into the new timetable and pupils from Y1 to Y5 will have some form of homework each week. This could be simply reading their reading book or learning spellings.

Please support your child with home tasks. If you have any problems please see your class teacher.

### **Help us fill the 'Family Page'**

Can you design a word search ? Do you know any good jokes ? What's your favourite recipe ?.....

Our next theme will be Halloween . Submit your Halloween jokes, recipes or word searches before the end of October for publication in the next newsletter.

Please see Mrs Adkins if you would like a word search proforma.



# Pupils Page

Meet our new School Council .....



Our school council is made up of representatives from Years 1 - 5 and Mrs Grant. Children were asked to think about why they would be a valuable member of the school council. We had a very positive response with some thoughtful comments. The school council will be encouraged to think of ideas and make suggestions on many aspects of life at Linton Primary School. This could be anything from school procedures to events or helping the wider community.

## **HOMEWORK HELP**



Following changes to the new curriculum and teaching methods over the years, homework can sometimes be a challenge for parents. Below are a few sites that you may find useful.

[www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)

Your child has their own individual log in for this site.  
Please ask their class teacher or Emma if they need a reminder.

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents/primary\\_support/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents/primary_support/)

<http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/tag/parents/>







# Family Time

Can you help your parent to find the hidden words? They are all connected with the season autumn.

Good Luck !



## Autumn Word Search



Can you find the Autumn words in the puzzle below?

h	t	b	x	t	n	y	e	l	l	o	w
b	r	o	w	n	s	e	j	j	s	l	s
g	b	h	v	t	t	p	y	u	q	i	c
c	q	q	z	f	x	a	e	j	u	c	a
m	l	e	a	v	e	s	c	a	i	w	r
c	j	s	y	i	l	g	b	o	r	k	e
h	a	r	v	e	s	t	o	d	r	i	c
f	s	e	u	o	r	a	n	g	e	n	r
w	a	d	k	l	a	p	f	q	l	r	o
s	s	l	d	q	f	x	i	g	x	a	w
k	b	m	l	y	l	h	r	c	x	k	p
a	p	p	l	e	b	h	e	y	c	e	h

rake

squirrel

bonfire

orange

scarecrow

leaves

harvest

acom

brown


apple

fall

yellow

red

pear



www.ActivityVillage.co.uk - Keeping Kids Busy

