

Linton Primary News



SEPTEMBER 2017



2017 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 4th October

NSPCC Assembly

Tuesday 10th October

Parents Evening

Tuesday 17th October

Family Activity Afternoon

Friday 20th October

School Photographs

Break for Half Term @ 3.15pm

Monday 30th October

Back to School

Halloween Party 3.15pm - 4.30pm

Thursday 2nd November

Reception Children Vision Screening

Wednesday 29th November

Flu Immunisations for Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4

Thursday 30th November

Class 2 Visit to the Live Theatre, Newcastle

Creative Writing

Tuesday 5th December

Parent & Pupil Christmas Craft Afternoon

Wednesday 20th December

Christmas Lunch

Thursday 21st December

Christmas Performance

Friday 22nd December

Break for Christmas Holiday

Monday 8th January 2018

Back to School

HARVEST FESTIVAL



Parents & Families are warmly invited to our Harvest Festival which is to take place on



'Thursday 19th October 2017 at 1.15pm'

The children will perform Linton's version of 'The Little Red Hen' and Harvest songs followed by a bowl of homemade broth, this year made by the children.

We are again asking for donations of tinned & packet food as well as fresh fruit & vegetables that will be distributed as food parcels to members of the village community. If you would like to nominate a member of the community to be entered into a draw to receive a food parcel nominations forms will be available hampers are complete.

We will also be holding a hamper draw to help raise funds for Robin Wood, tickets will be available on the day.

We hope to see you all there.



Y4 TRIP TO THE BALTIC CENTRE

Mrs Birbeck and our Y4 pupils will visit the Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art on **Thursday 28th September** to take part in The 'Build you Own Pavilion' workshop, a nationwide campaign to celebrate architecture and encourage young architects everywhere to design public spaces for the cities of the future.

This is a great challenge set by the Serpentine Galleries in London and an opportunity for our children to work with pupils from across the North East region and we are very lucky to have been allocated 5 places.

PARENT CONSULTATION

These will take place on **Tuesday 10th October**.

Appointments will shortly be sent home with your child. If the time allocated is not convenient please let school know and we shall endeavour to rearrange a mutually convenient time.

KS2 ROBIN WOOD RESIDENTIAL

Thank you to those parents who came to the Robin Wood meeting, some good ideas were discussed as to how raise funds for the 2018 Robin Wood Trip. If you haven't already done so, please confirm your child's attendance as soon as possible as final numbers are to be submitted soon.

Payments can be made any time from now and any funds raised will come directly off your balance.

School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on **Friday 20th October from 8am**. Photographs will be here before the Christmas break should you wish to order as presents.



This years Halloween Party will be held:-

Monday 30th October from 3.15pm—4.30pm.

If your child wishes to dress in fancy dress please send their costume to school on Monday morning in a named bag and they will change into them before the party starts. Please do not send face paints.

There will be spooky games, a disco, Halloween food and returning again this year is 'The Dark Den of Doooom'. Who will be brave enough to try?.....

Please arrange for your Children to be collected from the school yard at **4.30pm**.

Goodbye Mr Middleton

We sadly say goodbye to our Caretaker Mr Middleton who is leaving us this Friday. Mr Middleton has been with us for 3 years now and we would like to say a very big thank you to him for all his hard work. We wish him lots of luck for the future.

If you know anyone who may be interested in the role more information can be found on our website and application packs can be downloaded from www.northeastjobs.org.uk

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

As you know any holiday taken during term time will be un-authorised, barring any exceptional circumstances.

In considering the decision whether to authorise, the following will be taken into account:-

- ◆ Whether the reasons given for the holiday are deemed exceptional.
- ◆ Your child's previous attendance record; this includes attendance in the current academic year which should be over 96% - as well as attendance in previous academic years.
- ◆ Whether your child will miss any important assessments, tests or examinations (or important preparation for their tests)

The Governing Body has taken the decision to issue a **£60** fine per child to families taking unauthorised holidays. This decision has not been taken lightly and has been based on attendance being a major focus for school improvement as we have had far too many unauthorised term time holidays and our % attendance is below National expectations.

We do understand the cost implications that come with booking holidays in school holiday times but would urge you to please carefully consider your decision and the detrimental effect it is proven to have on a child's education.

I hope you will support our efforts to raise attendance and attainment at our school.

School Council News

Elections have now taken place for the appointment of the next School Council.

Thank you to all pupils who put themselves forward and well done to those who were lucky enough to be selected.

The first meeting has now taken place and ideas are already flowing! Watch this space we will keep you up-dated.....



ALNWICK GARDENS VISIT

The whole school enjoyed a great trip to Alnwick Gardens this September.



We visited the Poison Garden where they learnt some surprising facts about the plants that grow all around us! Behaviour within the Poison Garden was excellent, the children listened to the advice of the garden staff and we all managed to make it out alive!.....

A particular favourite of the children was the Serpent Garden where a range of water displays captured their imagination (and got a few rather wet!).



The bamboo maze was also a big hit! Thankfully we all managed to find our way out!

Check out the display board in the entrance corridor and the gallery section of the website for more photos of the day.

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