

Weekly News - Foundation & Key Stage 1

15 September 2017

Welcome to our first weekly whole school newsletter of this new academic year. It is lovely to see some of the examples of the great learning that has been happening throughout school since our return from the Summer break. Please see our website for more photographs from each year group. This will be updated on a weekly basis.

School - the place to 'bee' is our new attendance initiative. During Golden Assembly on a Friday classes with 100% attendance for the week will be recognised and this gives the whole school an opportunity to celebrate this wonderful achievement. Did your child come home last Friday with a bee sticker? If they did, very well done because they personally had 100% attendance which we are also very proud of.

Earlier on this week we had an assembly lead by the Samaritans - Operation Christmas Child. Like last year, we will be putting together Christmas shoe boxes for disadvantaged children in other countries. We need toys, pencil crayons, note books, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, socks, hats, scarves, pencil cases etc. Any donations will be gratefully received and no matter how small will make a massive difference to a child's life.

Completed shoe boxes will be collected from school mid-November so we have plenty of time to get collecting. I am always overwhelmed by the generosity displayed for all the different charities that we support throughout the year.

Andrea Nuttall
Headteacher

Reading

We know that reading can be a very enjoyable experience. It can be an entertaining escape that allows our children to imagine great things; think, relate, and relax.

At Lincoln Gardens all children are encouraged to read regularly. Reading often, and from different kinds of books has many benefits. Research has shown that it is the best way to improve vocabulary, comprehension, and reading fluency. It can also help children become better writers. The best way to become a better reader is to practice. So that's just what we're going to do this year!

One of our goals this year is to increase the number of children reading at least 4 or more times a week. For this we need your help! Please spend a few minutes hearing your child read and every time they do this please sign and date their individual reading diary. Remember our school target is 4 or more! Each child who does this will be entered into our weekly draw to win a prize!

Mrs Goulthorpe - Reading Leader

Attendance

Group	Pre-sents	AEA	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	% Attend
RAPPL	230	0	2	8	95.8
PEARS	232	0	0	8	96.7
1YEW1	248	0	0	0	100
1YEW2	240	0	0	8	96.8
2ASH1	246	0	2	0	99.2
2ASH2	222	0	10	0	95.7
Totals	3352	44	56	60	96.7

Whole school attendance since September 2017 is 96.7%

The cumulative school target is 97%

Acorns



We have been busy setting up our new nursery classroom and as you can see, it is ready for the new September starters. We have a range of activities including sand, water, role play and our story corner.

We can't wait for your children to embark on their learning journey with us!



Foundation Unit

We have had a fun-filled start to the term!

The children have enjoyed accessing the range of activities we have on offer and it has been wonderful to see them settle in so confidently. Many of the children are able to write their names and can count to 20.

We can't wait to see the children progress even further, which we will share with you on Tapestry.



Yew Unit

Yew Unit enjoyed a visit from Pets at Home this week. They brought a rabbit, a guinea pig and a hamster for us to stroke and hold.



We learnt how to look after these pets, what they eat and where they should live.

Ash Unit



This week Ash Unit have enjoyed learning about the Roald Dahl story 'The Twits'. We had a very interesting visit from Mr Twit and asked him lots of questions about his appearance – we wondered what might be inside his 'stinky' coat pocket!

The children then created some labelled illustrations to support them with writing their individual poems all about Mr Twit's coat pocket.



Term Dates Academic Year 2017/2018

Autumn Term:

School closes: Friday 20 October 2017 3.15 pm
School re-opens: Tuesday 31 October 2017 8.45 am
School closes: Wednesday 20 December 2017 3.15 pm

Spring Term:

School re-opens: Wednesday 3 January 2018 8.45 am
School closes: Friday 9 February 2018 3.15 pm
School re-opens: Monday 19 February 2018 8.45 am
School closes: Thursday 29 March 2018 3.15 pm

Summer Term:

School re-opens: Tuesday 17 April 2018 8.45 am
School closes: Friday 25 May 2018 3.15 pm
School re-opens: Tuesday 5 June 2018 8.45 am
School closes: Friday 20 July 2018 3.15 pm

Congratulations to This Week's Gold Book Award Winners

For Always Listening, Thinking and Responding Well in Class:

Apples:	Emilia	Pears:	Marie
Yew 1:	Aryana	Yew 2:	Max
Ash 1:	Jasmine	Ash 2:	Kody

Writer of the Week: Heidi (Ash 2)

Sport Award: Jason (Apples)

Excellent Endeavour Award: Thomas (Yew 2) and Hollie (Bay1)

Attendance Ted: Yew 1

All photographs are on the school website