



NEWSLETTER

We've had such a fun and busy first half term. I am very happy to be working at Lindale for another year. I've enjoyed getting to know our new pupils and families.

Fire Service visit



As part of our Early Years topic of 'People Who Help Us' we invited the Fire Service to come and visit. Along with the obligatory hose training for all our pupils, our younger pupils used the VR headsets to learn about road safety. We have booked a return visit so that KS2 pupils can use the headsets for water safety. There are more photos on our social media pages.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival takes place in school on Friday 25th October at 9am. Parents and carers are very welcome to join us for this celebration. We ask for food donations (dried food and tins) which are taken to the local food bank.

Phonics Evening

Mrs Law and Miss Barker hosted a phonics evening for the parents and carers of our Reception children. It was lovely to see such a good turnout. Having the knowledge and understanding of how phonics is taught in school really helps parents to support their children at home.

Swimming

The whole school will be going swimming after half term for 5 weeks. Letters will be sent via email with further details before half term. I look forward to hearing how they get on.

Lost property

Please can you ensure that all items of clothing, including footwear, are named. It makes it much easier for us to return items to the right person. There are still several items in the KS2 cloakroom that have not been claimed which will now either be used as spares or recycled.

Winter Production

We have started putting things into place for our Winter Production! The children will find out their roles and costume requirements before the half term holiday. They will also receive their scripts to begin learning lines.

Let your light shine

Parents Evening

Parents Evening is on Tuesday 22nd October. Sign-up sheets will be in the entrance from 14th October. Please arrive at the school hall in plenty of time for your appointment so that the teachers can keep to their schedule. This meeting is to allow teachers to share news of how your child is settling in to their new year group. Please talk to your child's class teacher if you need an alternative date.

Clubs

Mrs Law has been running Nature Club this half term. Thankfully the weather has been kind to them and the children have done lots of great work around the school and the village.

Next half term we have Young Voices Club for the KS2 children. Letters have already been sent out for this but it's not too late to sign up.

School Hill

Please can I remind you that we have a one-way system in place on School Hill, so that all vehicles are coming down the hill at drop off and pick up times. The yellow lines have been re-painted for us – please don't park on them. You are able to stop on the road and drop off your child. If you come onto the yard with your child please find a safe place to park at the top or bottom of the hill and walk from there.

FOLS

Easyfundraising – FOLS have set up an account for school, please check on the social media pages for further details. There is also a brief set of instructions below.

- Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk
- Select 'Find cause' and search for Friends of Lindale Primary School
- Click 'Support this cause'
- Provide your name, email address and a password and click 'Create account'
- Log in and search for a retailer at the top
- Click 'shop now' and simply shop online with the retailer exactly as you normally would
- Download the easyfundraising app for even more convenient shopping via your smartphone

FOLS are organising another Raffle this year and are looking to gather another fantastic selection of prizes. If you are able to donate something then please bring it to the school office by Fri 8th November.

Early finish

On Friday 20th December, school will close at 2pm for the end of term. There will be no Fun Club that day.

Qualifying for free school meals and school clothing vouchers

I am often asked about free school meals and school clothing vouchers. It is worth checking to see if you are eligible. I have included some further information below, a link to the application system and contact details for the Free School Meal team.

[Apply for free school meals and school clothing vouchers](#)

When you can apply

To be eligible for free school meals, your family's annual household income must be no higher than:

- £22,700 for families outside of London with one child
- £26,300 for families outside of London with two or more children

This includes any wider income or support you may be getting and any earnings from employment.

You must also have less than £16,000 in savings, including any shares, investments and bank accounts - but not including your home.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - Provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit Also your annual gross income is no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if your household income is less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- children who get these benefits paid to them, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also claim free school meals.

Your child may also claim free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- younger than the compulsory age for starting school
- in full-time education
- free school meals are available to statutory school aged children attending full time education. Full time education is defined as full days from 9am to 3pm, this excludes private nurseries and further education colleges.

When not to apply

If you receive working tax credits you may not be eligible for free school meals or clothing grants.

To check please [contact us](#).

Apply for free school meals and school clothing vouchers

If you already get free school meals and school clothing grants you do not need to reapply for each school year.

Where possible all parents and guardians should apply online. You will need to register on the Citizen Portal to do this. If you apply online, you will receive an immediate response telling you if you are eligible or not.

If you are unable to apply online, please contact the free school meals team using the contact details below

Call us: [0300 373 3300](tel:03003733300)

Email: FSM.ClothingGrants@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

Write to:

Free School Meal and School Clothing Grants

South Lakeland House,

Lowther Street

Kendal,

LA9 4DQ

When another child starts school

Even if you are receiving free school meals and school clothing vouchers for your other children, you will need to apply for each child starting school for the first time, for example new starters in a reception class.

You will need to submit a new application for that child only, regardless of whether older siblings are in get free school meals.

Report a change

It is important that you tell the free school meal team of:

- a change of personal details, for example name or address
- if you stop being the primary carer of the child or children that you are claiming for

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Barnsley

Dates:

Tuesday 15 th October	Individual photograph day
Friday 18 th October	Art trip for Y1-6
Tuesday 22 nd October	Road safety workshop for Nursery to Y2 1pm
Tuesday 22 nd October	Parents evening
Friday 25 th October	Harvest Festival at school 9am
Friday 25 th October	Break up for half term
Wednesday 30 th October	FOLS Autumn Party at the village hall
Thursday 31 st October	Secondary School application deadline
Monday 4 th November	Return to school
Wednesday 6 th November	Swimming starts for all pupils (5 weeks –further details to come)
Wednesday 6 th November	FOLS meeting 7pm
Monday 11 th November	Remembrance
Thursday 14 th November	Young Voices club begins 3.20
Friday 15 th November	Stay and Play 11-12 in EYFS
Monday 2 nd December	Reindeer Run
Monday 2 nd December	Y6 SATS information session 3.30 and 5pm
Tuesday 10 th December	Winter Production Afternoon Performance
Thursday 12 th December	Xmas Jumper Day
Thursday 12 th December	Whole school Christingle making
Thursday 12 th December	Winter Production Evening Performance
Friday 13 th December	Christingle Service 9am
Monday 16 th December	Whole School Theatre Trip to Lancaster – Mother Goose
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Party day (KS2 AM, N-KS1 PM)
Friday 20 th December	Nativity performance 9am
Friday 20 th December	School closes at 2pm for the Christmas holidays
Tuesday 7 th January	Children back in school