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Lionwood Infant and Nursery School Newsletter



Friday 9th September 2022

Attendance

06/09/22 to 09/09/22

Cherry am - 97.4%

Cherry pm - 100 %

Apple - 97.1%

Pear - 98%

Holly - 97.6%

Maple - 92 %

Elm - 96.3%

Willow - 95.2%

Whole School

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Target = 96%

To all our families,

Wow! What a super week we have had. I have really enjoyed getting to know some of the new children across our school and spending time in classrooms and outside areas with everyone. Even the rain could not dampen our spirits! I am so proud of all the children and how well they have settled back into school life. A big THANK YOU to all the staff for making their first few days so fun and special and for looking after them when they felt a little nervous. A big THANK YOU as well to all the parents and carers for helping your children to settle into routines—we know how hard it is on those first few days to leave them behind! I really feel very lucky to work with such amazing children, staff and parents and carers every day.

On Tuesday, all parents and carers are welcome to come into school at 3pm after collecting their child to have a look around the school and meet your child's teacher. This is a drop in session so you can come in, have a little wander so you know where everything is, say hello and then you are free to leave! The session will close at 3.30pm but we have lots of lovely school events coming up with we are looking forward to you joining in with.

Have an lovely weekend,

Ms Kingsley and the Lionwood Team

Dates for this term—more details to follow

13.09.22 Parent's Welcome Drop Ins 3pm— 3.30pm	07.11.22 & 09.11.22 Parents Evening
23.09.22 Jeans for Genes Day Non-uniform	02.11.22 Open Morning for new Parents and Carers
30.09.22 Macmillan Coffee Morning	14 -18 th November - Anti-Bullying week
October – Black History Month	14.11.22 Odd Socks Day
03.10.22 Reception Reading Café	18.11.22 Children in Need Non-uniform
04.10.22 Year 1 Reading Café	07.12.22 Christmas Fair
06.10.22 Year 2 Reading Café	09.12.22 & 10.12.22 EYFS performance
14.10.22 Individual and siblings school photos	12.12.22 Christmas lunch
	16.12.22 Christmas Parties





Our School Council promotes engagement across all year groups. It provides the opportunity for children to meet regularly to discuss a wide variety of issues. The meetings ensure that the children have a say in exactly what matters to them most.

Each year one child from each class is voted to be a School Council Representative. They will attend a School Council meeting with representatives from other classes and

lead weekly school council assemblies with their class.

In addition, Year 2 children may stand for election as Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of the School Council. These elections will take place in the autumn term. Candidates are asked to write a speech which they will record for the rest of the school. The children in the school will vote for the child they think will make the best Chairperson.

Attendance and Absence

Attendance Matters

Registration is at **8.55am** each morning. All children should be in their class no later than this. School gates are closed at this time and any late arrivals must report to the main office to complete a late slip. Where we have concerns about regular lateness, parents will be contacted by the school.



Every Day Counts.... a

We would like to reassure you that we deal with attendance on a case by case basis, taking into account personal circumstances when making any decisions. Our intention is always to support families in order to improve attendance and to try to remove any shared barriers to this.

If your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, please leave a message on the pupil absence line **01603 433957** no later than 8.30am on the morning of absence, leaving your child's name and reason for absence. Alternatively you can email officelians@istnorfolk.co.uk. **All absences must be reported to the office** and not via Class Dojo.

Other absences will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and a Leave of Absence form must be completed and returned to the school office in advance. We have sent home a letter today regarding Attendance and Legal Intervention, including fixed penalty charges that could be incurred if your child is absent from school.

If your child has a medical appointment during school time, we need to see evidence of appointment letter or text message/email so we can authorise.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Operation Encompass

Lionwood Infant and Nursery School is an Operation Encompass school. This means that the school is notified if police are called to a house where children reside. If you would like further information, please contact the school.

Eligibility for Free School Meals

The government has now extended Free School Meal eligibility to children in households with no recourse to public funds. If you are not in receipt of any benefits and think you may be entitled, you can apply at: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/-/media/norfolk/downloads/education-learning/nrpf-application-for-free-school-meals.docx>

All children at Lionwood Infant and Nursery School are entitled to a free school meal, but this funding provides extra money for the school to help with your child's education.

You may be entitled if you are:

- A Zambrano carers
- have a right to remain in the UK on grounds of private and family life under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights
- Families receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989
- asylum seekers supported under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- A Chen carer
- Hold a BN(O) passport
- A spousal visa holder
- Are a work visa holder
- Are a student visa holder
- Have no immigration status

For families that are in receipt of any benefits and may be eligible for Free School Meals, you can also apply at: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>