



Lyndhurst School Newsletter



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From the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to have welcomed three new pupils to Lyndhurst this week. I am always so proud of how quickly our new children settle in. This is credit to all our staff and the pupils who always make everyone feel so very at home. The unique family atmosphere of Lyndhurst continues to be the core of our school community.

The Year 6 exam results are beginning to come in slowly. I will await all the results before publishing the full list of future schools. The Year 6's are certainly great ambassadors and are always keen to tell our prospective parents about life at Lyndhurst and all their achievements.

Fathers' pub and curry nights continue to be popular. Year 1 and 2 fathers got together this week. I hope that some fathers in other year groups can organise similar evenings this term. A great chance to have some sociable time and a chat away from school.

Last week's EGM for the Parents' Association was a great success. I can now announce that Carolyn Elliott will be the new Chair, ably assisted by a large committee and sub groups to help run

events. Also, we are officially a PTA now, with staff attending meetings and helping to improve the communication between the school and parents.

We had some challenging sports fixtures this week. I always admire our determination against strong opposition. Our children never give up and this is to be admired and encouraged. More rugby and some cross-country next week.

In order to ensure that after school care runs smoothly, please could you inform the office if your child will be staying with Mrs Rudkin after 4.30pm so we can provide adequate tea.

I'm looking forward to the Blue Peter Sale today. Many thanks to you all for your generous contributions.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr A Rudkin

Stars of the Week

This week's Stars are:-

Samantha Year 1
Sebastian Year 4
Kyle Year 6
Muaaz Year 6

Well done to all of you.



Aeroball match against Barfield By William Year 4

On Wednesday afternoon we played our first aeroball match against Barfield. It was very tiring but lots of fun.

Our team was Dominique, Jemima, Clara, Beth, Elliot, Danny, Henry and me. We all played very well and we are all looking forward to our next match.

Netball Match against Barfield By Emma Year 6

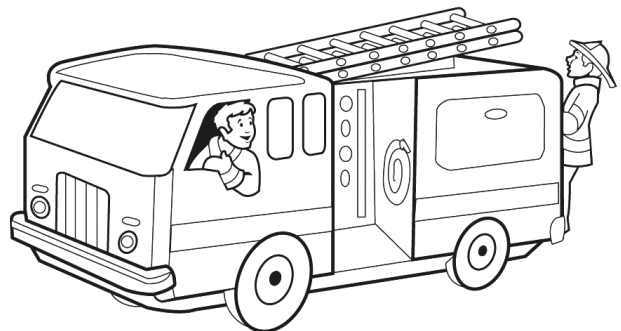
On Wednesday 25th January Year 5 and 6 played a netball match against Barfield. We all played extremely well. We lost 11-13 but all tried our very best and enjoyed the match. Well done to Taylor, Emily, Ashuveny, Tegan, Tex, Zaria, Amelia, Cheska and Abbi.

I was the girl of the match. Thank you to Mrs Dodd for being such a good umpire.

Visit to Camberley Fire Station By Reception

Today (Thursday) we went to the fire station. We met Green Watch. We learnt we have to stop, drop and roll if we catch on fire and we have to test our smoke alarms every day.

Then we put the firemen's clothes on. They were very hard to walk in. We went outside and sprayed the water. We got wet. Then we all had a ride in the fire engine. We had lots of fun.



PTA NEWS

From the Chair...

Hello All! I'd like to introduce myself as the new Chair for the PTA following Hazel's recent decision to step down. A hard act to follow, but an exciting challenge ahead with lots of new committee members being elected at the EGM a couple of weeks ago (great to see so many dads coming on board too!).

I've been a Committee Member for over a year now and have had a lot of fun being part of a hard working team that is focussed on doing their best to achieve the PTA's objectives. You will see from the Treasurer's report that we are already making great progress this year, but exactly what is the money planned to be used on?

The PTA Committee has proposed two main objectives this year;

First, we believe a minibus would be incredibly beneficial for the pupils of Lyndhurst for both sporting and educational outings. With our own minibus, we would be able to utilise additional sports facilities and excellent venues extended to our school, following Mr Rudkin engaging with the Royal Military Academy and Camberley Rugby Club (at Watchetts).

We also have a desire to provide additional new equipment for the Nursery and pupils' classrooms, to further enhance and encourage their creative learning and enjoyment in their educational environment. We would very much welcome feedback from children and teachers alike in creating a 'wish list' that we can strive to fulfil.

We think it is important that everyone can readily see the profits the PTA has made and where we are in achieving our goals. We will be putting a profit indicator in the school which will show how much money we have got towards our minibus and equipment. A big thank you to Paul McEntegart for making this for us!

The rest of this term is filling up with a number of events and money raising initiatives which we hope you and your children will enjoy and support. We are always very appreciative of helping hands, so if you feel you can assist the PTA in whatever way, please do not hesitate to contact your Year Rep or any member of the Committee.

Got some ideas? Why not come along to our PTA meetings and share your thoughts – the more the merrier! We are always looking for new and fresh ideas of what we can be doing to keep the interest in the PTA's activities (and I know there is a wealth of experienced parents and teachers out there who we'd love to welcome on board!!).

Our next meeting is on **Monday 6th February at 7.30pm** at the school. Please come along and join the discussions over a coffee. Look forward to seeing you there!

Best wishes

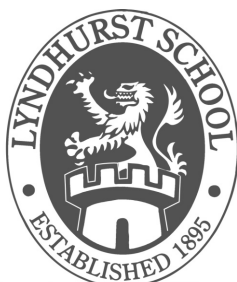
Carolyn Elliott

Treasurer's News

Following a very successful Christmas Term with several events such as Quiz Night, the Christmas Fayre and disco, the popular uniform shop and cake sales, the PTA were able to raise a whopping **£3,496.83!** We have therefore been able to purchase four large gazebos for the school to use and are now looking at equipment requirements for the classrooms and the possibility of purchasing a school minibus!

Karen Howard

Watch out for the PTA Calendar of Events which will appear in next week's newsletter.



NURSERY

News from the Nursery By Mrs March-Jones

The Spring term is well under way. The evenings are becoming slightly longer and we are approaching February already. The children have settled back into their daily routine after the Christmas holiday and we have welcomed several new children into the Nursery.

The children have been thinking of colours and patterns these past 2 weeks. We have printed with sponge shapes, used colourful chalks and made some mosaic collages. The older boys and girls have been helping the new ones to settle in and making them feel welcome.

We have been thinking about sharing and taking turns this week. We enjoyed and discussed the "Rainbow Fish" story then made our own colourful fish. We are thinking about how important it is to help one another and to think of others. In addition this week we have been thinking about Chinese New Year and we have cut out and constructed some Chinese Lanterns to mark the celebrations.

We are still reading our Letterland stories daily so, a gentle reminder, always use "sounds" and not "names" when pointing them out to your children.

Enjoy a pleasant weekend.

Dates for your Diary

JANUARY

Tuesday 31st – Circus Drama Workshop –
Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.
9:30-11:30am

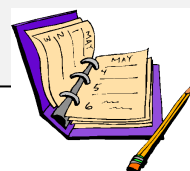
FEBRUARY

Wednesday 1st – U9 & U11 Tag Rugby V
Hawley Place 1:45pm start (Away)

Friday 3rd – ISA London West District
Cross Country 9:30-12noon at Gems
Sherfield School

Tuesday 7th – Year 3 Cake Sale

Wednesday 8th – U10 Netball V Barfield
(Home) 2:30 start



Parents' Evening

Just a reminder to book your time slot for Parents' Evening on Tuesday 28th February and Thursday 1st March. These are for children from Year 1 – Year 5 and the list will be in the teacher's classroom. If your child has learning support with Mrs Tanner, her time slot list is in the main school office.