

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



JUNE 1^H
UPDATE
TERM 6

WHAT'S
NEW?

Welcome
Back

I hope that you all had an enjoyable half term break. Term 6 has got off to a flying start with lots of fabulous learning taking place across the school. Next Wednesday, we welcome our school governors into school to see first-hand what a typical day entails here at Lunsford. From spending time in classes, to speaking with school leaders, pupils and teachers, to learning in the classroom, to name but a few of the experiences that have been planned, they will be able to get a flavour of what is provided in school on a daily basis. Please feel free to speak to them on the playground in the morning or after school.

Well done to the pupil's who have taken their phonics screening test this week – we are so proud of you and also a well done to Koala Class for completing their Multiplication Times Tables Test as well. We thank all parents who have been so supportive with their child's learning.

As many of you will be aware, it is during this term that we start to prepare the children for the next academic year and some of the changes that lie ahead; this includes any changes to staffing for September. We are hoping to be able to share this information with you and the children in the coming weeks. As always, please do speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance should your child be anxious or worried during this period of transition and change; we are here to help and support in any way we can.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Attendance matters

**Whole School
Attendance
Target
97%**

**Whole School
Attendance This
Week
94.14%**

**Whole School
Attendance this
year
95.07%**

Week Ending

16th May

Panda Class 91.33%

Elephant Class 95.52%

Giraffe Class 98.39%

Lion Class 92.22%

Koala Class 98.62%

Tiger Class 98.67%

Zebra Class 99.62%

Week Ending

23rd May

Panda Class 88.67%

Elephant Class 91.38%

Giraffe Class 95.81%

Lion Class 88.15%

Koala Class 96.33%

Tiger Class 95.67%

Zebra Class 96.54%

Week Ending

16th May

Panda Class 91.67%

Elephant Class 91.38%

Giraffe Class 90.32%

Lion Class 95.37%

Koala Class 95.83%

Tiger Class 97.92%

Zebra Class 97.12%

Tiger Class visit Bore Place



Tiger Class had an amazing time at Bore Place on Wednesday 4th June. The children met Ali, who showed us around the old milking shed, introduced us to 250 cows and explained how to keep ourselves safe around a farm. We also learnt about how to grow vegetables organically and even had a chance to taste a carrot straight from the soil (the children washed them before they were consumed!) In the afternoon, the children made their own butter from milk, that had come from a cow that morning. The children used the butter to make cheesy shortbread biscuits that they enjoyed eating with a glass of fresh cows milk.



Giraffe Class visit Dover Castle

On Wednesday 4th June Giraffe Class visited Dover Castle to help consolidate their learning in History.

They loved seeing all the different parts of the castle they had learnt about but the firm favourites were crossing the drawbridge over the moat and standing on the tower roof looking down from the battlements.

The children loved the new World War Two exhibit and were very eager to try on the various uniforms and helmets. They were amazed by how big some of the weapons and armour were and surprised by how small the trenches were that the soldiers had to live in.

We had a fantastic but very tiring day with many children falling asleep on the coach journey home!

A big thank you to all of the adults who came with us, we couldn't do these visits without your support.



Giraffe Class Show Assembly

On Thursday 12th June, Giraffe Class staged their Class Assembly. We began by telling the children and parents about some of the books we have enjoyed reading and writing about this year. We especially loved Traction Man and Killer Cat. Our latest class book is called Olga de Polga. Olga is a Guinea Pig and we showed some watercolour paintings of Olga that we had created too. We shared some of the facts from our History topic about The Great Fire of London and then moved on to our current topic about Castles. The children showed the super shields that they had designed showcasing their talents and strengths. We then dimmed the lights and had a slideshow of some of the photos taken on our fabulous trip to Dover castle. This was accompanied by some rousing heraldic music. The children shared some of their memories of Year 2 and their achievements and we ended with a song called, 'The Power in Me' accompanied by enthusiastic actions. Well done Year 2 -we are very proud of all of you.



Hot Weather

The Met Office are warning that the end of this week will be very hot, please ensure that you apply suncream to your son/daughter and make sure they have a refillable water bottle with them.

Baseball caps can be purchased from the school office - £6.65

The School Community

All three schools on this site (Lunsford Primary School, Brookfield Infant School and Brookfield Junior School) encourage close links with parents and the community. We believe that pupils benefit when the relationship between home and school is a positive one. The vast majority of parents, carers and others visiting our schools are keen to work with us and are supportive of our schools. However, on the rare occasions when a negative attitude towards the schools is expressed, this can result in aggression, verbal and or physical abuse towards members of school staff or the wider school community.

We expect parents and other visitors to behave in a reasonable way towards members of the school community. At all times the common purpose remains clear: to achieve zero tolerance of violence, threatening behaviour or abuse in schools, and to ensure all members of the school community, and all visitors to the school, can be confident that they are operating within a safe and inclusive environment.

Schools should be safe, inclusive and welcoming places for children, teachers, leaders and all other staff as well as volunteers. There can be no place in schools for violence or aggression, whether that be physical, verbal or through social media.

We appreciate your support with this

Kent Community Health NHS team

On Tuesday 24th June, we will be hosting the Kent Community Health NHS team who will be back at Lunsford primary School to conduct the vision screening for all children in Panda Class. This is an important part of the NHS offering to schools - for more information from the Kent Community Health website about the vision screening for Reception Age children, visit: <https://family.kentcht.nhs.uk/education-resource-hub/screening-programmes/> and for details on all Kent School Health programmes, visit [.https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/school-health/](https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/school-health/)

Welcome to a fantastic free reading challenge

Join in 21 June – 30 September!

There are two ways you can take part:

You can take part in person at your local library. The library will give you a special sticker poster and other special incentives, and help you find books to read for your Challenge.

Alternatively, take part online. Set a reading goal and log your books on your profile. When you reach your goal you will unlock a limited-edition online badge and certificate!

The in-person and online Challenges are separate. Physical incentives like medals are only available via the library, for those taking part in person.



summerreadingchallenge.org.uk



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Europa Cup

We were amazed to hear that Ethan (in our Koala Class) football team played in the Europa Cup, a tournament held at Parc des Princes, the home of PSG.

It was a fantastic opportunity to play on the PSG pitch, with access to the changing rooms and a stadium tour too!



During the tournament they played games against teams from the UK, France and Luxembourg. His team played really well and won their group but were unfortunately knocked out on penalties in the semi final after a tense game ended 0-0. What an amazing opportunity.

Thank You

Recently, Lexi from our Zebra Class presented the school with some adorable knitted class mascots, crafted by a family friend. We think they are delightful and truly appreciated the gesture.



A Message from Kent Police

CLOCK IT , CHECK IT, CHANGE IT

As thousands of children return to school for the final term of the year, a new campaign is being launched by Kent and Medway's Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) to help young people calm down potentially violent situations.

The VRU has previously seen incidences such as bullying, abusive relationships and violence rise when children head back to school for the final term of the year.

In 2024, the number of incidents spiked in the final term months of the year compared to the previous two school terms. Whilst incidents dropped by 11.5% from March to April, they increased by 17.3% in May and 22.49% in June.

The "Clock it, Check it, Change it" campaign aims to tackle the "bystander effect" and help young people become an "active bystander". The "bystander effect" is when someone is subjected to threatening behaviour and bystanders turn a blind eye and don't intervene or report it.

Kent and Medway VRU have dealt with many cases of youth-on-youth violence in the area. Through its work, the Unit has recognised that many young people who witness violence wished they had been able to stop it but didn't know how. The VRU worked with young people to design the campaign which has been developed to reflect young people's desire to know what to do in challenging or difficult situations of violence.

The campaign's advice to young people is to:

- Clock it – recognise a situation that is challenging and the natural reaction to look away or walk on by
- Check it – consider safe and appropriate ways to respond
- Change it – take positive action that helps reduce harm

For further information on this campaign please visit

<https://kentandmedwayvru.co.uk/activebystander/>

FoLS

Father's Day Events

It was heartwarming to see so many dads participating in the Father's Day events this week. We hope everyone had a fantastic time! Let's all extend a heartfelt thank you to the dedicated volunteers from FoLS, who put in their time and effort to make this a memorable occasion for all the fathers who attended.



Summer Fayre

A big thank you to all the parents who have been actively donating items and selling raffle tickets for the Summer Fayre. We are still in need of volunteers to assist on the day of the event (28th June). If you can lend a hand, please reach out to us at the email provided below.

Please continue selling those raffle tickets! If you need more, just let the School Office know. If you have any unsold books, kindly return them to the School Office so they can be redistributed for others to sell.

Match Funding

Does your employer, or do you know of any company, that would be willing to provide match funding for the Summer Fayre? If you can assist us, please get in touch using the email below.

fols2016@outlook.com

What is the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme?

The HAF Programme offers families of children aged 4 to 16, who are eligible for benefits related free school meals (FSM), opportunities to access a range of free activities in the Easter, summer, and Christmas holidays.

Is my child eligible for HAF?

Places will be prioritised for school aged children and young people from reception to year 11 (inclusive) who are receiving benefit-related free school meals, and their families. Please note this is not for children on universal free school meals. If you are not sure if you are eligible, please use the eligibility checker: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/kent/>

Where can I go for information about Programmes in my area?

Please find information below detailing KCC's funded HAF Programmes that are running over the holiday periods in Kent.

Details of HAF Programmes

The HAF Programme details are correct at time of publishing, but we recommend that you contact the individual Programmes directly to confirm times and dates.

What can I expect when I go?

Each programme will provide a range of exciting activities, games and new experiences for children, along with a healthy main meal. Children will have the chance to try new sporty or creative activities and to make new friends. There will also be the opportunities for families to share ideas about how to source high quality, healthy food cheaply, creative ways to encourage a healthy diet and fun ways to cook as a family.

How to request a place at a Programme

To request a place at your preferred HAF Programme, please follow the link through the HAF Programme E-voucher that will be issued to you (on or after 2nd July) through your child's school.

if you think you are eligible and have not received a voucher (after 2nd July), then firstly please contact your child's school. If you need further help please contact the HAF team at KentHAF@theeducationpeople.org

Further details can be found at:

<https://www.theeducationpeople.org/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-kent-haf/haf-information-for-families/>



Lunsford Primary School

Summer Disco

Wednesday 2nd July 2025



£2.50
Includes
drink &
snack -
purchase via
Arbor shop

Infants 5.15pm - 6.15pm
Juniors 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Funky summer glasses
(Eco friendly cardboard)

£1 per pair - purchase via Arbor
shop



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SUMMER HOLIDAYS

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1st Larkfield Girls' Brigade - Volunteer With Us!

Volunteering with Girls' Brigade is a great way to use your skills and enrich young lives as well as having lots of fun. We're looking for new Leaders and Helpers to start right away.



We run a varied programme with activities that enable girls and young women (ages 4-18) to grow and develop in confidence, resilience, wellbeing and life skills, whilst developing strong friendships, a sense of belonging, taking part in social action, and having great fun along the way.

Leaders are required to be in sympathy with our aims and values.

Don't be shy - ask Val for more information: larkfieldqb@gmail.com