



The Lindhead News



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Three weeks into the new term, there are already lots of things happening at Lindhead, both within our classrooms and through the wider opportunities offered to our children. Today, Years 5 and 6 welcomed children's author Marmalade Atkinson. The visit, together with this week's Book Fair, has created a real buzz around reading—thank you to everyone who supported these events. Last weekend's wonderful FOLS School Fair was also a tremendous success, raising over £2,400. It was a lovely day for our whole community, and we are extremely grateful to FOLS, their volunteers and everyone who attended or contributed.

Mr Cockburn and I have delivered a special programme of assemblies centred on the Lindhead values of kindness, safety and respect. These have explored how children can keep themselves safe, recognise trusted adults and use their words with kindness and respect. New classroom routines have also begun, including daily story time, handwriting practice and dictated sentences, as we sharpen our focus on the foundational knowledge and skills that underpin children's learning. In Years 4 and 5, we have also introduced Mastering Number sessions, extending the approach already used in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. These sessions are designed to build automatic recall of times tables and number facts alongside a secure conceptual understanding of the mathematical principles behind them. **We hope to see as many families as possible at our Maths Family Workshop on Wednesday 7 October at 6.00pm. We will tell you more about the project and share enjoyable ways in which you can help your children to learn more and remember more.**

At the beginning of term, we were pleased to welcome Mrs Mortimer to the staff team. She will work in The Hive two days each week, supporting pupils who access adapted provision across a range of areas. I am also sure that everyone will join me in sending our best wishes to Mrs Frestle, who has injured her shoulder and is currently unable to be in school. We hope she makes a good recovery.

A few practical reminders you might have seen on Dojo: to help us keep arrivals and departures safe, please do not bring dogs onto the school site, apart from registered assistance dogs, or bring bikes or motorised vehicles beyond the gates. Please also avoid parking in the turning circle wherever possible, as this can affect pedestrian safety at our busiest times. We will endeavour to open the double gates at the end of the day to make leaving the site easier.

Finally, the start of our after-school clubs has unfortunately been postponed while our reduced office team completes the necessary organisational and safeguarding preparations. We have now appointed someone to the vacant administration post and will share further details soon. Thank you, as always, for your patience and continued support.

Mr England

Key Dates for Autumn Half Term

Tues 6 th October	Parents Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm
Wed 14 th October	Parents Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm
Thur 22 nd October	School closes for half term
Fri 23 rd October	Staff Training Day – School Closed

Please note: Parents Evening for Y1 only will take place on **Monday 5th October, instead of Tuesday 6th. Wednesday 14th for Year 1 will remain unchanged.**

Thank You for Signing Up to Arbor!



Message from the school office..... 😊

A huge thank you to everyone who has signed up to the Arbor App. 78% of families now signed up!

I am aware that some emails relating to the Arbor app are still awaiting a response. Please rest assured that I am working through these as quickly as possible.

Your understanding and patience while I work through any issues is appreciated. All emails and requests for help will be dealt with I promise!

If you are not set up in time to book Parents Evening (A Class Dojo post will be sent out when the booking system is open so you can use the app), please be assured you will be able to book manually through the school office.

Many thanks

Mrs Mathewson

Author Visit This Afternoon!

This afternoon, our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils are excited to welcome children's author **Marmalade Atkinson** to school!

As well as being an author, Marmalade previously worked as a well-known music photographer, photographing famous artists before turning her hand to writing.

Her debut book, **The Sleepless Nights of the Boy with No Eyelids**, is a collection of imaginative, humorous and slightly spooky stories written to encourage young people to enjoy reading.

See Class Dojo for photos later on!





Football Club



 **Thursday 3:20-4:20pm**
Sign up **.Lindhead Primary School**
<https://hawkeshealth.classforkids.io>

HOW TO BOOK: Use the link above or text Dave on 07958449953. Children can join at any time with Coaches

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Please bring appropriate clothing for all weather eventualities. Our head coach will bring the children to the main entrance at 4:20pm for collection

Ph: 07958449953
E: admin@hawkes.club
W: www.hawkeshealth.org

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Please see the link below for further information about Hawkes Football Club which takes place at Lindhead School, Thursdays weekly at 3.20pm, and to sign up should your child wish to join.

<https://hawkes-club.classforkids.io/info/997>