



School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

The entire team at Lunt's Heath Primary School would like to welcome you all to this new academic year and hope that you have all had a happy and restful summer with friends and families alike.

We were so excited to see all our children return safe and happy on Thursday and can assure you they have settled back into their school life amazingly well. I have had the pleasure of talking with them at playtime, joining them in the dinner hall and visiting their classrooms and I am excited about the year ahead and watching the children thrive and grow.

This year, a weekly newsletter will be issued every Friday to keep you up to date and informed of school life, future events and useful information. The newsletter will be emailed to all and uploaded onto our recently updated school website.

We are really hopeful that whole school events with all our families such as class assemblies, Christmas and PTA events will be able to go ahead as planned for this year and the newsletter will keep you up to date with all of these!

Kind Regards,

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This week's Award Winners are



Class	Awarded to....	For.....
1L	The whole class!	Making Mrs Worthington so proud of how well the children have settled in and being their best selves.
1H	Everyone!	Making Mr Hyman feel so happy to be with such a wonderful class.
2L	All the children!	Making Miss Spencer feel proud of how kind and amazing all the children are.
2H	Everybody!	Impressing Mrs Molloy with how grown up and fantastic everyone is.
3L	The entire class!	Making Mr Hawkin's first few days so brilliant with all of his superstars.
3H	All of 3H!	Putting a smile on Miss McLindon's face and for your positive energy.
4L	The whole of 4L	Making the first few days together so special, Miss Cameron is so excited for the year ahead.
4H	The entire team!	Amazing artistic skills and making Miss Forsyth feel so welcome.
5L	Everyone!	Embracing Year 5 with positivity.
5H	All the children!	Being so welcoming to new staff and students who have joined the school family.
6L	Everybody!	Being so polite and welcoming to everyone, especially Mr Sutton.
6H	All of 6H!	An amazing start! Mr Crook has loved getting to know you!



We are so very proud of you all!



News, Events and Information

Permission to use your child's photograph (social media)

Keep your eyes open for an email/Evolve form for you to complete your preferences on.





New Faces

Welcome to all our new families and children, we are very glad you are here!

In Key Stage 1 we have Mr Hyman in Year 1 and Miss Spencer in Year 2 and welcome Mrs Markie back to Reception after her maternity leave.

In Key Stage 2 we have Miss Mc Lindon in Year 3; Miss Forsyth in Year 4; Mrs Lynch who will be working with Year 5 as a TA; Miss Tabone who will be working across Years 5 and 6 and finally Mr Sutton who is teaching Year 6 every afternoon and working across the school in the mornings.

We also welcome Mrs Peiris and Mrs Owens to our fabulous Midday Assistants team.

Our new members of staff have already commented on how amazing the children are and how welcome they have been made to feel by the whole school community. Thank you everyone!

Swimming 4L

This half term, 4L will be going swimming. Please remember to send your children in their outdoor PE kit with their towel, costume etc in a suitable bag. Girls must wear swimming caps (any colour).

The children will be back at school in time to enjoy their healthy snack should they wish to.

Sweets

We kindly ask that you do not send sweets in to share with your child's classmates for any reason as we are a healthy school and have children with severe food allergies.

If it is your child's birthday they may wear a badge and we will make sure that we celebrate this in some way in class, if your child wishes.

Hair

All long hair must be tied up. This is in the interest of health and safety.

Snacks and Food

We are a **NUT FREE** school as we have a number of children with a **life threatening allergy**. Nuts are **strictly prohibited** as snack or lunch item such as Nutella bars, nuts and cereal bars containing any nut.

We are a **healthy school** but we also know that everyone deserves a treat now and then. With this in mind, from **Monday to Thursday** children must only bring **healthy snacks** ie; fruit, cheese, vegetables, oat bars (No chocolate, nuts, crisps (as a snack)). On Fridays they may bring a **NUT-FREE** treat such as Kit Kat or bag of crisps but **NOT** hard boiled sweets, chewy sweets, lollipops, sherbert, chewing gum etc. Free fruit is always available for all Key Stage 1 children.

Children must **only bring still, unflavoured water** into school, in a sports bottle, to drink during their **lesson times**. Juice is fine for packed lunches.

School Artist

From Monday 6th September we welcome Mr Corcoran to school. He will be working with classes every Monday to create bespoke works of art on a variety of themes. We look forward to seeing the children's creations and cannot wait to showcase them .

Charity Event

We are planning to hold a charity event to support 'Macmillan Coffee Morning ' in school. This event will take place in school on Friday 24th September where children may come to school in non-uniform and will be 'fined' £1 coin by their class teacher for doing so! We ask that children do not dye or spray their hair.

During the morning they will all enjoy juice, biscuit and a natter with their friends and if the sun shines , they can sit outside.

Hopefully next year, we can open the event to all parents.

KS2 Judo

In the next week or so, there will be a Judo assembly by Judo Education. Following this the children will come home with details of this club including times and cost.

After School Clubs

Information of all our after school clubs will be sent out next week. Clubs will start from Monday 13th September.

Guitar, Keyboard or Ukele lessons for Key Stage 2 students

If you would like your child to have guitar lessons with an independent guitar teacher, Martin Lynch, then you still have time to book your child's place and their chosen instrument by going direct to Martin's website

www.earlynotesmusic.education

Lessons are either individual or group and will take place in school, however we do not deal with bookings or payments.

If you are interested, please book by Friday 10th September.



Funky Feet Friday

Funky Feet Friday launches on Friday 1st October and will be held on the first Friday of every month, making it easier to remember!

For all new parents and children, Funky Feet Friday is an initiative to encourage everyone to walk to school wearing their brightest or favourite pair of trainers or pumps and keep them on all day!

Jewellery

Ear rings must be plain silver or gold stud ear rings only – children will be required to remove any all other jewellery.



School Day Timings

Reception

Until Wednesday 8th September please follow times on Starting School letter in welcome pack.

From Thursday 9th September, Reception children will now arrive between **8.45 and 8.55am** and finish **3.10pm**. This is different to the times given in the welcome pack in the summer.

Key Stage 1

Years 1 and 2 arrive between **8.40 and 8.50am** and finish at **3.05pm**.

Key Stage 2

Years 4 and 6 arrive between **8.40 and 8.50am** and finish at **3.10pm**.

Years 3 and 5 arrive between **8.45 and 8.55am** and finish at **3.15pm**.

PE Days

Reception start PE lessons in school on week beginning 13th September 2021

Years 1 to 6 start their PE lessons on week beginning 6th September 2021

CLASS	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
REC			OUTDOOR		INDOOR
Y1	INDOOR			OUTDOOR	
Y2			INDOOR	OUTDOOR	
Y3	OUTDOOR			INDOOR	
Y4	CLASS 4L SWIMMING *		4L + 4H OUTDOOR		4H ONLY INDOOR
Y5	INDOOR		OUTDOOR		
Y6		INDOOR		OUTDOOR	

Sun Safety

Should the weather start to improve (as it usually does when everyone returns to school!) please remember the simple steps that you can take to help protect your child in the sun:

- Continue to provide a fresh water bottle each day and encourage them to stay well hydrated;
- Apply sunscreen before school as required;

Provide a sun hat and sunglasses to be worn during periods outside (at own risk).



COVID-19 Guidance

CHANGES TO NATIONAL SELF-ISOLATION GUIDANCE

From 16th August, people who are under 18 years and 6 months, *or* who are fully vaccinated, will no longer legally need to isolate if they are a close contact of someone with COVID-19. Instead, you are advised to get a PCR test, unless they have had a positive PCR test in the last 90 days.

However, anyone (regardless of age or vaccination status) who develops any of the three main COVID-19 symptoms ((high temperature, new continuous cough, loss of or change in normal sense of taste or smell) must get a PCR test as soon as possible, and isolate until the result is available. People who get a positive PCR test must then continue to isolate as usual.

What should I do if my child develops COVID-19 symptoms?

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- new continuous cough and/or
- fever (temperature of 37.8°C or higher)
- loss of or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child develops any of these symptoms, you must arrange for them to have a PCR test as soon as possible. A PCR test can be arranged via the www.nhs.uk website, through <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by phoning 119 (NHS Test & Trace) if you do not have internet access. **Please see below for information on local test centres.**

If your child has any of the above COVID-19 symptoms, they should self-isolate immediately and should not attend school.

Please phone the school to tell us that your child has COVID-19 symptoms and you are waiting for a COVID-19 PCR test result.

What should I do if my child's COVID-19 PCR test has come back positive?

Anyone with a positive COVID-19 PCR test result should self-isolate until the latest of:

- 10 days after the start of their symptoms, or
- 10 days after their test day if they are asymptomatic



Self-isolation means your child should not go to school/nursery, attend any out-of-school activities or visit a friend's house. They should not visit any public places, use public transport or go out to exercise. You should not have visitors into the home except for those providing essential care.

Please phone the school and tell them your child has a positive COVID-19 PCR test result and forward the email with the PCR test result to sec.luntsheath@halton.gov.uk It is really important you let school know if your child has COVID-19, so we can monitor the number of children with COVID-19 across the school.

What should I do if my child is a contact of someone with COVID-19?

If your child is aged under 18 years and 6 months and does not have any symptoms of COVID-19 (high temperature, new continuous cough, loss of or change in normal sense of taste or smell), they do not have to self-isolate as a contact of COVID-19.

They are advised to have a PCR test before returning to school unless they have had a positive PCR test in the last 90 days. Please forward the email with the PCR test result to sec.luntsheath@halton.gov.uk.

Children aged 5 and under do not need to take a PCR test unless they live with the person who has tested positive for COVID-19.

What should I do if my child has a positive result on a lateral flow device (LFD) test?

If your child has a positive result on a lateral flow device test, they should self-isolate immediately and you should arrange a PCR test as soon as possible.

Please forward the email with the PCR test result to sec.luntsheath@halton.gov.uk.

Other people who live in the same house do not need to self-isolate whilst you wait for the PCR test result, as long as they do not have symptoms and are aged under 18 years and 6 months or are fully vaccinated.

What should I do if my child is unwell but doesn't have COVID-19 symptoms?

Your child should not go to school if they are unwell. If you are worried, speak to your GP or a pharmacist, who will be able to advise you how long your child should stay off school/nursery. Otherwise we would recommend they stay at home for 48 hours or until the child is well. At the moment children do not need to get a PCR test if they do not have any of the three main symptoms of COVID-19.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Lunt's Heath Primary School and Halton Borough Council will work together to keep you updated throughout the term, as needed. More information and advice can also be found on our website and Halton Borough Council website (www.halton.gov.uk).

Communications.

If you need any information or answers to questions please speak to the school office or your child's class teacher first. Please appreciate that teachers are busy teaching their classes every morning and are not available unless it is an emergency. However teachers are available to meet after school. Face to face conversations are always best but if this is not possible then phone the office and request that the teacher returns your call after school closes providing brief details of your enquiry.

Dropping Off & Collecting Children

The roads in the immediate vicinity of the school become very congested at the start and end of the school day. We seek your help in keeping this area safe.

Please do not:

- stop or park on the zig-zag lines;
- park on the pavement or on bends;
- park in or walk through the car park. We ask that you act considerately and respectfully to our neighbours.

Please do:

- walk to school as often as you can;
- park away from the school and walk;
- consider residents and not block their driveways.