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# NEWSLETTER

15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Lyng Primary,

This week in school I have been lucky to spend time in class seeing how are children are settling into learning, transitioning into their new class setting and welcoming new friends. This is always a joy, especially as we watch the Reception children confidently begin to move around the school. I was most impressed to see the depth and quality of discussion around learning taking place across school. They are off to a flying start!

We have had our first full week as a federation and it has been wonderful. Our teams joined forces for Read Write Inc Phonics, Safeguarding and Staff training and Mrs Tinson our Chair of Governors has been to Lyng this week to attend classes and meet the team, we were even able to join collective worship with Reverend..... As well, Mrs Marjoram, our safeguarding and Early Reading EYFS lead has been in Lyng to work with Mrs Fretwell and Miss Allen to support the updated Phonics programme, this was enjoyed by all!

### **Federation Names**

With this in mind, and before the weather gets cooler, we would love to plan an activity for all of us to celebrate the Federation. But first we require a name! Our staff across the schools have given a number of excellent options, and there are front-runners, but we hoped you may want to offer suggestions too. Our team has been considering how we want our children to ensure they let their light shine in all they do, across the Federation whilst we also consider our values-based school ethos. Please do think of names that link to these aspects!

Any suggestions need to be emailed to the school office by 12pm Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2023. Following this, we will invite children to come up with a design, which our amazing 'Artist in Residence' Miss Crane, will support us to turn into an emblem! (All incoming!)

### **Calendar Events**

Our calendar is filling up! Please do take a look below at the number of additions and activities. We strongly believe children have an excellent curriculum at Lyng and really can let their light shine through their learning. Please also look out for our Harvest Festival and Winter events.



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### **Facebook**

At Lyng, the things that make us special, like a gardening club, that sells their own produce is so special and just must be shared! Therefore we have started a Lyng Facebook Page.....so you can see the amazing things your children do in school, all the time!

Please do follow us and our adventure as we develop and grow our school. If you have previously not wanted your child to be in photos, we will not share them but if you are now happy for them to be celebrated please do let the office know and we will adapt your media permissions.

Our new Facebook page can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61551454824254>

### **Parent and Pupil Privacy Notices**

These are being sent together with this newsletter. Please do read through them and contact the school office if you are unsure about anything





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**The school photographer will be visiting on Tuesday 26 September to take individual pupil photos. If your child has a sibling in school, they will also be photographed together.**

**We are planning to hold an Open Afternoon on Thursday 12 October at 2pm for all prospective parents of children due to start school in September 2024. More information to follow.**

**The Friends of Lyng School (FOLS) has a new Chair Person! Hannah Goodwin is taking over from Helena Riches who has given many hours to the school and in support of fundraising activities for our children. FOLS are always on the look out for new members, so if you think you can help them out in any way whatsoever, please do get in touch with Hannah.**

## REMINDERS

### Uniform and general appearance

Thank you for following our school uniform, the children looked smart and prepared on their return. All uniform lists can be found on the School's website. A reminder that hair shoulder length and below should be tied back necessary and if earrings are worn at all they should be plain studs and the children should be able to remove them themselves for PE. Please ensure hair slides and bands are plain with no embellishments or bright colours.

### Driving and Parking

For the safety of the children please do not park or drive through the entrance gates, or on the yellow lines outside school. We have also noticed a number of children arriving on bikes and scooters who are continuing to use them in the car park in the mornings. Please remind your child that they should dismount before reaching the school gates, for the safety of others around them. Many of the children walk to/from school, some unaccompanied, which we gladly encourage and their safety on our road is paramount.



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### DIARY DATES

#### September

1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> INSET days

5<sup>th</sup> Children return to School

26<sup>th</sup> School Photographer (individual and sibling photos)

#### October

12<sup>th</sup> Reception (Sept 2024) Open afternoon 2pm

16<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival at Church (pm)

18<sup>th</sup> Phonics Workshop – Reception and Year 1

#### Half term 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October inclusive

#### November

1<sup>st</sup> Flu vaccinations year R to 6

1st Parents' Evening from 3.00 – 6.10PM

2nd Parents' Evening from 3.30 – 5.10PM

#### December

TBC Christmas Lunch Day

TBC FOLS Christmas Party

TBC Christmas Concert & Christingle at Church

20<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

#### Christmas Holiday 21<sup>st</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> January

#### January 2024

3<sup>rd</sup> INSET Day

4<sup>th</sup> Children return to School

#### February

#### Half term 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February inclusive

#### March

28<sup>th</sup> INSET Day School Closed

#### Easter holiday 29<sup>th</sup> March – 12<sup>th</sup> April inclusive

#### MAY

6<sup>th</sup> Bank holiday

7<sup>th</sup> Class Photos

20<sup>th</sup> Vision and Hearing tests (Reception)

#### Half term 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May

#### JULY

18<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

19<sup>th</sup> INSET Day School Closed