

Welcome to Year 4 Linden Class



Mrs Rigarlsford

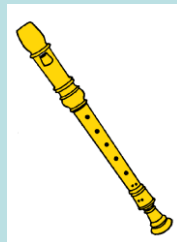




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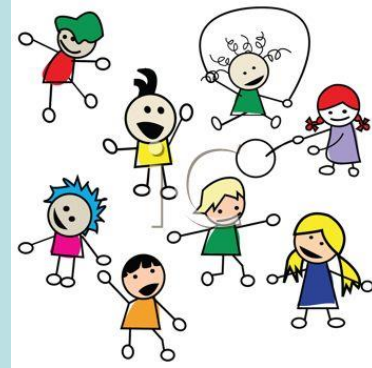


- I have been a teacher for 23 years.
- I am mum to two sons: Bryn 16 and Euan 12.
- I am the school Art and Display Co-ordinator.
- I run an advanced recorder group, art club and will be running a year 3 netball club in spring.





Our Teaching Assistant is: Mrs Jane Howard.



- She already knows many of the children through her lunchtime supervisor role.
- Is very experienced having worked with all year groups.



Speaking to the Teacher

- Please avoid passing messages directly to me first thing in a morning. This can be done ideally by a note given to your child to pass on, the school office or by email.
- Remember if I am downstairs with a parent I am unable to supervise the children in the upstairs classroom.
- Appointments can be made via the office or at the end of the school day.

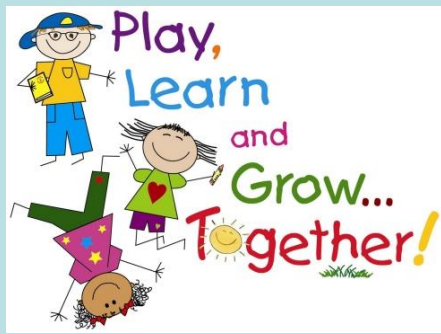




Attendance.



- If your child is absent from school a written note is required upon their return in addition to phone calls that may have been made.
- If the downstairs door is closed you are late and will need to register your child at the school office.
- Collection: Collect your child from outside by the outdoor stage and remind them not to wander off. This helps us all to work together to ensure their safety. If home time arrangements change please inform your child's teacher in writing or send an email to the office.



Behaviour

- As in the rest of the school we expect all children to follow the behaviour code.
- We aim to create a positive learning environment where certificates, stickers and house points may be given.
- In addition to this, golden time is given weekly to reward positive behaviour and the children collect marbles in the class jar for a termly treat.



Uniform

- Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform in school. **All** items of uniform must be clearly labelled with your child's name including black school **shoes**. This is particularly important due to swimming!
- Long hair must be tied back using a colour co-ordinating hair band/bobble. Clip back long fringes.
- Please ensure that P.E kit is available at all times, with appropriate foot wear. Please note all jewellery should be removed, or micropore may be used to cover studs.
- Please provide your child with a painting shirt or apron to protect their clothes during art lessons.



Medical



- Inhalers: Please ensure your child has an in date, named inhaler in school at all times. They are kept in a box in the bottom drawer of my desk.
- Epipens: Are kept centrally in school.
- Please ensure if your child wears glasses/hearing aid they have them in school daily and that we know about them.
- Inform me/the office of any medical conditions, changes or updates. This is vital particularly for **SWIMMING!**

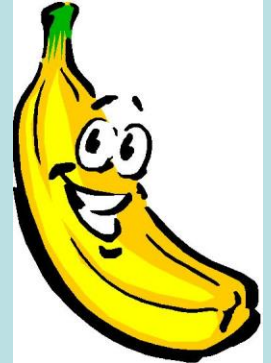




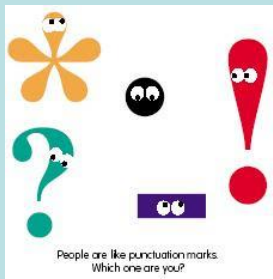
Equipment



- Small pencil cases are allowed that will fit in their tray! Items should be labelled with their name as many items look or are the same. Blue ink pens/handwriting pens NOT BIRO!
- Please ensure your child brings in a named water bottle every day.
- Healthy snacks are allowed for break times – fresh fruit etc. NO NUTS!



WE HAVE CHILDREN WITH SEVERE NUT ALLERGIES IN SCHOOL.



Homework.



- As in all year groups we set spelling homework on a **Monday every week** and **test on a Friday through dictation.**
- We hand out weekly homework on a **Thursday** and collect it in on the following **Wednesday** at the latest.
- Learning Logs/ Maths homework will be set on alternate weeks. If your child does not complete homework they will be expected to go to homework club or stay in at break unless a letter is provided with a reason.(30-40 mins)
- Planners should be filled in **at least three times a week** and will be checked on a **Monday**. Please use a blue pen or pencil. Ideally read with your child (5-10 mins a day)
- We recommend that you listen to your child read as often as possible. Our Library slot is **Monday.**





Swimming



- We will be leaving for swimming at 10.00am sharp. Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name, including towel, goggles, full swimming costume(girls), close fitting trunks (boys) and a swimming hat.
- Please provide a healthy nourishing snack on swimming days (fruit, carrot sticks etc.).
- Girls – no tights and trousers in winter if possible!
- Tie long hair back in a single ponytail.
- Ensure we know about all medical conditions, gromits etc



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Sen 15 7:00 pm 8:00 pm

Two minute talks!

- As you know your children are asked to prepare two minute talks. This term they will be set the challenge of talking about an aspect of Ancient Egypt. Children may prepare props, costumes or presentations to support their talk.



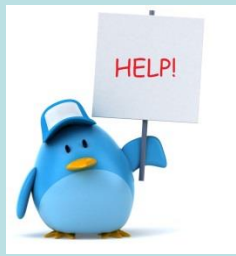
A day of worry is more exhausting than a week of work. ~John Lubbock

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Worries



- If you are concerned/worried about anything please email or come and talk to me. I am a mum as well as a teacher...I do get it!!
- Your child can use the class worry box on Mrs Howard's table to let us know confidentially about anything which is bothering them. This is checked daily.



How can you help?



- Support your child with:
conversation/homework /reading / Times Tables/visits /playing games /sport /your time!
- Volunteer- You can help with reading, swimming, art/DT, lunchtimes, special events/weeks, PTA.
- We collect newspaper (appropriate for use in school), material for use in displays, artefacts for topics, boxes of tissues for the class especially in winter.

Finally....

- We are all looking forward to a fun and productive year.
- Any general questions?

