

NEWSLETTER

LINAKER PRIMARY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CENTRE - OCTOBER 2009

A Few Reminders ...

TAKING HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME ...

Just a reminder that if you want to take holidays in term time, you must apply in advance to Mr Coleman using the form sent out in the parent pack in September. Additional copies are available on the website and from the school office.

OUR NEW PTA ...

We are in the process of setting up a new Parent Teachers Association. Interested? Why not let Mrs Thomas know.

TOAST VOLUNTEERS ...

Every week on a Monday and Thursday we have a committed band of volunteers who make and sell toast in the playground. However, they really need some additional help. Could you volunteer a few hours every week to help? If you can, please let Mrs Brown know.

DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT DETAILS ...

It is really important that we have your up to date details on our records. So, if you change your telephone number or your emergency contact please let the office know this as soon as possible.



Secretary of State ...

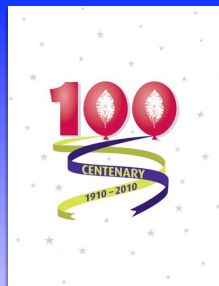
On Thursday 15th October we received a visit from the Rt Hon Ed Balls MP. As part of an official visit to the area he came to see the work being undertaken at Linaker in the Children's Centre. During the visit he commented that this was 'one of the most impressive' he had seen and was praiseworthy of the work being undertaken and achieved here. The visit reflects the high standing to which our centre is

held and reflects the enormous amount of work put in by the staff there.

The centre which opened in 2006 now receives over 1700 people through its door each month and is easily the most successful in the north west of England.



WE RAISED A STAGGERING £1893 TOWARDS THE WORK OF THE NSPCG - THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU THAT SUPPORTED OUR RECENT SPONSORED EVENT.



Our centenary is now well on its way and we look forward to a year long programme of celebration. Don't forget our launch event on the 15th January 2010 - a free family evening.



**DON'T FORGET -
SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER**

Local Authorities Make Decision Over School Holidays ...

You may recall sometime ago that Sefton consulted parents about the arrangements for school holidays. Well, after a long consultation (including governors and staff) Sefton, in partnership with St Helens, Liverpool, Knowsley and Halton local authorities have decided on arrangements for school holidays as of September 2010. The main change is that the school Easter holidays will be fixed as being the first two weeks in April every year. Schools will now only be able to set the INSET days for each year, all the other holiday dates will be as set by the five councils listed above. The governors at Linaker have agreed that the dates for **2010 / 11** will be as follows :

Autumn Term 2010 :

Term Starts - 1st September 2010
INSET Day - 22nd October 2010
Half Term Holiday - 25th to 29th October 2010
Term Ends - 17th December 2010

Spring Term 2011

Term Starts - 5th January 2011
Half Term Holiday - 14th to 18th February 2011
Term Ends - 1st April 2011

Summer Term 2011

Term Starts - 18th April 2011
Half Term Holiday - 30th May to 6th June 2011
INSET Day - 6th June 2011
INSET Day - 15th July 2011
Term Ends - 22nd July 2011

General News ...

Koala and Wallaby Garden Completes Its Makeover ...

Since Easter this year our Site Manager (Mr Povey), ably assisted by Mr Woolcott and Mr Murphy have given the Koala and Wallaby gardens a complete make-over. The new garden now includes a bridge, a cave and a huge sandpit.

New Staff Member ...

We welcome Mrs Grossi, our new Reception Phase Leader to Linaker.

Chinese Visitor ...

In November we will be welcoming Mr Wu Hongchan to Linaker - he is the Headteacher of our partner school in Chongqing, China.

Bringing A Packed Lunch ?

School meals have changed significantly in recent years, following the campaign by Jamie Oliver. But as he has no control over packed lunches, have you thought about what you give your child in their lunch box ? Think about the following recommendations from the Schools Food Trust :

- why not try putting in some dried fruit such as dried apricot
- instead of their usual drink why not send them with fruit juice or other drink such as a yogurt drink, a milk drink or sparkling water
- give the chocolate bars or biscuits a miss in favour of grapes or other fruit
- instead of always using sandwich bread why not use pitta bread or a tortilla ?

Coming Soon ...

Friday 4th December - our annual pantomime at Meols Cop High School

Friday 18th December at 1.30pm - school closes for Christmas

Friday 24th December at 4pm - Children's Centre closes for Christmas