

LINAKER

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WELCOME BACK TO ANOTHER YEAR

Welcome back to a new year at Linaker Primary School and Children's Centre. Firstly - a warm welcome to our new teaching staff that have started with us - Miss Phillips, Miss Glover, Mr Napier and Mr Dempster. I'm sure that you will welcome them to our school community.

Last year was a great year for Linaker - not least because of a fantastic OFSTED inspection, achieving Healthy Schools status, reaffirming our Investor in People status and **OUR BEST EVER SAT RESULTS IN YEAR 6 !!!** This success comes as a result of a lot of very hard work from all our staff - so thank you to them !

We want to also welcome our new learning mentor, Claire to the school. If you have a concern about your child's progress or attendance or social concerns, then why not give Claire a call at school or call in to see her.

It's at this time of the year that many companies bring out 'voucher schemes' for their customers to help support schools. The longest tradition for these has been TESCO Computers for Schools. At the moment there are schemes from Morrisons, Flora and Nestle. We take any vouchers from anywhere - so bring them in ! They should be handed to the school office or to Mrs Thomas.

I hope you all received our Key Dates card we issued a few weeks ago ? If you need an extra one for any reason, please call in to the school office and we'll be more than happy to let you have one !

Here's to another great year at Linaker !

Colin Coleman, Headteacher



Looking For Nursery Places ?

The rules about Nursery places has changed. Children now can only be admitted to the school Nursery the term after their 3rd birthday. Places are allocated on a priority system shortly before the children are due to start. So, if you are looking for your child to start Nursery after Easter you will need to have applied for a place no later than the 1st February 2009. If you are looking for a place in September 2009 you must apply no later than 1st May 2009. Copies of the full policy are available on the school website. Places for January 2009 were allocated this week - only a few places are left - so if you need one for January let us know asap.

OLD PHONE ?



Do You Have An Old Mobile Phone You Don't Use ?

Then we can take it off your hands. Bring it in and give it to Mr Dempster who will send it off and in return generate a donation to our on-going project to support a school in a village in Ghana.



What Snacks At Playtime ?

As a nationally accredited 'Healthy School' we only allow children to bring into school fruit at playtimes - no other snacks at all. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 are offered a free piece of fruit every day. Children in other years are free to bring their own.

Key Dates

Mon 20th Oct
Parents Night
3.30pm to 7pm

Fri 24th Oct
School, Kid's Club and Centre Closed For Staff Training

27th - 31st Oct
Half Term Holiday

Tues 11th Nov
School Photographs

Thank You ! To All Those That Sent In Money For Our Children To Buy Popcorn To Support The McMillan Coffee Morning - We Raised Over £204 !

We Also Want To Thank All Of You That Supported Our Sponsored Event In The Summer Term - We Have Raised Over £2500 To Date - This Will Be Added To The Toast Money We Have Collected And Will Spent On Outdoor Play In The Next Few Months !

School Dinner Money - £1.50 Per Meal - Payable In Advance - Cheapest In Sefton !

Welcome To Our Two Foreign Language Assistants : Margareta from Sweden and Monica from Spain !

Looking For Half Term Childcare ? Why Not Book Them In Kid's Club ? Contact The Children's Centre Office.

Congratulations ! To All Those Mums That Completed The Family Literacy Course in The Summer - Watch Out For Family Numeracy In The Spring

STOP PRESS !!

Linaker Midwife Is Named

'Midwife Of the Year' !

A huge 'CONGRATULATIONS' to our very own Children's Centre Midwife - Jan Sanders ! Jan was named yesterday as 'Midwife of the Year' in a high profile ceremony in Yorkshire. This is a huge honour not only for Jan but for all of us that are privileged to work with her here at Linaker. Jan has donated £500 of her prize winning to the Children's Centre and she is carefully thinking about how to best use this money. Thanks Jan - and well done !

