



# LING MOOR

## A PRIORY ACADEMY

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The children have returned so positively from the half term break and it has been wonderful to witness so many smiles, kind gestures and moments of togetherness – Ling Moor Family back together! We also continue to observe the children working so hard to learn as much as they can. The work ethic that the children have continues to impress.

When our Y1 children returned to school after the break, they were met with a wonderful visit from North Hykeham Fire and Rescue. The children had an amazing time talking to the firefighters, learning all about the equipment they need, the role that they carry out and even getting the opportunity to use a hose to put out a pretend fire.



Our Foundation Stage children also welcomed an important member of our emergency services with a visit from Nurse Becky. The children

learnt so much about how nurses do such amazing and important work for our community.

Foundation Stage had an equally lovely visit with many of the children's grandparents popping into school to spend time with the children. There was some very impressive playing of board games with a real battle between wisdom and youthful enthusiasm. These opportunities to welcome our families into the school are something we certainly want to do more and more of.

The end of the last term was full of our Ling Moor Family being artists – from Y3 producing Giacometti inspired sculptures to Y5s Hans Holbein inspired portrait paintings to Y4 printing their Mondrian and Kandinsky inspired bags. The talent on display was breath-taking.

Y6 have continued to work at an incredibly high standard and with great maturity. A real highlight was witnessing them designing, coding and debugging their own computer games.

There was also a celebration of Reading throughout February with Jenny McLachlan visiting the school to share her new book and the creative writing process. With world

book day on the horizon, we look forward to continuing the celebration of Reading, Reading, Reading!

## Mobile phones and social media

One of the most significant pressures that children face now comes from when they are given access to a mobile phone, tablet or other device. We are seeing an increase in incidents where the children are demonstrating that this is really hard for them to manage and to use in an appropriate and safe way. We have a robust online safety curriculum and we are doing more work than ever with the children on this topic. There is a wealth of online safety information for parents accessible through the Academy website – please do take a look.

Many of the apps that children are using to communicate with each other have an expected age of 13. If your child does have access to these apps, we would recommend that you check these frequently. We would also recommend that the children's time to be online is limited as it is important that they have a break from their peers and from a screen. If you have any questions about online safety, please do contact us via email.

## Residential

This term is an exciting term for residential visits with Y2 heading off to Rand Farm and our Y6 children heading to Castleton. The staff leading the visits will be in touch with

any last-minute information. If you have any questions about the visit, do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher. For both of the visits this year, the children can be dropped at school as normal as the coaches are not departing first thing in the morning.

## School Visits / Finance

As you will perhaps have picked up from the media, budgets in school are increasingly challenging and one area of our curriculum that is becoming increasingly expensive is educational visits. With the increased costs, we really do rely on parental contributions for them to be able to go ahead. Prompt payment and confirmation for trips is really important so that we can ensure that they will go ahead. If you could support the admin staff with this, it would be very much appreciated.

## Running

Great to hear that so many of the children are attending the Boutham Park junior park run. Keep it up! If you've not been, it is well worth a try. [LINK](#)

## Lincoln 10K

Each Christmas we ask the children to run 'Rudy's Run' to raise funds for our charity partner – St Barnabas. Several members of the staff team have now decided that they should lace up their running shoes and run the Lincoln 10k for St Barnabas. As you may recall, last year our Ling Moor family mourned the passing of

one of our Teaching Assistant Team – the wonderful Debbie Laver. It is very much in her memory that the team will be running.

If you are willing to sponsor the team – that includes Mr Sisman, Mrs Woodcock, Mrs Coulson and Mrs Fenton (with hopefully some others to be announced) they would be very grateful: [LINK](#)

As we know many of you are keen runners and that you also love a challenge, there is also the opportunity to join the team. Attached are instructions to sign up to the 10k for St Barnabas. If you are already running the 10k and you're happy to sign up to St Barnabas, I know the charity would be immensely grateful. If you do join the team, please do email the school to let us know.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

#LingMoorFamily

### Twitter/X

If you would like an up-to-date window into life at Ling Moor, please do follow us on Twitter/X. If you search for @LingMoorAcademy you will find lots of amazing #LingMoorLearning

### Free School Meals

We would urge all our families to check whether they are eligible for Free School Meals. Not only does the status ensure that children continue to receive a free school meal when they move into Year 3, it also enables the school to claim extra funding to benefit the

children's education. Please take a look [HERE](#).

### Thrift shop

Thanks to your incredible generosity, we have an impressive stock of previously owned uniform. Please do contact the Academy via email or pop into the reception area (where we have a permanent thrift shop) if you need anything.

### Parking

A gentle reminder that if you are parking in and around the Academy to be very sensitive of our community. We appreciate it is very busy out there, but they would appreciate your sensitivity. If you are parked for a long period, **please do not sit with your engine idling** due to the noise and fumes. If you can walk or park and stride, it is very much appreciated.

We are asking that **families who park on or near St James Place** to be extra aware as there have been numerous issues over recent weeks including vehicles trapped on the road due to inconsiderate parking. This road is a private road so there should be no parking.

We have also received some negative feedback about parking on Inn's Close. Again, we would be grateful if those who park here could be sensitive to our neighbours and ensure they have access to their properties.

For those of you who are dropping off at Bubbles, please can you avoid using the staff car park where possible.

## Key Dates

Here are some key dates that you might wish to pop in the diary:

<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	Year 5 trip to Burghley House
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Year 3 & 4 Performance
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Year 5 Bikeability training (Mon-Thur)
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	Year 3 & 4 Performance
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	Year 6 residential visit to Castleton (Tue-Thur)
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	Year 3 & 4 Performance
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Termly Reports sent home (Years 1-6)
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Holidays (return on Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April)
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Bank holiday
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	SATS Week
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Ling Moor Proms Evening
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Half Term for 1 week
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Foundation Stage Sports afternoon
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Years 1, 2 and 3 Sports afternoon
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Years 4, 4 and 6 Sports afternoon
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	KS1 Sports Activity Day
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	KS2 Sports Activity Day
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Friends of Ling Moor FS, KS1 & KS2 Discos
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Friends of Ling Moor School Picnic
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	End of Term