



# Linthwaite Ardron CE (VA) J & I School

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## Newsletter— January 26th 2024

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### Head's Note

Good evening,

I hope you're well.

It's been a trying few weeks at Linthwaite Ardron to say the least, with a flu type virus claiming several members of staff, pupils and parents since starting back in January. Our challenges were then added to by high winds, storms and a power cut. It is testament to the determination and strong nature of all our staff that none of the aforementioned stopped business as usual, but it was particularly welcome to receive so many messages of support from parents who took the time to acknowledge what a super service the Linthwaite Ardron team provide. Unfortunately, I cannot claim any of the credit as I have myself been off ill throughout most of the turbulence, but I wanted to give a huge shout out to all the staff and pupils who have helped to ensure it's almost been business as usual during the last few weeks despite the many difficulties.

I say 'almost' because this week should have been Health and Safe Week, however, due to staff absence this has just not been possible. We will postpone this event until nearer the summer to ensure that we are able to give it the attention it deserves. Last year we covered water safety, site safety and keeping our bodies and minds healthy. I know from parental feedback that the information we shared with children was well received and relevant to the timing of just before the summer break, so, on reflection, we will postpone until June, and ensure that our children are prepared to keep themselves safe during the summer break.

Hopefully, we will now have a more settled period in school. Best wishes, Mrs Travis

### Mrs Megson, Former Head-Teacher

Some of you will no doubt have heard the very sad news that Mrs Megson passed away this week. Mrs Megson was the very well respected Head Teacher of Linthwaite Ardron until September 2018. If you have children in Y6, or if you have older children, you will remember Mrs Megson well for her larger than life personality and her compassionate nature. I know that you will want to join school staff, in sending condolences to the family at this very sad time.

Mrs Travis

### Safeguarding and Wellbeing

**Well-being Event**—Local, children's author, Jenny York, will be visiting school on Wednesday 31st of January 2024 to lead reading workshops for all pupils. This forms part of our regular well-being curriculum and covers the aspect that reading can be very positive for mental health and wellbeing. If you wish, you will be able to purchase her books on the day, as Jenny will set up a stall outside the entrance to school (weather permitting). She has also given you all a free ebook, so cut and paste this link into your browser for a taste of what we will be hearing.

<http://www.jennyjork.com/read>

**Online Safety**—Please remember that most online applications have a lower limit of 13 years old. This means that no child in this school should be using apps such as TikTok, Snapchat, Watts App, Instagram. The reason for the lower age limit is that it is deemed that children under 13 years are not emotionally mature enough to be able to use these type of apps, and as such often experience inappropriate content. Often conversations and group chats start with the most innocent intentions, but as it is easy to misunderstand comments when they are not face to face, even the most innocent group chat can change to something that causes upset. Clearly this is something that we know parents and carers, alongside school, will want to avoid and so school asks that parents support children at home and closely monitor all online devices to ensure that these apps are not used by children in this school. Week beginning 11th March is Anti-bullying week and we will be covering online-bullying with pupils.

If you would like to know more about what we do in school to support children when online, please look at the school pages for 'Online Safety' <https://linthwaiteardron.schooljotter2.com/about-us-1/reception-4-1-2-2> and 'Computing' <https://linthwaiteardron.schooljotter2.com/pupils/curriculum-1-2/examples-of-computing>

### New / Amended Calendar Dates

Healthy and Safe week—W/B June 17th



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### Governor Election

After a couple of weeks of voting, we can announce that the new parent governor is Helen Chapman, mum of Ralph in Reception class. Huge thanks to both our candidates, Lyndsey and Helen for offering to undertake such a vital role in school. Unfortunately, we only have space for one parent governor on the board at the moment, but always great to know that we have other parents with a wealth of knowledge and experience that we can draw on to help school in the capacity of parent. Thank you too to all our voters, without whom, there could not have been an election.

### Staffing Updates

Since Christmas, you will have seen some new faces, and some returning ones around school.

We are delighted to share with you that Mrs Tyndall has thoroughly enjoyed her first week back in school with year one. I know that staff and pupils alike have missed her presence around school, and we are all glad that she has returned.

We have also been joined by two new, temporary ETAs: Miss Lalor, who has joined year three and Miss Evans who is currently working in year four. Both ladies report that they are enjoying their new roles and both have remarked on the politeness and helpfulness of children in our school. Well done children!

Kirklees caretakers, Dave and Michael left Linthwaite Ardron last Friday. They have been brilliant and have kept our school super tidy and in good order. On Monday, we were joined by our new caretaker, Sue. You may already have seen Sue around school as she is determined to keep our buildings and grounds in as good an order as Dave and Michael.

Welcome aboard everyone. We know that you will enjoy working at a school that has a vision to support, help, inspire, nurture and encourage everyone to do their best and SHINE!

### Reception Starters 2024

We have had a few queries from parents wanting to know if their child has been allocated a place in our September, 2024, Reception class. Schools are not informed of any decisions regarding allocation of places before parents. Although, we do know that once again we are oversubscribed with 1st choice places. Our admissions policy can be found on our school website if you would like clarity around the order that pupils will be offered places at Linthwaite Ardron.

### New Email Address for the School Office

Please remember that our new address for parents to contact the school office is [parents@linthwaite-ardron.co.uk](mailto:parents@linthwaite-ardron.co.uk)

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr Pollitt, who had a lovely baby boy, Rufus, last week. Mum, dad, big brother and baby are all doing well. We wish Mr Pollitt and his family all the very best at this happy time.

**Easy Fundraising—If you aren't using this app already, please help us by joining school's supporters and raising money for all our children!**

**Total Raised so far: £1587.72 by 103 supporters**

**Since the last update we have raised: £202.41!**

Please help us to raise funds by downloading the Easy-fundraising app and then using it to access your usual online purchases. This can mount up quickly if you use the app to buy all your online shopping.

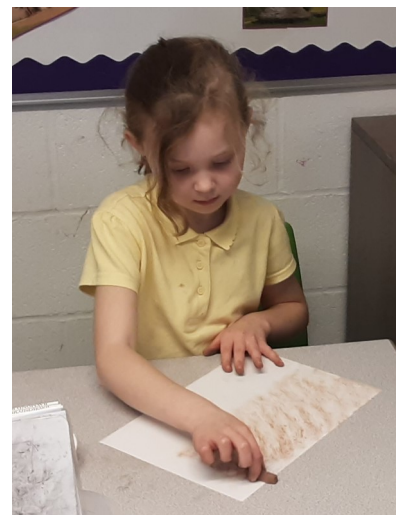
**This week's heads up:** if you are planning to book a holiday with **TUI**, you will earn a 2.5% donation for school.



All monies raised go towards funding experiences for your children, so it is well worth signing up as every little helps.



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Wednesday January 31st 2023—author Jenny York will be running workshops on this afternoon  
and then selling her super books after school outside the front entrance

## SUGAR + BLAZE

(and Children's author Jenny York)



are coming to our  
School!

Get your free ebook at  
[jenny york.com/read](http://jenny york.com/read)

## Spring 1—Upcoming Diary Dates

Dates	Event	Who is it for?
08.01.24	School reopens after Christmas break	Everyone
08.01.24 to 11.01.24	Reception Class and Year 1—'Balanceability'—more details to follow	All pupils in Reception Class and Y1
09.01.24	Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics—more details to follow	Selected pupils
12.01.24	Y1/2 Sports Hall Athletics—more details to follow	Selected pupils
Date TBC	Well-being workshop run by Mental Health support Team —	All Y3 and Y4
16.01.24	Y5/6 Handball competition for selected pupils at CVHS 4.15PM to 5.45PM	Selected pupils
w/b 22/01/24	Whole School Healthy and Safe Week	All pupils in school
30.01.24	Y5 Try It Tuesday at CVHS—4.30 to 5.30PM—opportunity to try a variety of sports—more details to follow	All Y5 pupils
31.01.24	Whole school wellbeing and mental health event - Jenny York author workshops and book sale after school	All pupils
31.01.24	Whole school wellbeing and mental health event—Focus on how reading can support good mental health	All pupils
02.02.24	9AM—Y3 class assembly	Y3 pupils, parents and carers
07.02.24 - new date	Kirklees Speed Watch morning workshops	Y5 pupils
Date TBC	Y5/6 Well-being workshop run by Mental Health support Team	All Y5 and Y6 Pupils
Date TBC	Y5 Tudor Day—children to come in simple Tudor Costumes and complete Tudor themed activities	All Y5 pupils
09.02.24	9.10AM Celebration Service in Christ Church—please bring pupils to school to register before the service. School staff will take pupils across to church. No afternoon Celebration Assembly today.	Everyone, parents/ carers welcome
09.02.24	School closes for half term break	Everyone

<b>Spring 2 —Upcoming Diary Dates</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Who is it for?</b>
19.02.24	School reopens after half term break	Everyone
22.02.24	Y4/5/6 Girls football for selected pupils at CVHS, 4.15PM to 5.45PM	Selected pupils
23.02.24	9AM—Y5 class assembly	Y5 pupils, parents and carers
27 to 29.02.24	Strictly Pennine dance festival at Lawrence Batley Theatre—more details to follow	Selected pupils
29.02.24	EYFS—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to arrive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	Reception pupils
1.3.24	Y5 school trip to Oakwell Hall—Tudor theme	Y5 pupils
1.3.24	Y3 school trip to Bagshaw Museum—Ancient Egyptian theme	Y3 pupils
06.03.24	KS2 (Y6) SATs Parents Meeting/drop in	All parents/carers of pupils in Y6
07.03.24	World Book Day event to be organised by School Council—Pupils to come to school dressed in a favourite book character. No donations are necessary on this day. World Book day Quiz at Huddersfield Town Hall	All pupils Y5/6 Quiz Team
08.03.24	9AM—Y1 class assembly	Y1 pupils, parents and carers
11.03.24	Whole school anti bullying week	All pupils
12.03.24	Y1—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to arrive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	All pupils in Y1
13.03.24	Tempest Class Photographs	All classes
13.03.24	2.30PM—EYFS ‘How to Help Reception Children With Maths’ workshop for parents and carers	EYFS parents and carers
13.03.24	Y6—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to arrive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	All pupils in Y6
14.03.24	2.30PM—Y1 ‘How to Help Y1 Children With Maths’ workshop for parents/carers	Y1 parents and carers
14.03.24	9AM—Y2 ‘How to Help Y2 Children With Maths’ workshop for parents/carers	Y1 parents and carers
14.03.24	Y4—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to arrive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	All pupils in Y4
14.03.24	Y5— Selected pupils to attend a Colne Valley Pyramid schools TT Rockstars competition	Selected pupils
14.03.24	Y5—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to arrive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	All pupils in Y5
15.03.24	9AM—Y4 class assembly	Y4 parents/carers
15.03.24	Proposed Comic Relief Day—pupils come in own clothes. A voluntary donation of £1 would be welcome. School Council to decide on further, fun activities!	All pupils
15.03.24 (Comic Relief )	PM—Whole school wellbeing and mental health event—how outdoors supports good mental health—during the afternoon, children will be working in teams to complete an orienteering course based on Red Nose fun facts and jokes!	All pupils
20.03.24	2.30PM—7.00PM Parent/carer’s Evening.	All parents and carers
21.03.24	4PM to 8PM—Strictly Colne Valley dance festival for selected pupils—details to follow	Selected pupils
21.03.24	Y2—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to arrive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors	All pupils in Y2
21.03.24	Y3—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to arrive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	All pupils in Y3
22.03.24	9.10AM Easter Celebration Service in Christ Church—please bring pupils to school to register before the service. School staff will take pupils across to church.	Everyone. Parents and carers welcome.
22.03.24	School closes for Easter break	Everyone

## Summer 1 —Upcoming Diary Dates

Dates	Event	Who is it for?
08.04.24	School opens after Easter break	Everyone
10.04.24 and 11.04.24	EYFS screening by Locala—more details will follow	EYFS pupils
17.04.24 to 19.04.24	Y4/5 Cliffe House Residential trip—more details to follow	Selected pupils
24.04.24	Y5 Mini Olympics @ CVHS 10-11.30AM	Y5 Selected pupils
25.04.24	Y5/6 Football competition at CVHS, 4.15PM to 5.45PM for selected pupils	Y5/6 selected pupils
26.04.24	Y1 and Y2 class visit to Harewood House	Y2 and Y4 pupils
30.04.24	2PM and 6.30PM Y3/4 Production. Tickets will be allocated nearer the time.	Y3/4 pupils, parents, carers
01.05.24	6.30PM Y3/4 Production. Tickets will be allocated nearer the time.	Y3/4 pupils, parents, carers
02.05.24	School closed for INSET staff training—subject—leadership of foundation subjects	Everyone
03.05.24	Y5/6 Cricket Broad Oak Cricket Club— <i>reserve date 07/05/24</i>	Y5/6 selected pupils
08.05.24	Y3 Mini Olympics @ CVHS 10-11.30AM	Y3 Selected pupils,
10.05.24	9AM—EYFS Class assembly	EYFS Pupils, Parents / carers
13.05.24	KS2 SATS week (see information on our website about how you can support your child at home)	Y6 pupils
14.05.24	Y3/4 Football Competition 4.15PM—5.45PM @ CVHS—	Selected pupils
16.05.24	Y2 Try It Thursday—4.30 to 5.30 at CVHS	All Y2 pupils invited
17.05.24	Y2—9AM—Class assembly	Y2 Pupils, Parents/Carers
07.05.24	<i>Reserve date</i> Y5/6 Cricket Competition — times TBC	Selected pupils
10.05.24	Y3/4 Cricket Competition @ Broad Oak — times TBC	Selected pupils
	9AM—Reception class assembly	R pupils, parents and carers
21.05.24	Y3— Selected pupils to attend a Colne Valley Pyramid schools TT Rockstars competition	Selected pupils
22.05.24	Y6 Mini Olympics 10-11.30AM CVHS	Selected pupils
23.05.24	Y5—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning morning). Children need to arrive at school in outdoor PE kit.	All pupils in Y5
23.05.24	Whole school wellbeing and mental health event—Focus on how d being active can support good mental health—Whole school Just Dance event—please send Y4,5,6 pupils in outdoor PE kit.	All pupils
23.05.24	9.10AM Celebration Service in Christ Church—please bring pupils to school to register before the service. School staff will take pupils across to church.	Everyone. Parents / Carers welcome.
23.05.24 (Thursday)	School closes for half term break	Everyone

## Summer 2 —Upcoming Diary Dates

Dates	Event	Who is it for?
03.06.24	School reopens after half term break	Everyone
03.06.24	Y4, two week window opens for Y4 pupils to undertake the statutory Y4 Multiplication Test. All Y4 pupils will undertake this test during this time.	Y4 pupils
05.06.24	Y2 Mini Olympics 10-11.30AM CVHS	Selected pupils
07.06.24	Y4/5/6 Girls cricket at Broad Oak Cricket Club	Selected pupils
12.06.24	Y1 Mini Olympics 10-11.30AM CVHS	Selected pupils
13.06.24	EYFS—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to arrive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	All pupils in EYFS
13.06.24	Y4—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to arrive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	All pupils in Y4
14.06.24	Y3—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to arrive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	All pupils in Y3
14.06.24	Y2—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to arrive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	All pupils in Y2
W/B 17th June—	Healthy and Safe week -	All pupils
18.06.24	Y1/2 Boccia competition—10-11AM	Selected pupils
18.06.24	Y3/4 Boccia competition—1.30-2.30PM	Selected pupils
19.06.24	Y5/6 Boccia competition—10-11AM	Selected pupils
20.06.24	Y4 Sports Activity Day—Part of National School Sports Week at Leeds Road Playing Fields	Y4 pupils
20.06.24	Y1—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to arrive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	All pupils in Y1
21.06.24	Y6—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to arrive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	All pupils in Y6
21.06.24	Y2 and Y3 school visit to Tropical World	Y2 and Y3 pupils
24th to 28th June	Spirited Art Week—Exciting activities will take place all week based on our theme which is yet to be chosen.	All pupils in school
Date TBC	Y6 transition workshop with Lou Thompson-Scott from Mental Health support Team	All pupils in Y6
Date TBC	Y5/6 workshop with Lou Thompson-Scott from Mental Health Support Team	Pupils in Y5 and Y6
01.07.24	Whole school wellbeing and mental health event—	All pupils
03.07.24	Y5/6 Rounders tournament at CVHS 1.30PM to 3PM	Selected Y5/6 pupils
04.07.24	Sports Day— details to follow	All pupils in school
05.07.24	Summer Fair in school 2.30PM to 5PM- details to follow	Everyone
08.07.24	Reserve Sports Day	All pupils in school
11.07.24	6.30PM—Y6 production and leaving celebration	All Y6 and parents/ carers of Y6 pupils invited.
10.07.24	End of year reports shared with parents and carers	All parents
12.07.24	9.10AM—End of year Celebration Assembly including stars of the half term in our Church, Christ Church	Everyone. Parents/ Carers welcome.
16.07.24	Transition Day	All Pupils
19.07.24	School closes for summer break	Everyone
11.09.24	Meet the Teacher event has been planned for the second week back in September when teachers/parents/carers have had chance to work together, and naturally, questions may have arisen.	Everyone